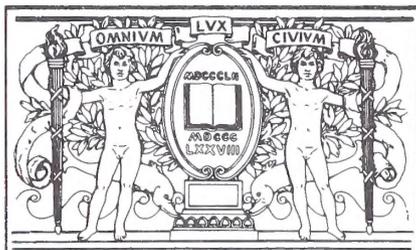


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Sunday opening, D-st. gymnasium: order that from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, \$200 be appropriated to defray cost of expense of Sunday opening, passed c 408-referred to committee on finance c 408

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- cars, Chelsea st.:** order that said company run a line of cars from Maverick sq. to Day sq., referred to the mayor c 234.
- cars, Jamaica Plain:** order that said company be requested to run more cars, especially during business hours, referred to the mayor c 237
- cars on Massachusetts ave.:** order that said company provide additional cars, etc., referred to the mayor c 123
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- car service, Columbus ave.:** order that the committee on railroads be requested to consider and report what action should be taken to compel said company to improve service between Massachusetts ave. and Berkeley st., referred to committee on railroads a 70-report, no action necessary a 742
- car service, Dorchester ave.:** order that said company furnish better service from Milton to the North station between 6 A.M. and 10 A.M., and from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M., referred to the mayor c 88
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- car service, Hanover st.:** order to ask said company for better service between hours of 7 and 8 o'clock evenings, referred to the mayor c 92
- car service, Orient Heights:** order that the mayor be requested to ask officials of road for better car service on Orient Heights line; also to provide branch line to Wood Island park, referred to the mayor c 85; order that the mayor be requested to report what action has been taken relative to improvement of car service, etc., passed a 160; order that said company cause line of cars which now run to Shelby st. to continue to Orient Heights, referred to the mayor c 151; order that the mayor be requested to transmit information received from said company, and Northern Railway, relative to, passed a 182
- car service, Shawmut ave.:** report, no action necessary, accepted a 743
- cars, Tremont st.:** order to furnish more cars to go south from the Pleasant-st. transfer station, between 5.30 and 6.30 P.M., discussed, referred to the mayor c 776
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- cars to Forest Hills:** order that said company be requested to extend Jamaica Plain, South Huntington ave. line of cars to Forest Hills sq., referred to the mayor c 164.

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- car transfers, Dorchester:** order that said company be requested to give transfers on inward bound cars, Washington st., Dorchester, for inward bound cars, Columbia road, etc., referred to the mayor c 154
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- changes in elevated:** communication from the mayor transmitting order that they may be placed on file, eight blue-prints of plans of the proposed modifications and changes in elevated structures (given), placed on file a 600
- Chelsea bridge cars:** order that said company be requested to establish a line of cars to run from Scollay sq. to Chelsea bridge and return, so that East Boston people may have benefit of better car service, referred to the mayor c 164
- convenience station, Broadway transfer station:** order that said company be requested to place for men and women referred to the mayor c 188
- East Boston transfers:** order to issue transfers from all other line to tunnel cars between 12 midnight and 6 A.M., passed a 176
- elevated locations, West End:** communications from Daniel J. Kiley *et al.*, transmitting petitions relative to maintaining or operating any elevated railway through Causeway, Lowell and other streets; order relative to, referred to committee on public improvements a 248-report, accepted, order for hearing, passed a 251-report, accepted, order passed a 340-hearing a 254, 255-referred to committee on public improvements a 255; opinion of corporation counsel, ordered printed as a city document a 295
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- extension of elevated structures:** communication from the mayor transmitting plans of the proposed extension of the elevated at Forest Hills, placed on file a 653
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- Forest Hills-sq. elevated:** petition for approval of location for a station with surface platforms and exits and entrances a 684-report, with order, accepted, passed a 715
- Harvard sq.-Allston car line:** order that said company consider the advisability of connecting its car lines between Harvard sq., Cambridge, and Allston station, by North Harvard st. and Franklin st., referred to the mayor c 153
- Huntington ave. tracks:** order to make some arrangements for spur tracks on Rogers ave. or Ruggles st., passed a 375
- improvements, Roxbury Crossing:** order that said company make it more convenient for the public, referred to the mayor c 726
- more cars, Blue Hill ave. and Dudley st.:** order that said company be requested to furnish more cars from the elevated station at Dudley st. to Grove Hall, between 5.30 and 6.30 P.M., referred to the mayor c 93
- more cars, Jamaica Plain:** order that said company be requested to run more cars on Bunker Hill and Jamaica Plain line, especially during rush hours, referred to the mayor c 544
- more cars from Pleasant st.:** order that said company be requested to furnish more cars between the hours of 5.30 and 6.30 P.M., referred to the mayor c 85
- new car line, Allston:** order that said company be requested to run a line of cars from Allston station to Park st., by way of Brighton ave., referred to the mayor c 200
- new line of cars from Newton to Hanover st.:** order that said company be requested to run cars by way of Western ave. and Market st., referred to the mayor c 199
- night car, East Boston tunnel:** order that the railroad commissioners be hereby authorized to issue an order authorizing said company to run cars all night through the East Boston tunnel, passed a 76
- night car to Mattapan:** order that said company be requested to run an all-night-car via Blue Hill ave., passed a 223
- notice of elevated delays:** order that said company be requested to display signs notifying the public when traffic is stopped by accident or otherwise in front of subway and elevated stations, referred to the mayor c 360
- plan of foot-bridge:** communication from the mayor approving plan of construction of foot-bridge from Lincoln power station to elevated structure, placed on file a 457; notice from railroad commissioners of a hearing on petition for approval of plan, placed on file a 460

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tracks, Bowdoin st.: order to lay new rails, passed a 438

tracks, Ruggles st.: order that said company be requested to lay between Washington st. and Huntington ave., referred to the mayor c 151

transfers, Oak sq.: order that said company be requested to furnish free transfers to and from the subway on all Brighton cars that run between Oak sq. and Scollay sq., referred to the mayor c 165

transfers to Scollay sq.: order that said company be requested to take such action as may be necessary to enable passengers of Allston and Brighton cars running to Scollay sq. to transfer to the subway at Scollay sq., referred to the mayor c 153

waiting-room, Central sq.: order to consider advisability of establishing, referred to the mayor c 200

West Roxbury transfers: order that said company make necessary arrangements to provide that the vouchers issued on the cars running from Dedham on Washington st. will be good on line running from Grove st. to Spring st., passed a 223

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tunnel from Tremont to Mason st.: *see* Law Department

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Boston Juvenile Court. (See County Accounts.)**Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn Railroad.**

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foot-bridge, Wordsworth st.: *see* Wordsworth st.

Boston Society of Architects.

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Boston Transit Commission.

annual report: sent down a 140-placed on file c 144

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Boston Work-horse Parade.

order to close certain streets, May 30, passed a 393, 418

Boston & Albany Railroad Company.

coupon tickets: order that said company be requested to issue coupon tickets, five for 25 cents, from Boston to Allston, Brighton and Faneuil stations, referred to the mayor c 127; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the vice-president of New York Central, placed on file c 184

foot-bridge, Blandford st.: *see* Beacon and Blandford sts.

smoke nuisance, Allston and Brighton: order that the board of health investigate and take steps to abate nuisance caused by smoke from car shops and locomotives, referred to the mayor c 444

terminal, Park sq.: resolution endorsing project, discussed a 178 179-referred to committee on public improvements a 179

Boston & Albany Railroad and New York Central & Hudson River Railroad.

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Boston & Maine Railroad Company.

buildings: petition to erect building, Beverly st. a 202-granted a 222 c 230, 231-taken up, granted a 325, 326; petition to erect on Roland st. a 257-granted c 282, 283-referred to committee on public improvements a 292-report, accepted, permit granted a 294

railroad police: notice of appointment a 311; notice that certain persons were no longer employed as railroad police a 635; notice of appointment of Heber W. Hull *et als.* a 635; notice of police commissioner approving appointment of certain officers a 685

unclaimed baggage: order to sell, passed, committee appointed a 137-report, with order for sale, passed a 176

locations:

WATER ST. AND WARREN AVE.: petition to lay additional tracks a 174-order for hearing a 205-hearing a 241; discussed a 781, 782-permit granted a 786; order that committee on railroads grant a hearing on petition, discussed, passed a 463

Boston and Newton, Boundary. (See County Commissioner.)**Boston and Revere Electric Street Railway Company.**

location: 7th, accepted a 713

BENNINGTON AND WHALLEY STS: petition, crossover track location a 633-order for hearing a 635-hearing a 653-granted a 657

Boston and Southampton streets.

electric light: order to place at corner, referred to the mayor c 362

Boundary between Boston and Newton. (See County Commissioners.)

Bourne, Frank A.

bay-window, River st., petition and order for hearing a 221-hearing a 248-granted a 337

Bourque, Marie.

compensation for injuries (referred 1906), refused a 340 c 349, 350

Bowdoin street, Ward 20.

sidewalk: Riley G. Crosby, petition a 310-granted a 315; Boyd & Berry, petition a 333-granted a 341; Riley G. Crosby, petition a 412-granted a 417; J. J. Bailey, petition a 424; James H. Kelley, petition a 571-granted a 590

trees: order to remove two trees in front of No. 309, passed a 379

Bowdoin and Norton streets.

sidewalk: Boyd & Berry, petition a 220

Bower street.

sidewalk: Thomas Shay, petition a 258-granted a 268

Bowers, Marietta W.

petition for release of restrictions on land, Columbia road a 136-referred to law department a 141

Bowman, Harrison W., et als.

petition to be paid for damages to property by Stony Brook a 757

Bowman street.

wire: see Wire Department.

Boylston street.

arc lights: Andreas Blume, *trustee*, petition a 711

cellar of building: William H. Tucker, petition to construct a 219-granted a 222

marquise: Edison Electric Illuminating Company, petition and order for hearing a 140-hearing a 174; Andreas Blume, *trustee*, petition and order for hearing a 713-hearing a 756

pole: Edison Electric Illuminating Company, petition to remove a 459 granted a 514

sidewalk: Arthur C. Whitney, petition a 248-granted a 251; William H. Cutter, petition a 654-granted a 659

tree: order to remove in front of No. 22, passed a 223; order to remove in front of No. 30, passed a 676

Boylston-street Bridge.

closing: order to close during repairs, passed a 636

Boylston street, Ward 22.

roadway: order to resurface, referred to committee on public improvements a 668-report, accepted a 668

Bradford terrace.

fire-alarm box: see Fire Department.

Bradshaw street.

sidewalk: Joseph H. Cody, petition a 248-granted a 251; Mrs. E. Byrne, petition a 248-granted a 251; Myer L. Lourie, petition a 248-granted a 252

Brady, Herman E.

petition, compensation for personal injuries a 220

Bramhall, William S., Councilman, Ward 20.

qualified: page 25; order that notice be sent board of aldermen of qualification, passed c 35-placed on file a 45

appointed: committee on city messenger department, finance, public lands, inspection of vessels and ballast department, Dorchester Day, Fourth of July c 149, 150

orders offered: Savin Hill playground c 86
Talbot ave. cars c 86
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Branch street.

sign: Mary E. Fiske, petition a 604-granted a 604

Brandegge, M. B.

marquise Summer st., petition and order for hearing a 460-hearing a 476

Brandon street, Ward 23.

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 136-order for hearing a 425-hearing a 458-referred a 656

Brandon street and Belgrade avenue.

execution of court: see Auditing Department

Bremen street.

building moving: John Soley, petition a 582-granted a 591

catch-basin: order to change location of catch-basin in front of No. 542 to corner of Glendon pl., passed a 473

sidewalk: James H. Lewis, petition a 582-granted a 540

Brennan street, Ward 2.

sidewalk: Samuel Greenblaut, petition a 389-granted a 395

Bresnihan, Mary E.

petition, compensation for personal injuries a 654

Bridge Department.

superintendent: Patrick F. McDonald, appointed a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 335-confirmed a 346

life ladders: order to place on Dorchester ave., from Congress to Federal-st. bridge, referred to the mayor c 237

lights in shelters: order to place cluster lights, referred to mayor c 726

loan for reconstruction of Congress-st. bridge: see Congress-st. bridge

North Harvard-st. bridge: see North Harvard-st. Bridge

opening of draws: taken up, indefinitely postponed c 753

repair Meridian-st. Bridge: see Meridian-st bridge

salary of superintendent of bridges: ordinance relative to, passed a 175-discussed c 186, 187-passed c 187

Bridge Department, continued.

shelter, Charles-river Bridge: *see* Charles-river Bridge

shelters at bridges: order that the superintendent of bridges be requested to construct proper shelters at Dover-st., Broadway-extension and Federal-st. bridges, referred to the mayor c 38; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent of bridges, referred to committee on appropriations c 80; order that the superintendent of bridges be requested to provide shelter sheds, Dover-st., Broadway, Federal-st., Naphen bridges, and that estimated cost of same be included in estimates, referred to the mayor c 91; order that \$2,000 be appropriated by loan for shelters on Dover-st., Broadway-extension and Federal-st. bridges, laid over c 123, 124-taken up, amended, discussed c 144, 145-passed c 145 a 158; communication from the mayor vetoing order, referred to committee on public improvements a 173-report, no action necessary c 357 a 367

Brighton.

collection of offal: *see* Sanitary Department

improvements: *see* the Different Improvements

laying out certain streets: *see* Street Laying-Out Department

street cleaning division: *see* Street Cleaning Department

Brighton avenue.

poles: Boston Consolidated Gas Company, petition to attach wires a 333-order for hearing a 378-hearing a 390-taken up, recommitted a 417-report, accepted, granted a 425

sidewalk: Max Shoolman, petition a 310-granted a 315; A. E. Angier, petition a 643-granted a 650

Brighton Celebration.

order that special committee be appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of Brighton as a town, passed a 104 c 123-committee appointed c 150 a 205; order that sum of \$3,000 be set aside for celebration, passed a 472-discussed c 496, 497, 499-passed c 499; motion to reconsider and assign, discussed c 499, 500-reconsidered, order passed a 500; order that the clerk of committees be authorized to prepare and publish an edition of 1,500 copies of a memorial volume containing an account of the exercises of celebration, etc., referred to committee on printing a 603, 604-report accepted, order passed a 675 c 709

Brighton and Harvard avenues.

trees: order for removal two trees, passed a 245

Brighton street.

roadway: order to close, passed a 657

Brimmer School, New. (See School Department.)**Brimmer street.**

sidewalk: F. W. Thayer, petition a 412-granted a 417; W. B. Cox, petition a 552-granted a 590

Broad street.

canopy: A. Shuman, petition to project a 587-hearing a 601

Broadway.

catch-basin: order to locate at Q st., referred to committee on public improvements a 385

lamp: order to cause erection in front of No. 108, referred to the mayor c 150

resurfacing: order that the superintendent of streets resurface between O and Q sts., referred to the mayor c 508

sidewalk: Henry S. Clark, petition a 258-granted a 268

trees: order to remove in front of Nos. 490-494, passed a 340; order to remove in front of No. 601, passed a 379

Broadway Bridge.

lighting: order to have properly lighted, passed a 620

Broadway, Dorchester avenue and Division street.

convenience station at junction: *see* Bath Department

Broadway Extension and Curve street.

bracket gas-lamp: order to place at corner, referred to the mayor c 409

Broadway and O street.

catch-basin: order to replace, referred to the mayor c 188

Broderick, Thomas J.

bay-window, Sullivan st., petition and order for hearing a 221-hearing a 248-granted a 337

Brooks street, Ward 1.

bay-window: Michael Fitzmorris, petition and order for hearing a 532-hearing a 570

Brown, George M., Councilman, Ward 23.

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on assessing department, auditing department, public lands, wire department c 149, 150

orders offered: rail in subway under railroad, Roslindale c 92
edgestones Conway st. c 408
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Brown, James.

petition, compensation for injuries, Castle-st. bridge a 412-refused a 615 c 624

Brown avenue.

tree: order to remove in front of No. 11, passed a 595

Bruce street.

roadway: order to close, passed a 704

Brunswick street.

sidewalk: Morris Wheeler *et al.*, petition a 594-granted a 598

Bryant street.

closing: order to close, passed a 767.

Buchanan, Charles H.

petition, compensation for damages to caravan a 68-refused a 258 c 278

Buckley, John J., Councilman, Ward 5.

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on bath department, clerk of committees department, fire department, lamp department, park department, Fourth of July, Seventeenth of June c 149, 150

orders offered: playground, Ward 5 c 37
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Municipal Building, Charlestown c 165
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replacing flowers, Winthrop park c 327
seats, Winthrop sq. c 327
stairs, Charles-river bridge c 626

Bucknam and Lawn streets.

gas-lamp: order to maintain, referred to the mayor c 33

Buckner, James.

appointed assessor a 309-referred to committee on public improvements a 336-confirmed a 346

Building Department.

committee: appointed a 106 c 149

commissioner: John A. Rooney, appointed a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 336-confirmed a 346

building permits: order that the clerk of committees submit at the next meeting a list of petitions with dates, names and addresses of petitioners, referred to joint committee and not granted during years 1902-1906; also list referred from last year, passed a 319; communication from the clerk of committees relative to, assigned c 349-taken up, referred to finance commission c 723-a 738

building laws: report, no action necessary on petition (referred in 1906) that the city council consider expediency of making laws less stringent in construction of small frame houses, accepted a 786

building permits and violations: order that the corporation counsel submit a list of the violations of section 28-30, of chapter 45, Revised Ordinances of 1898, called to the attention of the Law Department during years 1902-1906, and disposition of each case, passed c 319; communication from the corporation counsel c 348, 349-assigned 349-taken up, referred to finance commission c 723 a 738

information concerning building on land between South and Washington sts., West Roxbury: order that building commissioner report why building located on said land is suffered to remain in violation of law, referred to the mayor c 187

safety of Hub Theatre: order that the building commissioner be requested to report at the earliest moment as to whether or not said theatre is a safe place to exhibit moving pictures, referred to the mayor c 154; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the building commissioner, placed on file c 161

tunnels and bridges between buildings: *see* Law Department

Way st., building: order that the building commissioner be requested to report whether or not the building laws have been complied with in remodelling of building No. 5, passed a 223

bay-windows:

BROOKS ST., WARD 1: Michael Fitzmorris, petition and order for hearing a 532-hearing a 570

CENTRE ST., WARD 19: Ellen F. Hurley, petition and order for hearing a 376-hearing a 412 granted a 462

CHELSEA ST., WARD 1: William F. McClellan, petition and order for hearing a 571-hearing a 582-granted a 590

CHELSEA ST., WARD 5: J. P. O'Riordan, petition and order for hearing a 662 hearing a 648-granted a 786

COLUMBIA ROAD: George V. Wattendorf, petition and order for hearing a 336-hearing a 376, 412-refused a 534; C. Merolu, petition and order for hearing a 713-hearing a 713-granted a 786

COTTAGE ST.: Crescenzo Merola, petitions and orders for hearing a 460-hearing a 476-granted a 534; petition and order for hearing a 713-hearing a 756-granted a 786

CROSS ST.: George T. Moran, petition and order for hearing a 532-hearing a 570 withdrawn a 588

FOUNTAIN ST.: Marks Harris, petition and order for hearing a 311-hearing a 366-granted a 311; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 411-report, accepted, veto sustained a 616

HOWARD AVENUE: Marks Harris, petition and order for hearing a 311-hearing a 366-granted a 311

LEYDEN ST.: Frank Lovezzaler, petition and order for hearing a 258-hearing a 310-granted a 311

MARION ST.: Julia Fletcher, petition and order for hearing a 221-hearing a 248-withdrawn a 369; Sarah M. Sneideron, petition and order for hearing a 602-hearing a 634

MERIDIAN ST.: Jacob Shapiro, petition and order for hearing a 532-hearing a 570-granted a 614

MYRTLE ST.: William F. Lowe, petition and order for hearing a 43-hearing a 96-granted a 141; petition and order for hearing a 415-hearing a 435-granted a 462

NEPONSET AVE.: Samuel Craddock, petition and order for hearing a 368-hearing, given leave to withdraw a 389; petition and order for hearing a 376-hearing a 412-granted a 462

ONEIDA ST.: F. Marco, petition and order for hearing a 520-hearing a 530

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ORLEANS ST.: Albert F. Butterfield, petition and order for hearing a 368-hearing a 389-refused a 636; Bernard Cadden, petition and order for hearing a 520-hearing a 530-granted a 588; Owen McGillien, petition and order for hearing a 532-hearing a 570-granted a 588

PARIS ST.: I. Hirschberg, petition and order for hearing a 475-hearing a 511

PHILLIPS ST.: Etta Zimmer, petition and order for hearing a 436-hearing a 458-refused a 534

Q ST.: Annie C. Burns, petition and order for hearing a 157-hearing, given leave to withdraw a 174

RIVER ST.: Frank A. Bourne, petition and order for hearing a 221-hearing a 248-granted a 337

SARATOGA ST.: S. H. Sneideron, petition and order for hearing a 512-hearing a 530-refused a 588

SULLIVAN ST., CHARLESTOWN: T. J. Broderick, petition and order for hearing a 221-hearing a 248-granted a 337

SUMNER ST.: Patrick Darcey, petition and order for hearing a 532-hearing a 570-granted a 588

TREMONT ST. AND COLUMBUS AVE.: Simon Goldsmith, petition and order for hearing a 248-hearing a 310-granted a 369

TRENTON ST.: Lewis Burnham, petition and order for hearing a 311-hearing a 366-granted a 377

WASHINGTON ST.: A. Shuman, petition and order for hearing a 602-hearing a 634-refused a 786

WASHINGTON ST., WARD 25: Celia Urofsky, petition and order for hearing a 43-hearing a 96-granted a 160

WEST ST.: C. E. Richardson, petition and order for hearing a 571-hearing a 582-granted a 703

buildings, wooden:

ARLINGTON AVE.: report on petition of Charlestown Gas Company (referred in 1906), discussed c 353, 356-rejected c 356

ASHMONT ST.: Franklin Building Association, petition to erect a 219, granted a 377-assigned c 403-taken up, discussed c 449-453-assigned c 453-taken up, reconsideration refused c 557; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, permit rejected a 579

BEVERLY ST.: Boston & Maine Railroad Company, petition to erect a 202-granted a 222-assigned c 230, 231-taken up, granted c 325, 326

DORCHESTER AVE.: order to issue a permit to Boston Elevated Railway Company, passed c 35, 37 a 50

FOSS ST.: estate of P. O'Riordan, granted a 249 c 278

FREEMPT ST.: D. J. Cutter, petition to erect building a 241-granted c 282-referred to committee on public improvements a 292-report, accepted, permit granted a 294

HYDE PARK AVE.: Oriental Hall Association, petition to erect a 365-granted a 424 c 443

MAUDLIN ST.: estate of P. O'Riordan, petition to erect building a 241-report, no action necessary a 390

ROLAND ST.: Boston & Maine Railroad Company, petition to erect a 257-granted c 282, 283-referred to committee on public improvements a 292-report, accepted, permit granted a 294

RUTHERFORD AVE.: order to issue building permit to David Whiting & Sons, passed c 35 a 50; order to correct clerical error, passed c 123 a 139

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Bulger, Agnes C.

appointed insane hospital trustee a 711

Bullard street.

sidewalk: Boyd & Berry, petition a 424-granted a 429; C. C. Ryder, petition a 459-granted a 466

Bunker Hill street.

building: Isaac Blair, petition to move a 634-granted a 637

trees: order to remove in front of St. Francis de Sales church, passed a 666

Burke, A.

petition, compensation for injuries caused by persons coasting a 531

Burlin, Melancthon W.

appointed election commissioner a 332

Burnham, Lewis.

bay-windows, Trenton st., petition and order for hearing a 311-hearing a 366-granted a 377

Burns, Annie C.

bay-window, Q st., petition and order for hearing a 157-hearing, given leave to withdraw a 174

Burns, W. H.

report and order for reimbursement of expense of suit against him as police officer, accepted, passed a 471-discussed c 500-506-laid over c 506-taken up, indefinitely postponed c 774 a 780

Burr street.

sidewalk: James W. Campbell, petition a 634-granted a 637

Burt, Helen E.

compensation for damages to automobile, refused a 258 c 278

Bushner, Solomon.

petition for hearing on claim for personal injuries a 156

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Butler, Julia A.

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Butterfield, Albert F.

bay-window, Orleans st., petition and order for hearing a 368-hearing a 389-refused a 636

Buttonwood street.

sidewalk: Mary Downey, petition a 389-granted a 395

C street.

edgestones and sidewalks: order to repair and replace, from Broad way to Baxter street, referred to the mayor c 359

pole: American Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect, a 248

repairing: order to repair from Baxter to First st., referred to the mayor c 406

temporary footwalk: order to construct from First st. to Commonwealth park, referred to the mayor c 166

Cadden, Bernard.

bay-window, Orleans st., petition and order for hearing a 520-hearing a 530-granted a 588

Calder street.

sidewalk: Louis Cavagnaro, petition a 601-granted a 604

Callender street, Ward 24.

closing: order to close, passed a 767

Calumet street.

pole: order that Edison Electric Illuminating Company be requested to relocate pole, referred to committee on public improvements a 636-report, accepted, order passed a 638; petition to erect and remove a 654

post: order to relocate now standing in front of No. 98, passed a 520

sidewalk: F. Normile, petition a 582-granted a 591

Calumet and St. Alphonsus streets.

square at junction: order that the superintendent of streets name open space Normile sq., referred to the mayor c 629

Cambridge Bridge.

expense: order that the City of Boston's proportion of expense of dedication be charged to Reserve Fund, referred to committee on public improvements a 535-passed c 544 a 571-report, no action necessary a 744

Cambridge street, Ward 8.

bulkhead: Jennie H. Wallace, petition a 594-granted a 598

Cambridge street, Ward 25.

car stop: see Boston Elevated Railway Company

improvement of vacant lot: see Public Grounds Department

Cambridge, Lincoln and Mansfield streets, Ward 25.

catch-basin, etc.: order to place an additional catch-basin between tracks, referred to the mayor c 239

park: order that superintendent of public grounds be requested to grade and lay out as a park, laid over c 363

Campbell, Ella M.

petition, compensation for personal injuries a 156

Campbell, Francis A.

order to pay certain amount (\$1,468.62), the costs and expenses incurred by him in defending title to office as Clerk of Supreme Court, passed c 359 a 367

Canterbury street, Ward 23.

closing: order to close between Neponset ave. and Paine st., passed a 762

pole: order to remove pole now standing in front of No. 16, referred to committee on public improvements a 417-report, accepted, order passed a 417

resurfacing: order to resurface roadway, between Poplar st. and the railroad, etc., referred to committee on public improvements a 666-report, accepted, order passed a 668

trees: order to remove two trees, passed a 207

Canterbury and other streets, Ward 23.

sewer: see Ward 23

Capen street.

sidewalk: Higgins & Scarr, petition a 459-granted a 466; James D. Russo, Scott & Higgins, petition a 571-granted a 590; James D. Russo, petition a 601

trees: order to remove tree, passed a 438

Capodieces, Charles O.

petition, compensation for personal injuries a 612

Care of Insane by State. (See Finance Commission.)**Carew, Edward J.**

petition, compensation, personal injuries a 767

Carley, M. E., M.D.

petition, lying-in hospital, Washington st., Ward 25, a 531-granted a 571

Carlow and other streets, Ward 17.

repairing: order to place gutter in condition; pave Gerard st., re-surface Gerard st. and Dunmore st. sidewalks, Adams and Yeoman sts., passed a 595

Carlson, Carl G. M.

petition, compensation for damages to estate by blasting Tesla st. a 711

Carmel street.

sign cor. Tremont st.: order to place, referred to the mayor c 154

Carpenters in Park Department. (See Park Department.)**Carr, Samuel.**

notice of appointment as finance commissioner a 519

Carruth, George W., Councilman, Ward 23.

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on appropriations, cemetery department, fire department, hospital department, overseeing of the poor department, street laying-out department, water department, Fourth of July, Memorial Day c 149, 150; committee on Old Home Week c 525

orders offered: widening of Hyde Park ave. c 85
swimming pool, Spring st. c 85
engine-house, Forest Hills c 123
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Carruth street.

sidewalk: Gilbert O. Goudey, petition a 476-granted a 478

Car Tickets for Laborers. (See Laborers.)**Casolita, D.**

petition, compensation for personal injuries a 654

Castle Island. (See Marine Park.)**Castle Island, Detention Station.**

resolution protesting against use of island for said purpose, passed c 707 a 713

Castle street.

lamp: order to place opposite Emerald st., referred to the mayor c 305; order to place between Middlesex and Village sts., referred to the mayor c 455

Cazenove street.

closing: Boston Bridge Works, *inc.*, petition a 220-granted a 224

Cedar street, Ward 24.

trees: Patrick J. Galvin, petition to remove a 310; order to remove, passed a 315; order to remove two trees, passed a 649

Celebrations. (See the Different Holidays.)**Cemetery Department.**

committee: appointed a 106 c 149

trustee: Charles E. Phipps, appointed a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 336-confirmed a 347

improvement of Spanish War Veterans lot: order that the sum of \$3,000 be set aside for the enlargement, development and putting in order for perpetual care the lot in Mt. Hope Cemetery, passed a 706-amended, passed c 709 a 713

improvement, North Dorchester Burying Ground: order that the finance committee be requested to include in the first loan bill \$6,000 for construction of a suitable stone wall and iron fence to surround burying ground, referred to committee on finance c 287

Mt. Hope and Evergreen Cemeteries: order that the committee on finance provide \$60,000 for enlargement and improvement of cemetery, referred to committee on finance a 440

stone wall, Dorchester Cemetery: order that the trustees be requested to construct, passed a 392; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the cemetery department, referred to committee on public improvements a 423-report, accepted, placed on file a 430

Central square.

repaving: order to repave, passed a 224

Central wharf.

public landing: order to place near headquarters of fire-boat, referred to the mayor c 509

Centre street, Ward 19.

bay-window: Ellen F. Hurley, petition and order for hearing a 376-hearing a 412-granted a 462

Centre street, Ward 20.

sidewalk: Boyd & Berry, petition a 582-granted a 590

Centre street, Ward 22.

electric light: order to place, referred to the mayor c 284

sidewalk: order for construction, referred to committee on public improvements a 370-report, accepted, order passed a 373

Centre street, Ward 23.

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove a 570

sidewalk: order to construct between the entrance to the Arnold Arboretum and Hewlett st., referred to the mayor c 753

Chambers and other streets.

replacing street according to contract: see Street Department

Champney street.

laying out and accepting: order that the street commissioners lay out and accept as a public way, passed c 88 a 97

Chandler's Pond. (See Park Department.)

skating: see Park Department.

Chandler street and Columbus avenue.

fire-alarm box: see Fire Department

Charles street, Ward 20.

sidewalk: C. W. Seavey, petition a 582-granted a 591

Charles and Boylston streets.

drinking fountain: order to place near corner, referred to the mayor c 409

Charlesbank.

building: order that park commissioners report by what authority and at what time the one-story wooden building was erected on grounds, and for what purpose it is used, referred to the mayor c 86

gymnasium: order to place in condition for use, referred to the mayor c 363

police: order that the police commissioners be requested to detail an additional police officer between hours of 7 and 11 P.M., referred to the mayor c 507

skating: order to flood for skating purposes, referred to the mayor c 725

Charles-river Basin, Sewerage Works. (See Sewer Department.)**Charles-river Bridge.**

repairing macadam section: order to put in proper condition at City sq. end, referred to the mayor c 319

shelter: order that the finance committee include in the first loan order a sum sufficient to erect a shelter, referred to committee on finance c 151

stairs: order that superintendent of bridges be requested to place a stairway leading to Warren bridge, etc., passed c 626 a 634

Charlestown.

all-year-around bath: see Bath Department

armory: see Armory in Charlestown

bells for no school: see School Department

municipal building: order that the committee on finance be requested to include in the first loan bill \$100,000 for an all-year-around bath and municipal building, referred to committee on finance c 22; order that the sum of \$30,000 be appropriated for land, referred to committee on appropriations c 165-report, referred to committee on finance c 357 a 366

municipal building and bath-house: see Municipal Building, Charlestown

shelter, City sq., etc.: see Boston Elevated Railway Company

street cleaning: see Street Cleaning Department

Charlestown Bridge.

steps: order that the superintendent of streets be requested to have flight of steps placed from bridge to Warren ave., passed a 428

Charlestown Gas and Electric Light Company.

building: report on petition for erection of building (referred in 1906) with order granting permit, discussed c 353, 356-report, rejected c 356

locations:

BEACH ST.: petition to erect three poles a 711-order for hearing a 714-hearing a 737

HIGH ST.: petition to erect one pole a 711-order for hearing a 714-hearing a 737

Charlestown Heights.

observatory: see Park Department

Charlestown High School. (See, also, School Department.)

shower baths: see Bath Department

Charlotte street.

sidewalk: D. E. Farley, petition a 654-granted a 659

Chase & Sanborn.

petition, compensation for damages of automobiles a 136-refused a 222 c 230

Chelsea Bridge.

bath-house: see Bath Department

Chelsea Bridge Cars. (See Boston Elevated Railway Company.)**Chelsea street, Charlestown.**

bay-window: J. P. O'Reardon, petition and order for hearing a 662-hearing a 684-granted a 786

widening: order for loan of \$600,000 outside the debt limit for widening to Bainbridge st., in accordance with plans, etc., passed c 34-assigned a 50-taken up, passed a 78

Chelsea street, Ward 1.

bay-window: William F. McClellan, petition and order for hearing a 571-hearing a 582-granted a 590

edgestones and gutters: order to reset, passed a 463

lamps: order to relocate, passed a 207

paving: order to pave from Bennington st. to Saratoga st., passed a 293.

Chelsea street, Ward 2.

pole: Edison Electric Illuminating Company, petition to relocate a 582-granted a 588, 589

Cheney street.

pole: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove a 711

Chestnut avenue, Ward 23.

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove a 68-order for hearing a 312-hearing a 390-refused a 436

Chestnut Hill avenue.

widening: order to widen between Commonwealth ave. and Beacon st., passed a 537

Chestnut Hill avenue, Boylston street and Sutherland road.

naming of open space: see Cleveland circle

Chestnut Hill Reservoir.

ice: see Water Department

Cheswell, Mrs.

letter extending thanks to members of City Council for sympathy in death of husband c 717 a 738

Chevers, Aurion V.

petition, compensation, personal injuries a 174

Chief Executive, Title of. (See Mayor, The.)**Children's Institutions Department.**

trustee: Haskel Derby, M.D., appointed a 332

appropriation for school for feeble-minded: see Pauper Institutions Department

new building, Parental School: order for loan of \$75,000 for new building or buildings, discussed a 175, 176—referred to committee on finance a 176

Chinese Merchants' Association.

petition to discharge fireworks, Harrison ave. a 174—granted a 181

Chiswick road.

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove a 389—granted a 537

Chiswick road and Commonwealth avenue.

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to remove a 476

Church street, Ward 20.

poles: Edison Electric Illuminating Company, petition to erect a 633

Church and Winter streets, Ward 20.

sidewalks: First Parish Church, petition a 459—granted a 466

Circuit street.

crosswalk: order to place opposite No. 3, referred to the mayor c 152

Citizens to be Employed. (See Heads of Departments.)**City Charter.**

communication from the mayor transmitting letter from the corporation counsel in relation to consolidation and revision, together with draft of first section of such revision, ordered printed, sent up c 772—placed on file a 780

City Clerk Department.

committee: appointed a 106 c 149

sympathy tendered city clerk during illness: resolution a 788

City Council.

city messenger: Edward J. Leary elected a 18 c 20

clerk of committees: John F. Dever elected a 18 c 20

committees: appointed a 106, 107 c 149, 150

city documents of 1907: order to furnish each member of the city council of 1907 and each head of a department with one set when completed and bound, passed c 776 a 780

list of members since 1890: see Clerk of Committees Department

City Council, continued.**members of the board of aldermen:**

Baldwin, John E.
Bangs, Francis R.
Battis, George H.
Bell, Tilton S.
Berwin, William
Clark, Louis M.
Curley, James M.
Draper, Charles M.
Finigan, Frederick A.
Flanagan, Daniel L.
Leary, Michael J.
Whelton, Daniel A.
Woods, William H.

members of common council:

Anderson, George P., Ward 10
Bagley, Edward C. R., Ward 1
Barrett, William J., Ward 18
Bramhall, William S., Ward 20
Brown, George M., Ward 23
Buckley, John J., Ward 5
Carruth, George W., Ward 23
Clark, Charles A., Ward 20
Clark, William C., Ward 24
Colpoys, Francis L., Ward 15
Cose, William E., Ward 25
Costello, John L., Ward 16
Crouin, Daniel F., Ward 18
Daly, Francis L., Ward 17
Daly, George T., Ward 12
Davidson, Earl E., Ward 23
Doherty, Thomas F., Ward 2
Donovan, Joseph E., Ward 3
Doyle, James J., Ward 13
Driscoll, John S., Ward 9
Ducey, James E., Ward 4
Ferguson, Donald J., Ward 21
Fitzgerald, Cornelius J., Ward 14
Fitzgerald, Thomas F., Ward 3
Foley, William J., Ward 7
George, E. Howard, Ward 21
Green, Edward M., Ward 24
Hackett, William N., Ward 21
Hanrahan, Bernard F., Ward 2
Harding, Charles T., Ward 20
Hatton, James A., Ward 4
Hayes, John J., Ward 4
Joyce, Thomas M., Ward 17
Kelly, James H., Ward 16
Kennedy, John T., Ward 7
Kohler, William J., Ward 19
Leonard, Joseph, Ward 9
Lill, Alfred J., Jr., Ward 8
Madden, Samuel J., Ward 19
McCabe, George C., Ward 25
McCarthy, Jeremiah J., Ward 8
McCormack, John J., Ward 3
McCullough, Leo F., Ward 13
McGivern, John D., Ward 16
McGregor, John B., Ward 12
McLennan, Augustus D., Ward 12
Mealey, Hugh, Jr., Ward 15
Montague, David T., Ward 10
Morgan, William H., Ward 22
Murphy, Timothy F., Ward 19
Noonan, Edward T. J., Ward 13
Noyes, James B., Ward 11
O'Brien, J. Frank, Ward 5
O'Brien, Michael F., Ward 18
O'Brien, Thomas F., Ward 14
Pendergast, Joseph H., Ward 2
Penshorn, George, Ward 22
Pierce, Myron E., Ward 11
Purcell, James T., Ward 6
Rachkowsky, Max L., Ward 6
Roberts, Isaac L., Ward 11
Rosenberg, Jacob, Ward 8
Sacks, Solomon, Ward 9
Santosuosso, Joseph, Ward 6
Sheenan, Frederick M. J., Ward 17
Sorenson, Theodore L., Ward 1
Spellman, Edward D., Ward 7
Sullivan, Joseph M., Ward 5
Sullivan, Timothy J., Ward 15
Troy, John, Ward 14
Wentworth, Joseph H., Ward 22
Wharton, Joseph W., Ward 10
Willcutt, William B., Ward 24
Woodside, Ernest W., Ward 1
Zetterman, Axel E., Ward 25

minutes: order to furnish each member of the city council of 1907 with a bound copy of minutes of 1907, and each new member of city council of 1908 and each head of a department with one copy, passed c 776 a 780

City Council, continued.

organization: pages 1, 2

printing of documents: order that the expense incurred in printing of documents be charged to appropriation for printing, passed c 38 a 51

revised ordinances for members: order that the city messenger be requested to provide each member with one copy of revised ordinances of 1898, passed c 92 a 97

rules and orders: order that the rules of the last city council, except rule 20, be adopted as the rules of the present city council, and that committee be appointed to prepare draft of same, passed c 23 a 49; order that committee be requested to include in the pocket manual of 1907 a corrected list of fire-boxes, passed c 35 a 50-report, with draft of rules a 337-339-accepted, rules adopted a 339 c 349

unfinished business: order to resume, passed c 22 a 49; order to refer to next city council, passed c 776 a 780

City Debts, Loans, etc., Report of Finance Commission. (See Finance Commission.)**City Election.**

order of notice of election, passed a 666

City Employees.

assignment of wages: communication from the finance commission relative to a 602, 603-referred to committee on public improvements a 603-report, accepted, ordered printed, sent down a 604-placed on file c 606

double time for Sundays and holidays: resolution and order relative to allowing double time to employees who are obliged to work Sundays, etc., referred to the mayor c 200

employees to be voters: order that the corporation counsel be requested to draft an ordinance that will compel all employees of the city to be legal voters, referred to the mayor c 287; communication from the mayor transmitting opinion of corporation counsel, placed on file c 317

Hebrew holiday: order to grant leave of absence to all employees of the Hebrew faith March 30, April 5 and 6, 1907, referred to the mayor c 238, 239

holiday Old Home Week, August 3: order to allow, referred to the mayor c 509

leave of absence: see Ordinances

leave of absence for Hebrews: order to allow September 9, 10, and September 18, referred to the mayor c 557

leave of absence for veteran firemen: order to allow leave of absence to attend muster at Brockton, passed a 595 c 607

leave of absence for veterans: order that the heads of departments be requested to grant leave of absence to employees who are associated with the United Spanish War Veterans to attend convention, passed a 473 c 436

leave of absence to members of G. A. R.: order to grant leave of absence without loss of pay to members of G. A. R., and Massachusetts Volunteer Militia to attend encampment, etc., passed c 283 a 291

leave of absence to Ninth Regiment: order that leave of absence be granted to members of Ninth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, and Ninth Regiment Veteran Association, to attend unveiling of statue to Colonel Finan, passed c 453 a 459, 460

leave of absence to United Spanish War Veterans: order that the mayor be requested to direct the heads of departments to allow leave of absence to all city employees who are delegates to the state convention, February 21, 22 and 23, 1907, to be held in Boston, passed c 34 a 50

non-resident employees: order that the mayor call attention of heads of departments to the provisions of chapter 3, revised ordinances of 1898, and direct a more precise observation of said provisions by all heads of departments, discussed c 165, 166-referred to the mayor c 166

payment for extra work: order that heads of departments be instructed to pay double time to all employees for work on Sundays and holidays, passed c 359 a 367

payment on or before December 24: order to pay monthly salaries, passed a 715 c 719

vacation: resolution relative to allowing two weeks' vacation, passed c 91, 92 a 97; order to allow two weeks' vacation to all employees working on a basis of seven days, referred to the mayor c 237; order that in the opinion of the City Council all employees should receive one week's vacation at least once a year, passed c 283 a 291-report, accepted, referred to committee on ordinance a 616

City Government. (See, also, Common Council, Aldermen, Board of, City Council.)

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

committee: appointed a 106 c 149

city messenger: Edward J. Leary elected a 18 c 20

election returns: order to make usual arrangements, passed a 604 c 607

flag-staff, Upham's Corner: see Upham's Corner

City Municipal Building, Albany street. (See Municipal Building, Albany street.)**City square.**

convenience station: order that the committee on finance include in first loan bill \$10,000 for convenience station, referred to committee on finance c 34

shelter: see Boston Elevated Railway Company

Claims.

committee: appointed a 106 c 149

claims referred in 1905: report giving leave to withdraw, on petitions of B. Di Stasio, M. M. Fitzpatrick, J. B. Mulvey, accepted, a 222 c 230

claims referred in 1906: report giving leave to withdraw on petitions of T. A. Keefe, Rosanna Perron, G. Pisano, A. A. Lewis, Mrs. Bertha Craine, Salvatore Di Mente, Mary E. Young, Annie E. Donovan, Ellen O'Keefe, Lawrence Kelley, Rosamond Rothery, William Alpert, accepted a 222 c 230

claims upon which action has been taken in 1907: ordered printed a 760 c 773

list of petitions referred from last year: R. T. Knights, J. Vennell, F. J. Markey, E. M. Rose, M. McCormack, J. E. Fitzgerald, Clogher & Mulrenin, Charles J. Brooks, Samuel Neil, L. M. Johnson, M. L. Jennings, C. J. Halligan, V. J. Tebbetts, M. E. Gaddis, F. D. Knights, Belle Knight, petitions, refused a 649 c 670, 671

referred in 1900, 1904 and 1905: report, giving leave to withdraw, on petitions of G. L. Whiting, C. C. White, Dorchester Stable Company, Margaret Cooney, M. Morris, J. C. Coleman, George Hagopian, accepted a 656 c 671

claims.

ABRAHAM, A.: petition to be reimbursed on account of backing up of sewers, Vine st. a 220

ANDERET, MRS. LOUISA: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 612

BADGER, JOHN W.: compensation for damages to clothing by paint, refused a 258 c 278

BAPTISTE, MARY E.: petition to be paid for dress torn on barrel owned by city a 662

BEARSE, ELIZABETH B.: petition, compensation, personal injuries a 290, 375

BENTON, MARY E.: compensation for injuries (referred 1904), refused a 340 c 349

BERNARD, MABEL C.: petition to be paid expense of repairing drains, Eldon st. a 654

BLACK, JOHN W.: petition to be paid for damages to overcoat a 712

BLAKE, FREDERICK W.: petition, compensation for damages to estate, Tremont st. a 684

BLANCHARD, CATHERINE: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 157-refused a 667 c 671

BOAS, MINNIE: petition, compensation for damage to coat a 531

BOHANNAN, MRS. GEORGE: petition, compensation for damages to property, Heath st. a 136

BOSTON COAL COMPANY: petition for hearing on claim a 43

BOSTON JOURNAL: petition, compensation for damages caused by overflow of sewer, Washington st. a 581

BOURQUE, MARIE: compensation for injuries (referred 1906), refused a 340 c 349, 350

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- BOWMAN, HARRISON W. *et al.*: petition to be paid for damages to property by Stony brook a 757
- BRADY, HERMAN E.: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 220
- BRESNIHAN, MARY E.: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 634
- BROWN, JAMES: petition, compensation for injuries, Castle-st. bridge a 412-refused a 615 c 624
- BUCHANAN, CHARLES H.: petition, compensation for damages to caravan a 68-refused a 258 c 278
- BURKE, A.: petition, compensation for injuries caused by persons coasting a 531
- BURNS, W. H.: report and order for reimbursement of expense of suit against him as police officer, accepted, passed a 471-discussed c 500-506-laid over c 506-taken up, indefinitely postponed c 774 a 780
- BURT, HELEN E.: compensation for damages to automobile, refused a 258 c 278
- BUSHNER, SOLOMON: petition for hearing on claim for personal injuries a 156
- BUTLER, JULIA A.: petition, compensation, personal injuries a 220
- CAMPBELL, ELLA M.: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 156
- CAPODICEAS, CHARLES O.: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 612
- CAREW, EDWARD J.: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 767
- CARLSON, CARL G. M.: petition, compensation for damages to estate by blasting a 711
- CASOLITA D.: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 654
- CHASE & SANBORN: petition, compensation for damages to automobile a 136-refused a 220 c 230
- CHEVERS, AURION V.: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 174
- CLARK, HARRY: petition, compensation for damages to coat a 157
- COBLEIGH, GEO. W.: petition to be paid \$18 on account of breaking drain, Kittredge st. a 136
- COLLINS, JAMES J.: petition for hearing on claim for injuries to son, in Orchard park swimming pool a 439
- CONNORS, JOHN F.: petition, compensation for damages to runaway horse, owned by city a 459
- CORNETTA, A.: petition, compensation for damage to estate, Decatur st. a 581-refused a 667 c 671
- COVITZ, MORRIS: petition, compensation for damages to personal property a 366
- CRAWFORD, IDA G.: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 220-refused a 667 c 671
- CROCKER, EVA C.: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 220
- CROWLEY, JOHN W.: petition, compensation for damages to personal property, Stanwood st. a 673
- CUNOHAN, TIMOTHY J.: petition, compensation for damages to property, Stanwood st. a 673
- CUSICK, ELIZABETH: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 634-refused a 656 c 671
- DAVERN, MARGARET T.: petition for hearing on claim against city a 310
- DAVESON, MARGARET T.: petition, compensation for damages to property, Howard ave. a 241
- DAVIS, MARY WALDO: petition compensation for expense and trouble caused by the failure of the water supply at Beacon st. a 469
- DELANEY, JOHN F.: petition, compensation personal injuries a 520
- DENNIS, SAMUEL S.: petition, compensation, personal injuries a 570
- DE SISTO & FLORENZO: petition, compensation for personal injuries and sewer damages, Charter st. a 612
- DEVENEY, SARAH: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 459
- DILLON, MARY: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 241
- DINE, JOSEPH, *et als.*: petition, compensation for damages to property and personal injuries, Geneva av. a 737
- DOERING, W. J.: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 202
- DOHERTY, DANIEL, *Estate*: petition, compensation for injuries to horse by snow plow a 136
- DOLAN, MARTIN E. F.: compensation for amount of wages lost while employed in fire department, refused a 340 c 349
- DOLLIVET, JOSEPHINE G.: petition for hearing on claim for personal injuries a 458-refused a 667 c 671
- DONLAN, SARAH A.: compensation, personal injuries, refused a 258 c 278

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- DONNELLY, MARGARET: petition, compensation for damage to dress a 531
- DONOVAN, JAMES: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 220
- DOWNING, ELMA F.: petition for hearing in claim for personal injuries a 662
- DOYLE, PETER: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 581
- DRAFER, A. L.: petition, compensation for damage to automobile a 581
- DREW, ANNIE L.: petition, compensation, personal injuries a 375-granted a 391
- DUFFY, CATHERINE: petition, compensation for death of husband a 366
- EATON, A. S.: compensation for personal injuries, refused a 258 c 278
- FARRINGTON WILLIAM M., *agent*: petition for payment of expense incurred on account of stoppage of a sewer, Blaine st. a 581
- FAY, FRANK T.: petition, compensation for damage to estate, Saratoga st. a 202
- FEENEY, T., & CO.: petition, compensation for damages to property, Leverett st. a 157
- FERGUSON, D. J. & Co.: petition, compensation for damages to horse a 634
- FITZGERALD, MARY: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 662
- FOLEY, ANNA: petition for compensation, personal injuries a 511
- FOLSOM, HARRY L.: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 634
- FORGER, JOHN H.: petition, for compensation for expenses incurred in defence of suit brought against him while in discharge of duties at Deer Island a 612
- FREEMAN, ETHEL MAUD: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 257-refused a 340 c 350
- FRENCH, A. P., *et al.*: petition to be paid for replacing plate glass window a 220-refused a 615 c 624
- FRIEDBERG, ALBERT: compensation, personal injuries, refused a 258 c 278
- FRIEDMAN, LEE M., *adm.*: petition to be refunded amounts of tax on estate, Ludlow st. a 435
- GAFFNEY, ANNIE E.: compensation for death of husband (petition referred last year) a 615 c 624
- GEARY, THOMAS J.: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 220-refused a 310 c 349
- GOLDBERG, NETTIE: compensation for personal injuries (referred in 1906), refused a 391 c 403
- GOTTLIEF, IDA: petition, compensation, personal injuries a 389-refused a 656 c 671
- GRADY, ALEXANDER W.: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 642
- GREEN, HARRY: petition for compensation for damages to property, Auburn st. a 737
- GRUNDY, WILLIAM G.: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 68
- HAMLIN, JOSEPH P.: petition for hearing on claim for damages to estate, London st. a 581
- HARPER, JENNIE D.: petition for hearing on claim a 220
- HARPER, THOMAS J.: petition for hearing on claim a 220
- HARRIS, MARY A.: *see* Harris, Mary A.
- HASEY, KATE: petition for hearing on claim against sanitary department a 174
- HEY, MARION: petition, compensation, personal injuries a 290-refused a 424 c 443
- HOFFMAN, JOSEPH: compensation for personal injuries a 258 c 278
- HOGAN, AGNES: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 174
- HOLLORAN, MRS. MARY A.: petition for damages to property, Glenway st. a 68
- HOUGHTON, JAMES: petition, compensation for injuries received a 673
- HOULIHAN, MARY E.: petition, compensation for damage to dress a 531
- HOURIN, JEREMIAH J., petition for hearing on claim for personal injuries a 531
- JEWETT, THOMAS: petition, compensation, personal injuries a 458, 459
- JOHNSON, JOHN A.: compensation for damage caused by collision with city ash team, refused a 258 c 278
- JORDAN, LOUIS C.: petition for hearing on claim a 202
- KANE, HENRY: petition to be paid expense for opening drain, North Bennet st. a 174
- KANTER, J.: petition, compensation for damages to horse and wagon a 780

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 KELLEY, ELEANOR, H. S.: petition, compensation for damages to coat by city sprinkler a 612
 KELLEY, JULIA E.: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 612
 KELLY, DANIEL P.: petition, compensation for damages to property, Call st. a 257
 KILDUFF, JOHN J.: petition, compensation for injuries a 459
 KIEN, BENNY: petition, compensation for damages by city automobile a 654
 LEARY, LEWIS W.: petition, compensation for damages by defect in Hancock st., Dorchester a 247, 248
 LEE, ANNIE: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 673
 LEE, ISABELLA M.: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 711
 LEWIS, HARRY A.: petition, compensation, personal injuries a 520
 LEWIS WHARF COMPANY: petition asking that defective condition of said wharf caused by city be remedied a 601
 LINEHAN, ANNIE D.: compensation for personal injuries, refused a 258 c 278
 LINSOTT MOTOR COMPANY: petition, compensation for damage to automobile, Charlestown bridge a 98
 LOVE, MARY E.: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 241
 LOWE, CHRISTIAN: compensation for injuries received (referred in 1901), refused a 340 c 349
 LUKE, GEORGE A.: petition, compensation for damages to personal property a 662
 MACDONALD, W. B.: petition, compensation for damage to horse and personal property, Harvest st. a 712
 MACHOTT, BESSIE: petition, compensation for damages to personal property, Morton st. a 375
 MAHAN, PATRICK: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 601
 MCCABE, L. A.: petition, compensation for injuries a 375-refused a 438 c 443
 MCCAUL, JOHN S.: petition, compensation for damages to clothing by street sweeping machine a 684
 MCCAULEY, MRS. ELLEN: petition, compensation for death of husband a 612
 MCCULLOCH, MINNIE G.: petition, compensation, personal injuries a 290
 McDONNELL, ANDREW J.: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 220
 McDONOUGH, WILLIAM J.: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 220
 McELWAINCO, W. H., Co.: petition, compensation for damage to wagon a 333
 McGLINCHY, WILLIAM: petition for injuries caused by live wire, Congress st. a 570
 MCKINNON, JOHN: petition, compensation, personal injuries a 257
 McLAUGHLIN, BERNARD W.: petition, compensation for damages to property, E. Fourth st. a 737
 McNALLY, BRIDGET: petition, compensation for damages to estate, Harvard ave. a 684
 MEAGHER, DAVID: petition, compensation for damages to property, Heath st. a 136
 MILLER, DR. C. H.: petition, compensation for damages to wagon a 310
 MOORE, PATRICK H., *et al.*: petition, compensation for damages to horse and wagon a 654
 MOORE, MRS. S. T.: petition to be paid for gravel furnished street department a 310
 MORDELL, ANNIE: petition, compensation for damages to estate, Geneva ave. a 711
 MURRAY, HENRY D.: petition, compensation for damages to house, Stanwood st. a 673
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 O'BRIEN, EDWARD F.: petition, damages to automobile a 662
 O'BRIEN, JENNIE V.: petition for hearing on claim for damages to skirt by wire a 567
 O'CONNOR, HUGH: petition to be paid amount of wages lost by him on account of his being injured by a horse a 594-refused a 743 c 747
 PEPPER, MARY E.: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 374
 PIERCE, SILAS, *et al.*: petition, compensation for damages to property, Downing and Vernon sts. a 737
 PINKHAM, ROSE G.: petition, compensation, personal injuries a 423

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 POWERS, MICHAEL: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 220
 PRESTON, H. B.: granted a 206 c 230
 RAFFERTY, BENJAMIN: petition, compensation for injuries to horse and damages to wagon a 662
 RAZETO, JOHN: damage to estate, Catherine st., refused c 243, 278
 ROGERS, HARLOW H.: petitions (2) offering to surrender an alleged invalid tax deeds of estates, Bailey st. a 684-refused a 713 c 718, 719
 ROMAN, MARY A.: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 673
 RUSSELL, JAMES A.: petition, compensation for damages, Glenway st. a 634
 SANBORN, CLARA: petition, compensation for injuries a 174-refused a 258 c 278
 SAWYER, M.: petition, compensation for damages to property, Ashland st. a 642
 SCOTT, JAMES E.: granted a 206 c 230
 SCHWARTZ, NATHAN: petition, compensation for damages to house, Cotting st. a 642
 SEAVER, T., *estate*: petition, compensation for damages to estate, Marcella st. a 673
 SHAW, BERNARD: petition, compensation for damages to fixtures, Cotting st. a 642
 SHEEHAN, EMMA L.: petition, compensation for personal injuries, Tremont st. a 684
 SHINNOCK, JOHN J.: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 662
 SILVERMAN, GUSSIE: petition, compensation for damage to clothing a 469
 SISKIND, DAVID AND BERTHA: petition, compensation for damages to estate, Leverett and Auburn sts. a 737
 SMITH, DELA M.: petition, compensation for damages to estate, Old Harbor st. a 712
 SMITH, GEORGE H.: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 654
 SMITH, ISAAC: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 654
 SMITH, JOHN E.: petition, compensation, personal injuries a 570
 SOUSA, MRS. CHRISTINE: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 220
 STEERE, W. W. & Co.: petition, compensation for injuries to horse a 570
 STOCKBRIDGE, LUCY A.: petition, compensation for damages to estate, Harold st. a 366
 SULLIVAN, EUGENE J.: compensation for injuries and damage caused by defect in Canterbury st., refused a 340 c 349
 SULLIVAN, JEREMIAH: petition for hearing on claim on account of defect, Columbus ave. a 174-refused a 391 c 403
 SULLIVAN, JOHN: petition, compensation for damages to estate, Morris st. a 654
 SULLIVAN, MICHAEL: petition, compensation, personal injuries a 310
 SULLIVAN, WILLIAM: petition to be paid amount due him for work on Roxbury High School c 199
 SWEENEY, JAMES S.: petition, compensation for injuries to horse a 220
 TAGUE, PETER F.: petition for hearing on claim a 333-refused a 391 c 403, 404
 THOMPSON, JOHN F. W.: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 68
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Clark, William C., Councilman, Ward 24.

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purchase of maps: order that clerk of committees purchase 500 copies of maps of city of Boston to be furnished members of city council, referred to committee on clerk of committees department c 359

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Collins' Memorial.

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Colpoys, Francis L., Councilman, Ward 15.

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appointed: committee on cemetery department, collecting department, finance, fire department, public grounds department, Evacuation Day c 149, 150; committee on Old Home Week c 525

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Comins School. (See School Department.)

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annual dinner: order that a special committee be appointed to make arrangements for dinner, passed c 708-committee appointed c 719.

badges: order for appointment of committee to secure badges, assigned c 22, 28-taken up, substitute order offered, passed c 57; committee appointed c 85, 150; order that committee be instructed to have said badges made by union workmen and to bear union label, referred to committee on badges c 92

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closing proceedings: c 778, 779; order that closing proceedings be printed as a city document, passed c 779

committees: appointed c 149, 150

copies of correspondence between police commissioner and district attorney: order requesting copy of correspondence, discussed c 89, 90-order rejected c 90

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new furniture for chamber: order that the superintendent of public buildings be requested to include in his annual estimate a sum sufficient to purchase new furniture for council chamber, referred to the mayor c 91

note-paper for members: order to provide, passed a 153

organization: c 19; notice received by board of aldermen, placed on file 19

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president: order for election, passed c 19; William J. Barrett elected c 19

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seats: order for drawing of seats, assigned c 22-amended, passed c 33-taken up, seats allotted, then drawn by members c 79; order that in addition to members allowed a choice of seats, Councilman Costello of Ward 16 be granted a similar courtesy, passed c 79; order to prepare plan and have same printed, etc., passed c 92

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Commonwealth avenue.

pole: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to remove a 570-granted a 714

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Commonwealth Park.

athletic games on grounds: order that from the sum received from sale of a portion of Deer Island \$10,000 be appropriated to place and maintain in suitable condition the grounds for athletic games, assigned c 91-taken up, passed c 117-referred to committee on public improvements a 139-report, no further action necessary a 616

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poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to relocate a 248-granted a 264

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extension of draw-pier: communication from the mayor transmitting a communication from the war department, enclosing an instrument and plans for extension of draw-pier, placed on file a 755

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Connors, John F.

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appointed a 711-confirmed a 738; bonds of Morris F. Lewenberg and William F. Swain, appointed a 713; B. M. Schwartz, Henry Duffy, appointed a 728-confirmed a 762; John J. Kenney, appointed a 762-discussed, referred to committee on public improvements a 762-report, accepted, confirmation refused a 787; bond of Henry J. Duffy, approved a 757

"Constitution" Frigate.

order that the mayor be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to cause frigate to be located in Pleasure Bay, South Boston, referred to the mayor c 544

Consumptives' Hospital.

trustee: Herbert F. Price, appointed a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 336-confirmed a 347

appropriation for buildings: communication from the mayor transmitting request for an appropriation a 630, 633; order for loan of \$17,000, referred to committee on public improvements a 633-report, accepted, order passed a 637-assigned c 709-taken up, passed c 720

information: order that trustees furnish information requested (given) relative to care and treatment of patient, passed a 52; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the trustees relative to, placed on file a 96

Contracts.

union labor on contracts: order that the mayor instruct the heads of departments to insert a provision in all calls for bids or contracts that preference will be given to persons employing union labor, passed c 203 a 291

Contracts, Monthly Statement of. (See Ordinances.)**Contracts, Report of Finance Commission. (See Finance Commission.)****Convenience Station, Roxbury Crossing. (See Roxbury Crossing.)****Conway street, Ward 23.**

edgestones: order to reset, referred to the mayor c 408

Coolidge road and other streets.

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove a 531 order for hearing a 614-hearing a 642-refused a 656

Cooney, Charles L.

appointed insane hospital trustee a 728

Copley square.

betterment and relocation of: order that from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island \$30,000 be appropriated to be expended on account of square, assigned c 22-taken up, discussed c 26, 28-assigned c 28-taken up, discussed c 62, 63-passed c 63-assigned a 69, 70-taken up, discussed, passed a 73

Corbett street.

sidewalk: C. J. Desmond, petition a 582-granted a 591

Cornetta, Antonio.

petition, compensation for damages to estate, Decatur st. a 581-refused a 667 c 671

Corporation Tax.

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appointed: committee on appropriations, collecting department, health department, ordinance and law department, park department, Brighton Day, Fourth of July, rules and orders of city council c 149, 150; committee on billboard advertising c 403; committee on Old Home Week c 525; committee to attend funeral of Archbishop Williams c 569

orders offered: pension of call firemen c 85
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flag-staff, Franklin sq. c 360

Costello, John L., Councilman, Ward 16.

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on bath department, water department, Dorchester Day, hospital department, Evacuation Day, Memorial Day, rules and orders of the city council c 149, 150

orders offered: celebration of Labor Day c 34
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Cottage court.

sign: order to place, referred to the mayor c 165

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bay-windows: Crescenzo Mesola, petitions and orders for hearing a 460-hearing a 476-granted a 534; petition and order for hearing a 713-hearing a 756-granted a 786

Cottage and other streets, East Boston.

construction: order that street commissioners be requested to order at the earliest possible date the construction of said streets, passed a 478

County Commissioners, Middlesex County.

communication giving designation and description of witness marks made and to be set on account of removal of a bound mark or the boundary between Boston and Newton, placed on file a 602

County Employees, List of. (See County Accounts.)**County of Suffolk.**

committee on county accounts: appointed a 53

approval of bond: bond of Charles W. Kimball, assistant registrar of deeds a 204

arrangement of court files: petition of John Noble for an additional appropriation for; order allowing \$6,000 referred to committee on county accounts a 158-report, accepted, order passed a 205

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clerk-hire, register of deeds: approved and ordered paid a 69, 252, 311, 390, 460, 461, 520

clerk-hire, supreme court: order to allow \$700, referred to committee on county accounts a 604-report, accepted, order passed a 649

clerk of superior civil court: Francis A. Campbell, petition to be paid expenses incurred in defending title to office a 241; communication from the corporation counsel relative to, placed on file a 157-report, accepted, order passed a 337

early court files: John Noble, petition, compensation for special services a 464

expenses of associate medical examiner: order that \$200 be allowed annually for carriage hire and travelling expenses, passed a 179

female probation officer: notice from Judge Bolster of the appointment of Elizabeth A. Lee, probation officer, referred to committee on county accounts a 336-report, accepted, order passed a 337

fire-proof building, registry of deeds: order that the mayor be requested to petition the legislature at its present session for such legislation as may be necessary to enable the city to construct a fire-proof building to be used for the registry of deeds and probate, etc., referred to committee on county accounts a 70-report, referred to committee on public improvements a 141-report that order be indefinitely postponed, assigned a 616-taken up, report, accepted, recommendation adopted a 770

highway assessment: see Highway Assessment

list of county employees: order to furnish list on or before May 6, 1907, etc., passed a 265

new van for prisoners: order to procure a new van for transportation of prisoners, referred to committee on county accounts a 787

payment for jury service: John J. Scanlan, *et al.*, petition, compensation for loss of time when excused from service as juror a 667

probation officer, Chelsea court: communication from the justice of the police court of Chelsea determining salary of probation officer, referred to committee on account a 587-report with order, accepted, passed a 649

probation officer, juvenile court: communication from Harry N. Baker, justice of Boston juvenile court determining compensation of probation officer a 780

registry of deeds, vacation: order to allow two weeks' vacation, passed a 464, 532, 587, 635, 673, 713

register of probate and insolvency: precept from the governor of the Commonwealth for an election to fill the vacancy, placed on file a 587

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appointed: committee on hospital department, institutions department, schools and school-houses, Fourth of July c 150; committee to attend funeral of Archbishop Williams c 569

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Dearborn School.

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Dierkes, Mary A.

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iced drinking fountain: order to place between Tudor and West Sixth st., referred to the mayor c 509
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Dorsey, James A.

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Doyle, James H.

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appointed: committee on rules and orders, licenses, electric wires, railroads a 53; committee on joint rules and orders a 76; committee on appropriations, bath department, city messenger department, claims, collecting department, election department, fire department, health department, hospital department, legislative matters, ordinances and law department, printing department, public lands, statistics department, vessels and ballast department, wire department, Evacuation Day, chairman Fourth of July a 106, 107; committee on disposition of garbage a 158; Brighton celebration a 205; committee on billboard advertising a 378; Roxbury High Fort celebration a 477; committee on Old Home Week celebration a 521

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Dudley and Humphreys streets.

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appropriation: communication from the mayor transmitting order for appropriation of \$50,000, passed c 214-indefinitely postponed a 221 c 230-order for appropriation of \$50,000, passed a 221 c 231

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annuity to widow: communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the fire commissioner asking that provisions be made for payments of annuity to widow of Capt. Edward D. Pope a 434, 435; order authorizing payment, referred to committee on public improvements a 435-report, accepted, order passed a 439 c 443

annuity to widow of Patrick Disken: see Disken, Patrick

bell, Faneuil Hall: order that the fire commissioner be requested to have bell repaired and rung on all alarms of fire in the city proper, passed a 70 c 85

box, cor. Alpine and St. James sts.: order to place fire-alarm box on corner, referred to the mayor c 607

chief of department: resolution thanking John A. Mullen for efficient service, passed c 199 a 203

compensation for call firemen: order that mayor instruct fire commissioner to make such arrangements as may be necessary to secure proper compensation for the call firemen stationed at the various theatres and places of public amusement, passed a 666 c 670

emergency leave for firemen: order that the fire commissioner be requested to allow any member who has a death event in immediate family three days leave of absence, passed a 464

Fire Department, continued.

- engine-house, East Boston:** order that the fire commissioner be requested to furnish an estimate of cost of providing a new house for engine 40, passed a 250; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the fire commissioner relative to, placed on file a 256
- engine-house, Forest Hills square:** order that fire commissioner furnish estimate of cost, referred to the mayor c 123; order that the committee on finance provide in first loan bill \$40,000 for an engine-house and site Forest Hills, referred to the mayor c 235; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the fire commissioner, placed on file c 183
- engine-house, Germantown:** order that the finance committee include in the next loan bill \$10,000 for the purchase of a site and erection thereon of a fire-house, referred to committee on finance c 90
- engine-house, Orient Heights:** order that the committee on finance provide in the first loan bill \$50,000 for an engine-house and site, passed a 106 c 122
- engine-house and site, Parker Hill:** report, no action necessary a 616
- engine 40:** order that the committee on finance be requested to provide in the first loan bill the sum of \$30,000, referred to committee on finance a 265
- extra meal-time for firemen:** order that the fire commissioner be requested to arrange so that members be allowed one hour and one-half for each meal, referred to the mayor c 200; order to allow all firemen one hour and fifteen minutes for meals, passed a 666 c 670; order that the fire commissioner be requested to allow an additional fifteen minutes for meals, passed a 704
- fire-alarm box, Faneuil and Fairbanks sts.:** order that fire commissioner be requested to place at corner, referred to the mayor c 611
- fire-alarm box, Long and Rainsford Islands:** order that the mayor request fire commissioner to cause fire-alarm box number card, etc., referred to the mayor c 237
- fire-alarm box, Heath square:** see Heath square
- fire-alarm box, Roberts and Smith sts.:** order to place at corner, referred to the mayor c 304
- fire-alarm box, Ward 10:** order to place at corner of Chandler st. and Columbus ave., referred to the mayor c 152
- fire-alarm box, Ward 23:** order that the fire commissioner be requested to install a box corner Custer and Ballard sts., referred to the mayor c 155; order to place on Bradford terrace, referred to the mayor a 710
- fire-alarm box, Washington st., Ward 23:** order to locate between Heron and Cottage sts., passed a 378
- fire apparatus, Winthrop st., Ward 5:** order that the finance committee include in the first loan bill \$30,000 for erection and installing of fire-engine apparatus, referred to committee on finance c 165; order that the mayor report needs and advisability of placing fire engine in said quarters, referred to the mayor c 628; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the fire department, placed on file c 652
- fire apparatus, Parker Hill:** see Parker Hill improvements
- fire bell, Roxbury Crossing:** order that fire commissioner place some kind of a ticker on bell to warn people when fire engines are coming, passed c 546 a 571
- fire-house, Parker Hill:** order for loan of \$40,000 for purchase of a site and erection of fire-engine house, assigned c 93-taken up, discussed, passed, c 117, 118-referred to committee on public improvements a 139
- fire protection, Forest Hills sq.:** order that the fire commissioner be requested to inform the common council what arrangement he has made for better fire protection in vicinity of square, referred to the mayor c 304; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the fire commissioner, placed on file c 317
- holiday, Decoration Day:** order that the fire commissioner be requested to allow all veterans of the Civil and Spanish-American Wars a holiday, passed c 327 a 334
- information relative to increase of salaries:** order that the fire commissioner furnish estimate of cost of raising salaries (list given), passed a 52; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the fire commissioner, placed on file a 126
- leave of absence for veterans, Old Home Week:** order to allow one day, passed a 516
- meal-time for firemen:** order to make arrangements to allow one hour and thirty minutes for mealtime instead of one hour, passed c 328 a 334
- new fire-boat:** order that the committee on finance be requested to provide in the first loan bill \$75,000 for new boat, referred to committee on finance a 160

Fire Department, continued.

- payment to widow of Cornelius H. Tagen, annuity:** see Tagen, Cornelius H.
- payment to widow of Frank Bean:** see Bean, Frank
- payment of pensions:** see Treasury Department
- pay of linemen:** order that the fire commissioner be requested to arrange an eight-hour schedule and place the rate of compensation at \$3.00 per day for linemen, referred to the mayor c 285
- pension for call firemen:** order that fire commissioner be requested to make permanent provision for call fireman injured in discharge of duties to entitle them to a pension, etc., referred to the mayor c 88; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the fire commissioner, placed on file c 108
- post hydrant, Albion pl.:** order to cause hydrant to be transferred to a more accessible location, referred to the mayor c 200
- Somerville fire-alarm:** order that the fire commissioner be requested to report why the Somerville Fire Department are allowed to maintain an alarm in Charlestown, and why same should not be removed, referred to the mayor c 285; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the fire commissioner relative to, placed on file c 317
- tappers at bridges:** order to place at Congress st. and Summer st. bridges, referred to the mayor c 408
- three-horse hitch, Engine 2:** order that the fire commissioner be requested, through the mayor, to provide engine 2 with a three-horse hitch, referred to the mayor c 164
- transfer of land, Parker Hill:** communication from the mayor transmitting order authorizing transfer of land from water department, discussed, referred to committee on public improvements a 735-737-report, accepted, order passed a 744 c 747
- posts:**
- BARRY ST.:** petition to erect two poles a 582; order for hearing a 614-hearing a 634-referred a 656
- CHANDLER ST.:** petition to erect a 174; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the fire commissioner, placed on file c 183; order for hearing a 312-hearing a 366-granted a 377
- SOUTHAMPTON ST.:** petition to erect poles a 423; order for hearing a 425-hearing a 458-granted a 513
- WASHINGTON AND STATE STS.:** petition to erect post a 711-order for hearing a 711-granted a 714-hearing a 737-granted a 760
- test boxes:**
- MAIN and other sts.:** petition a 520-order for hearing a 520-hearing a 530-granted a 537
- Fireproof Building for Registry of Deeds. (See County Accounts.)**
- Fireworks.**
- order that firing of fireworks be allowed on June 17 and July 4, etc., passed a 438
- AMERICAN CLUB:** Border st., petition license a 572-granted a 572
- BELL, TILTON S.:** petition, permit for Franklin Field a 435-granted a 439
- CHINESE MERCHANT ASSOCIATION:** petition a 174-granted a 181
- COLUMBUS CLUB:** order to allow permission to display fireworks, cor. Pleasant and Stoughton sts., passed a 472
- DEVOTEES OF ST. ANTONIE:** petition, license, North End park a 412-granted a 417
- DROHAN, WILLIAM L.:** petition for leave to set off fireworks, Columbia road a 684-granted a 706
- ITALIAN SOCIETY OF ST. MARY:** petition, license a 389-granted a 395; petition to discharge fireworks, North End park a 376-granted a 385
- ITALIAN SOCIETY OF ST. ROCCO:** North End park, petition, license a 571-granted a 573; petition a 532-granted a 536
- MCCLELLAN, WILLIAM F.:** petition, license a 634-granted a 637
- LEE, JOHN H.:** petition to discharge fireworks a 712-granted a 715
- MURPHY, T. F.:** Parker Hill, petition, license a 582-granted a 590
- MUTUAL BENEVOLENT SOCIETY:** North End park, petition a 571-granted a 573
- NORTH END PARK:** Gaetano Vitale, President Maria S. S. Carmine Society, granted a 517; Marie Santissima Della Grazia Society, petition a 613-granted a 616

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- PANFREY, JOSEPH F.:** petition to display, Columbia road a 654-granted a 659
- OLD HOME WEEK:** order to allow, passed a 516, 517
- ST. ANTONIO SOCIETY:** petition to discharge fireworks a 310-granted a 315
- ST. CIRIACO SOCIETY:** petition license a 520-granted a 522
- SEVEN DOLORES SOCIETY:** North End park, petition, license a 571-granted a 573
- SOCIETY MARIA S. S. DELLE GRAZIE:** petition, license a 532-granted a 536
- SOCIETY OF SAN BENIGNO:** petition, license a 532-granted a 536; order that license for fireworks be revoked, passed a 589
- SOCIETY SANDO ANTONIO DI PADOVA:** petition, license a 532-granted a 536
- SOCIETY SAN MICHELE ARCANGELO:** North End park, petition license a 582-granted a 590
- TILTON, H. H., FIREWORKS COMPANY:** petition to discharge a 310-granted a 315
- WARD 16 DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE:** petition to discharge fireworks a 642-granted a 650

First National Bank.

- petition to construct area, etc., Franklin st. a 68-granted a 141

First street.

- electric arc light:** order to place at corner of alley adjoining yard of Metropolitan Coal Company, referred to the mayor c 726

First-street Playground. (See South Boston Playground, First street.)**Fisher avenue.**

- pole:** fire commissioner, petition to erect a 202-order for hearing a 312-hearing a 366-granted a 377

Fitzgerald, Cornelius J., Councilman, Ward 14.

qualified: page 2

- appointed:** committee on building department, city messenger department, institutions department, police department, public lands, treasury department, water department, Evacuation Day, Fourth of July c 149, 150; committee to attend funeral of Archbishop Williams c 569

- orders offered:** improvement of M-st. playground c 37
lamp, East Seventh st. c 92
improvement of M-st. playground c 120, 121
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lamp, Emerson st. c 409
improvement, M-st. playground c 444
Independence sq. loans c 508
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payment of fire and police pensions c 542
bath employees c 626
lockers, L-st. bath c 626
abolition of bath department c 627
skating, M-st. playground c 726
care of shelter c 750
loans for Independence sq. c 608
lockers, L-st. bath c 608
work of bath department employees c 609

- remarks:** improvement M-st. playground c 148, 149
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erection of wooden building, Arlington ave. c 355
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lockers, L-st. bath c 609
employees, L-st. bath c 609, 610
abolition of board of bath trustees c 627, 628
municipal lighting c 749, 750
loan of \$2,500 for L-st. bath c 773

Fitzgerald, Hon. John F., Mayor.

address to the city council January 7, page 2-18

Fitzgerald, Mary.

petition, compensation for personal injuries a 662

Fitzgerald, Thomas F., Councilman, Ward 3.

qualified: page 2

- appointed:** committee on finance, park department, public buildings department, Seventeenth of June, judiciary c 149, 150; disposition of garbage c 162; committee on Old Home Week c 525; committee to attend funeral of Archbishop Williams c 569; committee on annual dinner c 719

- orders offered:** municipal building and bath, Charlestown c 22
loan for surface drainage c 167
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- remarks:** improvement, Deer Island c 56, 57
loan for street improvements c 194, 197, 198
appropriation bill c 276, 302
erection of wooden building, Arlington ave. c 354, 356
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abolition of board of bath trustees c 627
loan of \$2,000,000 c 718
municipal lighting c 722, 749

Fitzmorris, Michael.

bay-window, Brooks st., Ward 1, petition and order for hearing a 532-hearing a 570

Flanagan, Daniel Lawrence, Alderman.

qualified: page 1

- appointed:** new division of precincts, Ward 20 a 41; committee on armories, Faneuil Hall, licenses a 53; committee on art department, assessing department, auditing department, building department, cemetery department, city clerk department, clerk of committees department, election department, fire department, institutions department, music department, overseeing of the poor department, public buildings department, schools and school-houses, statistics department, vessels and ballast department, weights and measures department, Fourth of July, Labor Day, mayor's address a 106, 107; committee on billboard advertising a 378

- orders offered:** pay, increase for laborers a 71
appropriation for increase of pay of laborers a 71
improvement of Ward 9 playground a 109
removal tree, Harrison ave. a 140
Way-st. building a 223
ball playing, Mystic playground a 223
holiday for street department men on day of picnic a 245
removal of tree, Washington st. a 416
widening Albany st. a 417
location of lamps, Oswego st. a 428
closing Pleasant st. a 430
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repair of roadway, Albany st. a 666
improvements, Kneeland st. a 666

- remarks:** petroleum licenses a 413, 414
death of Archbishop Williams a 566
increase of salary of matrons a 745
closing proceedings a 789

Fletcher, Julia.

bay-window, Marion st., petition and order for hearing a 221-hearing a 248-withdrawn a 369

Fletcher street, Ward 23.

accepting and laying out : order to accept and lay out as a public way, passed c 155 a 157

Flood square.

drinking fountain : order that the water commissioner be requested to place, referred to the mayor c 33; order to submit estimate of expense of locating, referred to the mayor c 407

Florence street, Ward 23.

tree : order to remove in front of No. 16, passed a 605

Floyd street, Dorchester.

lamp : order to locate in front of No. 6, passed a 688

Foley, Anna.

petition for compensation for personal injuries a 511

Foley, William J., Councilman, Ward 7.

qualified : page 2

appointed : committee on appropriations, clerk of committees, fire department, health department, market department, overseeing of the poor department, public buildings department, water department, Fourth of July c 149, 150; committee on billboard advertising c 408; committee on Old Home Week c 525

orders offered : note-paper for councilmen c 153

Folsom, Harry L.

petition, compensation for injuries to horse a 634

Forest Hills.

foot-bridge : order that the city engineer furnish estimate of cost of a foot-bridge over the Boston and Providence Division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, from the primary school-yard on Washington st. to Hyde Park ave., passed a 677; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the city engineer, placed on file a 755

Forest Hills square.

cars : see Boston Elevated Railway Company

engine-house : see Fire Department

Forger, John H.

petition for compensation for expenses incurred in defence of suit brought against him while in discharge of duties at Deer Island a 612

Fort avenue.

pole : New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 459-order for hearing a 614-hearing a 642-referred a 656

Fort Hill Wharf.

shipment of garbage and waste : see Sanitary Department

Forty-Eight Hour Law. (See Law Department.)**Foss street, Ward 5.**

asphalting : order to asphalt, referred to the mayor c 91

building : Estate of P. O'Rlorden, granted a 249 c 278

Foster street.

poles : New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 683

Fountain street, Ward 21.

bay-windows : Mark Harris, petition and order for hearing a 311-hearing a 366-granted a 311; communication from the mayor vetoing the permit, referred to the committee on public improvements a 411-report, accepted, vote sustained a 616

resurfacing, etc. : order to improve from Regent st. to Circuit st., referred to the mayor c 240

Fourth of July.

celebration : order for appointment of committee to make arrangements for, passed c 35 a 51; committee appointed a 107 c 150

free ferries : see Street Department

Fourth street.

gas-lamps : order to place between Atlantic and Pacific sts., referred to the mayor c 407

tree : Mary McGovern, petition to trim a 531

Fowl.

GILMAN, CATHERINE T. : petition to be paid for loss of fowl killed by dogs a 684-report, no further action necessary a 713

HOLLIS, G. W. : petition to be paid for loss of fowl killed by dogs a 662-granted a 667

LEWIS, EDWIN J. : petition to be paid for loss of fowl killed by dogs a 662-granted a 667

LIVERSIDGE INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRY : petition for loss of fowl a 601-granted a 667

ODGEN & THOMPSON : petition to be paid for loss of fowl killed by dogs a 389-granted a 461

ROSS, JOHN : petition to be paid for loss of fowls a 684-granted a 702, 703

Fowler, William P.

appointed overseer of the poor a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 336-confirmed a 346; appointed institutions registrar a 332

Francis street.

sidewalk : James H. Curry, petition a 634-granted a 637; petition a 643-granted a 650

Franklin Building Association.

petition to erect building, Ashmont st. a 219-granted a 377-assigned c 403-taken up, discussed c 449, 453-assigned c 453-taken up, reconsideration refused c 557; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, permit refused a 379

Franklin Field.

building : order that from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island \$25,000 be appropriated for a sanitary and locker building, assigned c 35-taken up, passed c 91 a 97; communication from the committee on public improvements a 138; order for loan of \$25,000 for a sanitary and locker building, rejected, reconsidered and assigned c 164-taken up, indefinitely postponed c 510-report, no action necessary a 616

completion of speedway : order that from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island \$6,000 be appropriated for completion of speedway, passed c 91 a 97; communication from the mayor vetoing loan of \$6,000 placed on file, order indefinitely postponed c 109; order that from the money received for the sale of a portion of Deer Island \$6,000 be appropriated for speedway, passed c 109-referred to committee on public improvements a 138-report, accepted, order passed a 142; order to start on work of completion at once, passed a 223

Franklin Fund.

investment of fund: order that the city treasurer be authorized to invest and reinvest, with the approval of the board of managers of fund, in City of Boston bonds at par or in other securities, such funds as he may from time to time hold for the benefit of the proposed Franklin Union over which the managers of the fund may have control, passed c 22 a 50

Franklin park.

playstead: order to remove age restrictions in rules for use of playground, passed a 517

removal of wall, Seaver st.: communication from the mayor vetoing order for loan of \$5,000, referred to committee on public improvements a 527-report, discussed a 744, 745-refused passage over veto a 745

toboggan chute: order that park commissioners report estimate of cost of erecting and maintaining, referred to the mayor c 167; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the park commissioners, placed on file c 208; order that park commissioners be requested to have erected an extra toboggan chute, referred to the mayor c 628

Franklin square.

flag-staff: order to erect and furnish a suitable flag, referred to the mayor c 360

Franklin square, Ward 25.

planting, etc.: order to plant shrubs, flowers, and put in proper condition, referred to the mayor c 444

Franklin street.

areas, etc.: First National Bank, petition a 68-granted a 141

sub-basement: First National Bank, petition a 156-granted a 159

Franklin-street Tunnel, Ward 25.

improvements: order to regutter beams, etc., under the Boston & Albany Railroad tracks, referred to the mayor c 237

Franklin and Blackstone squares.

convenience station: *see* Ward 12

fences: order to repair, referred to the mayor c 286

sand gardens: order that the superintendent of public grounds place additional sand boxes, swings and gymnastic apparatus, referred to the mayor c 509

Freeman, Ethel Maud.

petition, compensation for injuries, Belgrade ave. a 257-refused a 340 c 350

Freeport street.

bath: *see* Bath Department

building: D. J. Cutter, petition to erect a 241-granted c 282-referred to committee on public improvements a 292-report, accepted, permit granted a 294

roadway: order to resurface, referred to committee on public improvements a 666-report, accepted, order passed a 668

sidewalk: Thomas Haley, petition a 582-granted a 591

trees: order that permission be granted Ezra W. Taylor to remove trees, passed a 766

Free Telephones. (See Overseeing of the Poor Department.)**French, Arthur P., et al., trustees.**

petition to be paid for replacing plate glass window a 220-refused a 615 c 624

French, Charles E., Bequest.

communication from the mayor transmitting a communication from the executors of the will stating that they are ready to turn over to the city the amount left to it by the deceased; orders accepting same, referred to committee on public improvements a 257-report, accepted, order passed a 315 c 318

Friedberg, Albert.

petition compensation, personal injuries, refused a 258 c 278

Friedman, Lee M., admr.

petition, to be refunded amount of tax on estate, Ludlow st., which was twice paid a 435

Fuller street, Ward 24.

resurfacing roadway: order to resurface, referred to committee on public improvements a 347-report, accepted, order passed a 373

roadway: order to resurface, referred to committee on public improvements a 666-report, accepted, order passed a 668

sidewalk: schedule of cost, with order to assess and collect, passed a 43

Gaffney, Annie E.

compensation for death of husband (petition referred last year), refused a 615 c 624

Gainsborough street.

roadway: order to close, passed a 472

Gallagher, Edward M.

appointed pauper institutions trustee a 332

Gannett street.

sidewalk: Joseph Rudnick, petition a 582-granted a 590

Garbage Plant, Spectacle Island. (See Health Department.)**Garbage, Removal of.**

order that expense incurred by committee for hearing be charged to city council, incidental expenses, passed a 224 c 231

Gardner avenue, Ward 20.

lamps: order to rearrange gas-lamps, referred to the mayor c 287

Gardner and Roxbury streets.

electric light: order to place on corner, referred to the mayor c 546

Gates street.

resurfacing: order to resurface from Dorchester st. to East Eighth st., referred to the mayor c 454

Geary, Thomas J.

petition, compensation for injuries to horse a 220-refused a 340 c 349

Geneva avenue.

sidewalk: H. L. Ray, petition a 389-granted a 395; John W. Douse, petition a 435-granted a 439; Louis A. Deiss, petition a 435-granted a 439

Geneva and Homes avenues.

sidewalk: Louis Deiss, petition a 258—granted a 268

Geneva avenue and Vinson street.

improvement: order to reconstruct the gutter at the north corner, etc., referred to the mayor c 86

George, E. Howard, Councilman, Ward 21.

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on claims, election department, ordinances and law department, police department c 149, 150; committee on Roxbury High Fort c 525

remarks: playground, Ward 21 c 236
appropriation, Meridian-st. bridge c 480, 481
market leases c 778

George street.

sidewalk: order to make, referred to committee on public improvements a 315; order for construction, referred to committee on public improvements a 370—report, accepted, order passed a 373; order to repair, passed a 478

Germantown, Fire House. (See Fire Department.)**Gibson Playground.**

baseball diamond: order that the park commissioners be requested to submit an estimate of cost of levelling and laying out a baseball diamond, erecting bleachers, iron fence, etc., referred to the mayor c 86; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from park commissioners, placed on file c 144

seats and lights: order to provide seats and lights, referred to the mayor c 167

Gill, Edward, et al.

petition for restoration of car service, Shawmut ave. a 248—report no action necessary, a 743

Gillespie, Daniel H.

appointed superintendent of sanitary department a 308—referred to committee on public improvements a 335—report, accepted, discussed a 344, 345—appointment confirmed a 345

Gilman, John E.

appointed soldiers' relief commissioner a 308—referred to committee on public improvements a 335—confirmed a 346

**Girdwood, Jessie, Legacy to Girls' Latin School.
(See Bequests.)****Glendale street.**

sidewalk: C. S. Conant, petition a 582—granted a 591; William A. Whittenmore, petition a 654—granted a 659

Glendon street.

sidewalk: C. D. Beach, petition a 412—granted a 417

Glenway street.

crossing: order to provide at York st., passed a 658

lamp: order to place between Erie st. and Blue Hill ave., referred to the mayor c 152

Goldberg, Nettie.

compensation for personal injuries (referred in 1906), refused a 391 c 403

Goldsmith, Simon.

bay-windows, Tremont st. and Columbus ave., petitions and order for hearing a 248—hearing a 310—granted a 369

Gottlieb, Ida.

petition, compensation for personal injuries a 389—referred a 656 c 671

Grade Crossings, Neponset and Granite avenues.

resolution and order relative to abolition of grade crossings, referred to committee on public improvements a 265—report, accepted, order passed a 268

Grady, Alexander W.

petition, compensation for personal injuries a 642

Grade Crossings, East Boston.

abolition: James E. Maguire *et al.*, petition that grade crossings be abolished; petition of board of aldermen for abolition; orders relative to, referred to committee on public improvements a 743

Grain, Measurer.

L. P. Wood, appointed a 242—confirmed a 248; Charles E. Avery *et al.*, appointed a 289, 290—confirmed a 311; John J. Barnes, John Steele, appointed a 332—confirmed a 368; Frederick W. Nelson, appointed a 457—confirmed a 469; Fred T. Baker *et al.*, appointed a 580—confirmed a 601; Thomas F. White, appointed a 594—confirmed a 601; Frank H. Sargent, appointed a 653—confirmed a 662; Leonard T. Purdy, appointed a 728—confirmed a 762

Grampian way.

repairing: order to place in proper condition the sidewalk and street, passed a 589

Grand Army of Republic.

leave of absence to attend encampment: *see* City Employees

Great Bridge. (See Art Department.)**Green, Edward M., Councilman, Ward 24.**

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on bath department, clerk of committees department, cemetery department, printing department, Dorchester Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day c 149, 150; committee on market department c 374

remarks: playground, Mattapan c 279
loan order \$1,599,500 c 490
water loan c 553, 554
market leases c 778

Green, Harry.

petition, compensation for damages to property, Auburn st. a 737

Green street.

coal-hole: Henry P. Emerson, petition a 435—granted a 439

Greenbrier street.

roadway: order to resurface, referred to committee on public improvements a 666—report, accepted, order passed a 668

sidewalk: P. O'Hearn, petition a 241—granted a 252

Grove street.

guy-rope: Thomas F. Welch, petition a 532—granted a 536

Grundy, William G.

petition, compensation, personal injuries a 68

Guild row.

poles: Edison Electric Illuminating Company, petition to erect a 257—order for hearing a 312—hearing a 366

H street.

resurfacing: order to resurface from East Sixth st. to East Eighth st., referred to the mayor c 407

sidewalk: Alexander Cook, petition a 157—granted a 268

H and Fourth streets.

electric light: order to place, referred to the mayor c 187

Hackett, William, Councilman, Ward 21.

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on auditing department, printing department, public buildings department, public grounds department, registry department, Labor Day c 149, 150; committee to attend funeral of Archbishop Williams c 569

orders offered: street sign, St. James ter. c 38
Roxbury stand-pipe improvement c 86
crosswalk, Circuit st. c 152
board walk, Washington st. c 152
lamp, Cliff st. a 339
promotion of reserve officers c 239
list of streets c 239
gas-lamp, Cliff pl. c 327
resurfacing Walnut ave. c 327
electric lights, Walnut ave. c 327
grade of Cliff st. c 408, 409
sand gardens, Ward 21 c 409
holiday, Memorial Day c 409
removal tree, Dale st. c 454
removal tree, Dorchester ave. c 545
fire-box, Alpine and St. James sts. c 607
lamp, St. James st. c 710

remarks: Roxbury stand pipe Improvement c 86, 87
playground, Ward 21 c 236

Hamilton street.

sidewalk: Mrs J. F. Fitzgerald, petition a 333—granted a 341; W. H. Sullivan, petition a 459—granted a 466; William H. Crosby, petition a 459—granted a 466; W. H. Sullivan, petition a 571—granted a 590; William H. Crosby, petition a 601—granted a 604

trees: order to remove in front of estate of Frederick J. Rockwell, passed a 416

Hamlin, Joseph P.

petition for hearing in claim for damages to estate, London st. a 581

Hammett street, Ward 19.

sidewalks: order for construction, referred to committee on public improvements a 373—report, accepted, order passed a 385; communication from the mayor vetoing order, referred to committee on public improvements a 388—report, accepted, veto sustained a 616

Hammond street.

resurfacing: order to resurface, referred to the mayor c 151

Hampden street.

widening: order that the committee on legislative matters be requested to appear before the committee on claims and advocate passage of house bill No. 94, referred to committee on legislative matters c 199

Hampden and Albany streets.

lamp: order to locate and maintain at the corner, passed a 683

Hampshire street.

improvements: order to resurface and make sidewalks, referred to the mayor c 285

Hancock street.

sidewalk: Samuel W. Flox, petition a 459—granted a 466

Hanover street.

car service: see Boston Elevated Railway Company

coal-hole opening: Charles E. Wyzanski *et al.*, trustees, petition a 613—granted a 616; petition a 654—granted a 659

Hanrahan, Bernard F., Councilman, Ward 2.

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on appropriations, bath department, election department, police department, mayor's address c 149, 150; committee to attend funeral of Archbishop Williams c 569

orders offered: benches in school yard c 90
playground, Lyman district c 90
improvement Cottage-st. playground c 90
use of streets c 90
payment for extra work c 359

remarks: use of sidewalk, ordinance c 146, 147
playground, Ward 21 c 325
expenses of W. H. Burns c 501

Harbor and Land Commissioners.

BOSTON HARBOR: notice of hearing on petition of city to extend boundary line at Deer Island a 661

CHARLES RIVER: notice of hearing on petition of trustees of estate of Horace Cousens for license to build a sea wall a 311; notice of hearing on petition of Edmund D. Codman *et al.*, trustees, to fill solid a 336

CHELSEA CREEK: petition of Standard Oil Company to build pile wharf a 43; notice of hearing on petition of Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board to build bulkhead a 368

CONGRESS-ST. BRIDGE: notice of hearing on petition of City of Boston to extend down stream end a 587

FORT HILL WHARF: notice of hearing on petition of City of Boston to build bulkhead a 415

FORT POINT CHANNEL: notice of hearing on petition of Everett H. Forbes *et al.*, agents, for license to fill solid, placed on file a 311; notice of hearing on petition of Eastern Yacht Club of Marblehead to build pile structure a 424—notice of hearing on petition of Edison Electric Illuminating Company a 390; notice of hearing on petition of American Sugar Refining Company to drive fender pile, a 661, 662; notice of hearing on petition for extension of bridge, Atlantic ave. a 757

LINCOLN'S WHARF: notice of hearing on petition of Boston Elevated Railway Company a 368; Boston Elevated Railway Company, petition to build a wharf a 532

MILLER'S RIVER: order of notice of hearing on petition of Boston & Maine Railroad Company for license a 204

MYSTIC RIVER: notice of hearing on petition of West End Street Railway Company, placed on file a 98; notice of hearing on petition of West End Street Railway Company a 415; notice of hearing on petition of West End Street Railway Company to build a bulkhead and fill solid a 532; notice of hearing on petition of George R. Blinn *et al.*, for leave to build pile wharf a 662

NORTHERN AVE. SEA WALL: City of Boston, petition for approval of plans a 43

SOLDIERS' FIELD BRIDGE: notice of hearing on petition of Walworth Manufacturing Company for license to extend wharf a 460

SOUTH BAY: notice of hearing on petition of Boston Consolidated Gas Company to drive piles a 532; notice of hearing on petition of West End Street Railway Company to tunnel at wharf a 532

SOUTH BOSTON DOCK NO. 1: notice of hearing on approval of plans for sea wall a 757

SOUTH CHANNEL, MYSTIC RIVER: notice of a hearing on petition of the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal Company for a license to build an extension of wharf a 655

TIDE-WATER: notice of hearing on petition of city of Boston to dump snow and ice a 651; notice of hearing on petition of Boston Elevated Railway Company for license to dump snow and ice, placed on file a 662

SUMNER AND LIVERPOOL STS.: notice of hearing on petition of John E. Lynch, placed on file a 635

Harcourt street.

iron pipes: M. H. Gulesian, petition to lay a 582-granted a 591; petition to lay a 642-granted a 650

Harding, Charles T., Councilman, Ward 20.

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on fire department, institutions department, public buildings department, statistics department, street department, Dorchester Day c 150

orders offered: repair fence, Park st. c 39
 building, Charlesbank c 86
 baseball, Gibson playground c 86
 fees for permits c 86
 acceptance of Kilton st. c 152
 street laying out, Wellesley park and Clement st. c 167
 seats and lights, Gibson playground c 167
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 protest against telephone rates, fee for sale of merchandise, locations in public buildings c 201
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 improvement of stations, N. Y., N. H., & H. R. R. c 287
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remarks: permit of Franklin Building Association c 452

Harold street.

poles: Edison Electric Illuminating Company, petition to erect a 662

Harper, Edith M.

petition to maintain lying-in hospital, Coolidge road a 247-withdrawn a 258

Harper, Jennie D.

petition for hearing on claim a 220

Harper, Thomas J.

petition for hearing on claim a 220

Harris Marks.

petitions and order for hearing, bay-window, Howard ave. a 311-hearing a 366-granted a 377; petition and order for hearing, Fountain st. a 311-hearing a 366-granted a 377; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 411-report, accepted, veto sustained a 616

Harris, Mary A.

petition for payment of an annuity to her, the widow of Patrolman Harris a 174-report, with order for payment, accepted, passed a 182 c 187

Harrison avenue.

location of tracks, revocation of: see Railroads

tree: order to remove dead tree in front of No. 327

Harrison avenue, Harvard and Kneeland streets.

grading and repairing crosswalks: order requesting superintendent of streets to grade and repair crosswalks, referred to the mayor c 91

Harvard avenue.

passageway: order to execute indenture with George A. Wilson, for laying out of passageway to engine-house, etc., referred to committee on public improvements a 371-report, accepted, order passed a 373 c 403

Harvard and Commonwealth avenues.

tree: Bertha Ruther, petition to remove a 737

Harvard street, Dorchester.

guard rail on bridge: order to provide a suitable iron guard or rail, etc., passed a 649

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect eight poles a 582

sidewalk: Norman Clark, petition a 248-granted a 251; Charles H. Stewart, petition a 476-granted a 478; Rev. Francis J. Butler, petition a 476-granted a 478; Charles H. Lindsay, petition a 594-granted a 598; Harvard Building Association, petition a 654-granted a 659; Mrs. T. S. Pitt, petition a 654-granted a 659

tree: order to remove in front of No. 222, passed a 636; order to remove in front of No. 222, passed a 649

Harvard and Albany streets.

cellar floor: Evelyn T. Gale, petition to construct a 202-granted a 221

Harvard street and Talbot avenue.

sidewalk: Joseph Engel, petition a 582-granted a 591

Harvest and other streets, Ward 16.

extending and laying out: order that the street commissioners give estimate of cost of extending to Strandway, referred to the mayor c 37

Hasey, Kate.

petition for hearing on claim against sanitary department a 147

Hatton, James A., Councilman, Ward 4.

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on auditing department, clerk of committees department, collecting department, public lands, schools and school-houses, Fourth of July, Seventeenth of June, rules and orders of the common council c 149, 150; committee on Old Home Week c 525

sympathy upon death of mother: resolutions relative to, passed c 707

orders offered: lighting observatory, Charlestown heights c 39

lighting of playground, Sullivan sq. c 39
 extra mealtime for firemen c 200
 transfer of post hydrant c 200
 sanitary condition Dewey beach c 235
 locker accommodations, Dewey beach c 235
 new scows c 235
 gymnasium, Charlestown playground c 235
 drinking fountain Charlestown playground c 409
 Dewey beach improvement c 409
 lighting Charlestown playground c 710

Haverhill street.

pole: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 476

Havre street.

area: Mary Hickey, petition to construct wooden cover a 469-granted a 473; H. P. Nawn, petition to construct wooden cover a 469-granted a 473

bulkhead opening: J. P. Hickey, petition a 459-granted a 466

pole: order to relocate, passed a 464

trees: order to remove in front of No. 9, passed a 207-order to trim and remove in front of No. 28 and 30, passed a 340

Hay and Straw, Pressed or Bundled, Inspectors.

William M. Dunn, appointed a 19-confirmed a 51; Morton Alden *et als.*, appointed a 290-confirmed a 311; James H. Donovan, *et als.*, appointed a 653-confirmed a 662; Frank H. Sargent, appointed a 653-confirmed a 662; Amos Hubbard, appointed a 672-confirmed a 702; Frank M. Westgate, appointed a 728-confirmed a 762

Hay Scales, Superintendents.

north hay scales: Herbert C. Davis appointed a 290-confirmed a 311

Roxbury hay scales: Neil McInnes, appointed a 290-confirmed a 311

south hay scales: Maurice J. McCarthy appointed a 200-confirmed a 311

Hayes, John J., Councilman, Ward 4.

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on assessing department, bath department, city clerk department, legislative matters, ordinances and law department, overseeing of the poor department, Seventeenth of June c 149, 150; committee to attend funeral of Archbishop Williams c 569

orders offered: celebration of June Seventeenth c 38
gymnastic apparatus, Charlestown playground c 165
gymnastic apparatus Charlestown playground c 284

remarks: armory, Charlestown district c 60, 61

Hayes square.

settees: order to place around open space, referred to the mayor c 325

Hayford, Nathan H., et al.

remonstrance against allowing coasting in Egleston and Boylston sts. a 712-report recommending reference to police commissioner a 715

Heads of Departments. (See, also, the Different Departments.)

citizens to be employed: order that heads of departments be instructed to employ citizens only in making repairs, passed a 362 a 367

payment for extra work: *see* City Employees

strike action: order that the heads of departments be requested to instruct their employees not to receive goods from non-union teamsters during present strike, passed c 319 a 334

union label on horseshoes: *see* Horseshoers, Union Labels

Health Department.

committee: appointed a 106 c 150

board: Michael W. Norris, appointed member a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 336-confirmed a 346

additional vaccination: preamble and order relative to vaccination of occupants of buildings 161-169 Albany street, referred to committee on health a 266 c 284

garbage plant nuisance: order that the board of health investigate and report whether the garbage plant as now conducted on Spectacle Island is a nuisance, etc., discussed c 607, 608-referred to the mayor c 608

investigation of soap factory: order that the board of health be requested to investigate soap factory located on Dorchester ave., referred to the mayor c 408

lying-in hospital: E. A. Riley, M.D., petition, renewal license, Bay State road a 220-referred to committee on health department, with instructions to give a public hearing a 243; remonstrance of James M. Prendergast and others against renewing license 310 Bay State road a 292-report, referred to committee on health department a 246-granted a 390; Edith M. Harper, petition to maintain Coolidge rd. a 247-withdrawn a 258; Margaret Rogers, petition, license, Washington st., Ward 25 a 376-granted a 390; M. E. Carley, M.D., petition, license lying-in hospital, Washington st., Brighton a 531-granted a 571; John W. Johnson, M.D., petition to maintain a 654-granted a 661; Margaret Rogers, petition, license, Boylston st. a 673-granted a 685

Health Department, continued.

milk stations: order that the corporation counsel be requested to give his opinion as to whether or not the board of health has authority to establish stations for distribution of milk, passed a 206; opinion of corporation counsel, referred to committee on public improvements a 219-report, accepted, placed on file a 224

refuse on streets, regulation of: order that the board of health and superintendent of sanitary department be requested to confer and regulate privilege relative to number of hours refuse may remain in streets, referred to the mayor c 362

removal nuisance, Telford st.: *see* Telford st.

sanitary condition of steamer Zelandia: order that board of health investigate, referred to the mayor c 359-communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the board of health, placed on file c 397

signs on city buildings: order to place signs on the morgue and superintendent of pedlers' office, North Grove st., referred to the mayor c 724

slaughter of live fowl: order that the board of health be requested to grant temporary permits to all Hebrew butchers and provision dealers for slaughter of live fowl from September 7 to October 1, 1907, referred to the mayor c 544

smoke nuisance, Allston: communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the health department, placed on file c 495

soap factory nuisance: communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the health department relative to c 494, 495-placed on file c 495

vacating premises Albany street: order that the board of health be requested to take action to cause premises to be vacated numbered 169, passed a 266

Heath square.

fire-alarm box: order to place, referred to the mayor c 611

improvement: order that superintendent of public grounds remodel lot and place seats therein, referred to the mayor c 359

Heath street.

electric light: order to place near c 317 a 319-referred to the mayor c 609; order to place near 301 and 339, referred to the mayor c 611; order to maintain near No. 37, referred to the mayor c 751

gas-lamp: order to maintain in rear of 116, referred to the mayor c 93

pole: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to remove a 570

resurfacing: order to resurface between Columbus ave. and Huntington ave., referred to the mayor c 285

Hebrew Holidays. (See City Employees.)**Hebrews, Leave of absence on Holidays. (See City Employees.)****Hemenway School. (See School Department.)****Hemenway street.**

sidewalk: Joseph Green, petition a 412-granted a 417

Henley and other streets.

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 98

Henry street.

iron pipe: George F. Mullett, petition to lay a 459-granted a 466

trees: order to remove in front of No. 7, passed a 428

Henry, Trenton and Eutaw streets.

lamps: order that superintendent of lamps place same, passed a 463

Hern, Dennis J.

appointed superintendent of lamps a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 335-confirmed a 346

Hewlett street.

dish gutters and repairing sidewalks, etc.: order that superintendent of streets be requested to repair sidewalks, etc., referred to committee on public improvements a 638-report, accepted, order passed a 668

sidewalk: A. Theisinger *et als.*, petition a 412-granted a 417

Hey, Marion.

petition, compensation, personal injuries a 290-refused a 424 c 443

Hichborn, Samuel.

appointed assessor a 309-referred to committee on public improvements a 336-confirmed a 346

High street.

poles: Charlestown Gas and Electric Company, petition to locate a 711-order for hearing a 714-hearing a 737

Highland Park.

stand-pipe: *see* Roxbury Stand-pipe

Highland street and Fort avenue.

sidewalk: order to place at corner, referred to the mayor c 409

High School of Commerce.

portion of mayor's address relative to, page 7

Highway Assessment.

order to pay \$66.49 with interest, being amount assessed on County of Suffolk by Massachusetts Highway Commission, etc., passed a 438

Hirshberg, Isaac.

bay-window, Paris st., petition and order for hearing a 470-hearing a 511

History of Roxbury. (See Registry Department.)**Hoffman, Joseph.**

compensation for personal injuries, refused a 258 c 278

Hogan, Agnes.

petition, compensation, personal injuries a 174

Holbrook street.

tree: order to remove in front of No. 15 passed a 463

Hollander and Harold streets.

sidewalk: Jacob B. Greenberg, petition a 412-granted a 417

Holloran, Mrs. Mary A.

petition for damages to property, Glenway st. a 68

Holton and Athol streets.

sidewalk: order for construction, passed a 676

Homer street.

sidewalk: William E. Brown, petition a 654-granted a 659

Homes avenue.

sidewalk: John Kelley, petition a 424-granted a 429; C. C. Ryder, petition a 476-granted a 478

Homestead street.

sidewalk: Sirk & Alpert, petition a 643-granted a 650

Hooker street.

tree: order to remove at corner Melville ave., passed a 572

Hooper street.

buildings, moving: T. J. Billings, petition a 582-granted a 591

Hopedale street.

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition (referred last year), order for hearing a 312-hearing a 376-granted a 513

Horan, George T.

bay-window, Cross st., petition and order for hearing a 532-hearing a 570-withdrawn a 588

Horseshoes, Union Label.

order that all heads of departments be instructed to have all horses shod with shoes bearing union label, passed a 463 c 496

Hospital Department.

committee: appointed a 106 c 150

trustee: Francis J. Keany, M.D., appointed a 308-referred to committee on public improvements c 336-confirmed a 346

closing East Concord st.: *see* East Concord st.

prescriptions at cost: order that the trustees be requested to make provisions for supplying medicine at cost, referred to the mayor c 91

relief station, Haymarket sq.: communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the trustees, relative to taking by right of eminent domain a portion of land of relief station by the Rapid Transit Commission a 578, 579; order for transfer of land, referred to committee on public improvements a 579-report, accepted, order passed a 591 c 606

taking of automobile numbers: order that the trustees instruct employees to make a record of the number of any automobile bringing a case to the hospital, passed a 464

transfer for East Boston Relief Station: communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the trustees relative to, with order that auditor transfer \$3,500 from the appropriation for hospital buildings improvements to appropriation for East Boston Relief Station, referred to committee on public improvements a 457, 458-report, accepted, order passed a 466 c 483

treatment for measles: communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the trustees relative to a 42, 43; order for loan of \$75,000 for erection of building, referred to committee on public improvements a 43-report, accepted, assigned a 141-taken up, passed a 158 c 163

Hospital, East Boston. (See East Boston Hospital.)**Hospital for Consumptives.**

portion of Mayor Fitzgerald's address relative to, pages 7 and 8

Hospitals, Prohibition of.

order that in that portion of the City of Boston formerly the town of Brighton, the use of any building for a hospital for contagious or infectious diseases is hereby prohibited, discussed a 425, 426-referred to committee on public improvements a 426-referred to committee on health a 430; W. K. Corey, trustee, petition against allowing a hospital a 423, 424-report, referring to committee on health department, accepted a 430-report, accepted, discussed a 514,516-order rejected a 516

Hotel Employees.

order that the mayor be requested to cause an investigation to be made as to the observance of the laws regulating hours of labor for women and minors employed in hotels and restaurants, passed a 652-referred to committee on public improvements a 654-report, no action necessary, accepted a 744

Houghton, James.

petition, compensation for personal injuries a 673

Houlihan, May E.

petition, compensation for damage to dress a 531

Howard avenue.

bay-window: Marks Harris, petitions and order for hearing a 311-hearing a 377-granted a 377

sidewalks: Marks Harris, petition a 476-granted a 478; Patrick Canny, petition a 601-granted a 604; L. Laboritz, petition a 654-granted a 659

trees: order to remove four trees in front of Nos. 193-197, passed a 391; order to remove two trees in front of Nos. 210-212, passed a 464

Hourin, Jeremiah J.

petition for hearing on claim for personal injuries a 531

Howell street.

sidewalk: Barbara Hoppe, petition a 582-granted a 591

Hub Theatre.

safety: see Building Department

Hughes, Edward.

appointed chief weigher of vessels a 289-confirmed a 311

Humboldt avenue and Townsend street.

sidewalk: E. J. Bahan, petition a 582-granted a 591

Humphreys street.

pole: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 459

Huntington avenue.

basement floor: John J. Martin, petition to construct, granted a 44

iron pipe, etc.: Back Bay Automobile Company, petition a 241-granted a 246

marquise: Nathan Matthews *et al.*, trustees, petition and order for hearing a 520-hearing a 530-granted a 603.

sidewalk: Charles J. Groves, petition a 241-granted a 252

tracks: see Boston Elevated Railway Company

Huntington avenue and Exeter street.

marquise: Amos H. Whipple, petition and order for hearing a 673-hearing a 712-granted a 760

Hurley, Ellen F.

bay-window, Centre st., petition and order for hearing a 376-hearing a 412-granted a 462

Hutchings street.

sidewalk: A. Diamond, petition a 459-granted a 466

Hutchings and Harold streets.

sidewalk: A. Dimond, petition a 290-granted a 294

Hyde Park avenue.

building: Oriental Hall Association, petition to erect a 365-granted a 424 c 443

widening: order that the finance committee include in the first loan bill \$80,000 for construction and widening of avenue from Hadwin line, referred to committee on finance c 85; order that street commissioners furnish cost of widening from Ashland st. to Hyde Park line, passed a 638

Hyde street.

laying out: order to accept and lay out as a public way, passed a 53 c 54

I street and Columbia road.

band concerts: see Music Department

I and Sixth streets.

crosswalks: order to repair, referred to the mayor c 362

Ice from Chestnut Hill. (See Water Department.)**Increase of Pay of Laborers. (See Laborers.)****Independence square.**

concreting walks: order that the superintendent of public grounds be requested to submit an estimate of expense of concreting walks, referred to the mayor c 33; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent of public grounds, placed on file c 79

drinking fountain: see Water Department

improvements: order to provide \$10,000 for new walks, referred to committee on finance a 440

loans: order that the city auditor transmit list of loans that have been authorized, also as to where the money was transferred to, referred to the mayor c 508; order that the city auditor be requested to transmit a list of the loans that have been authorized in the last ten years for repairs and where money has been transferred to, referred to the mayor c 608; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the city auditor, placed on file c 322

walk: order to report why walks are not repaired and placed in condition, referred to the mayor c 434

Ingleside and Dacia streets.

catch-basin: order to locate, referred to the mayor c 455

Insane, Care of by the State. (See Finance Commission.)**Insane Hospital Department.**

trustee: Charles L. Cooney, appointed a 728; Agnes E. Bulger, appointed a 711

enlargement and erection of new buildings: communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the trustees requesting an appropriation, etc. c 184, 185-referred to committee on finance c 185

Inspection of Prisons. (*See Prisons in Suffolk County.*)**Inspection of Vessels and Ballast Department.**

committee: appointed a 107 c 150

weigher: Edward Hughes, appointed chief a 289-confirmed a 311;
James J. Neville, appointed weigher a 289-confirmed a 311

Institutions Department.

committee: appointed a 106 c 150

registrar: William P. Fowler, appointed a 332

day off for employees: order to allow employees one day off in seven, etc., referred to the mayor c 454

Intervale, Brunswick and Warren streets.

sidewalk: Shapiro & Levine, petition a 601-granted a 604

Ipswich street.

tracks: *see* West End Street Railway Company

Ira Allen School.

noiseless pavement: *see* Parker st.

Jackson square.

electric light: order to place near Centre st., referred to the mayor c 547

Jackson, William.

appointed city engineer a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 335-report, accepted, appointment confirmed a 342

Jamaica Plain.

all-year bath: *see* Bath Department

cars: *see* Boston Elevated Railway Company

more cars: *see* Boston Elevated Railway Company

playground: *see* Playground, Jamaica Plain

Jamaica Pond.

band concerts: *see* Music Department

James street, West Roxbury.

laying out and accepting: order that the street commissioners be requested to lay out and accept, from Poplar st., passed a 105 c 123

Jars, Sealing, Fees for. (*See Legislative Matters.*)**Jewett, Thomas.**

petition, compensation for personal injuries a 458, 459

John Boyle O'Reilly Memorial.

communication from the mayor transmitting communication from Mr. A. Shuman, and presenting fence to be placed around statue in Back Bay Fens, and communication from the secretary of the art commission approving same; order that city council accept gift, passed a 156 c 163

Johnson, John A.

compensation for damage caused by collision with city ash team, refused a 258 c 278

Johnson, John W., M.D.

petition to maintain lying-in hospital, Worcester st. a 654-granted a 661

Jordan, Louis C.

petition for hearing on claim a 202

Joseph Warren Statue. (*See Statue to Joseph Warren.*)**Joyce, Thomas M., Councilman, Ward 17.**

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on assessing department, health department, market department, music department, statistics department, street department, rules and orders of the city council c 149, 150; committee on billboard advertising c 403; committee on Old Home Week c 525

orders offered: erection of building, Rutherford ave. c 35
improvement, Vine Street Church c 90
cost of Curtis Hall c 90

playground, Ward 17 c 90

electric lights, Adams and Orchard Park sts. c 90

handball alley, Fellows-st. playground c 112

safety of Hub Theatre c 154

widening Hampden st. c 199

drinking fountain, Orchard Park c 239

removal of turnstiles by Boston Elevated Railway Company c 286

lamp, Lovedeed ct. c 286

citizens to be employed c 362

car stop, Fellows st. c 508

remarks: wooden building, Rutherford ave. c 35

wooden addition, Dorchester ave. c 35

handball alley, Fellows-st. playground c 112

improvement, Vine Street Church c 122

theatre license, Marine park c 330, 331

erection of wooden buildings, Arlington ave. c 353, 354

celebration at Brighton c 496-500

expenses of W. N. Burns c 504, 505

Judiciary.

committee appointed c 150

Judson street.

repair: order that the superintendent of streets be requested to resurface and put in condition, referred to the mayor c 709.

Julian street.

coasting: order to allow, passed a 53

Juniper street.

sidewalk: Mrs. L. J. McGinnis, petition a 673-granted a 677

Jurors.

drawn: a 19, 68, 94, 95, 150, 215, 216, 241, 247, 289, 307, 308, 375, 387, 423, 457, 459, 468, 518, 526, 578, 600, 630, 640, 641, 653, 660, 672, 727, 728, 754

Juvenile Court. (*See County Accounts.*)**Jury List.**

assigned a 181-taken up, amended, accepted a 206, 207

Kane, Henry.

petition to be paid expense for opening drain, N. Bennet st. a 174

Kanter, J.

petition, compensation for damages to horse and wagon a 780

Kaplan, Ida.

petition, compensation, personal injuries a 423

Keany, Francis J., M.D.

appointed trustee of city hospital a 308—referred to committee on public improvements a 336—confirmed a 346

Kearsarge avenue.

extension: order to extend from Warren to Greenville st., passed c 151 a 157

Kelley, Eleanor H. S.

petition, compensation for damages to coat by city sprinkler a 612

Kelley, Julia E.

petition, compensation for personal injuries a 612

Kelly, Daniel P.

petition, compensation for damages to property, Call st. a 257

Kelly, James H., Councilman, Ward 16.

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on art department, auditing department, building department, city clerk department, Dorchester Day, elections c 149, 150; committee on Old Home Week c 525

orders offered: catch-basin, Dorset st. c 37
 extension of Harvest and other streets c 37
 educational centre, William E. Russell School c 37
 library station, Ward 16 c 92
 swings and settees, Richardson park c 154
 Dorchester Day parade c 155
 Dorchester band concerts c 155
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 crosswalks, Dorchester ave. c 168
 catch-basin, cor. Clapp and Boston sts. c 239
 new street, Ward 16 c 239
 sub-police station, Ward 16 c 286, 287
 improvement, Willow ct. c 287
 playground, Ward 16 c 362
 improvement of Preble st. c 629
 extension of Sydney st. c 709
 electric light, Power st. c 750

Kennedy, John F.

notice of appointment as finance commissioner a 519

Kennedy, John T., Councilman, Ward 7.

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on city messenger department, finance, library department, music department c 149, 150; committee on billboard advertising c 403; committee to attend funeral of Archbishop Williams c 569

orders offered: grading of ball grounds on Common c 39
 band concert, Ward 7 c 155
 paving Eliot st. c 165
 convenience station, Boston Common c 200
 repairing Albany st. c 200
 additional vaccination c 284
 improvement of Common c 284
 drinking fountain, Charles and Boylston sts. c 409
 enlarging yard, Quincy School c 409
 lamp, Broadway extension c 409
 refund of entrance fee, sewer, Knapp st. c 441
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Kenney, William F.

appointed trustee of public library a 728—confirmed a 759, 760

Kenwood street.

sidewalk: H. C. Kendall, petition a 571—granted a 590; petition a 631—granted a 637

Keyes street, Ward 23.

wires: West End Street Railway Company, petition to attach feed wires to poles a 601—order for hearing a 603—hearing a 612; petition to erect poles a 601—order for hearing a 603—hearing a 612

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construction: order to furnish estimate of cost of construction from Park st. to Talbot ave., referred to the mayor c 455

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sidewalk: John J. Healy, petition a 310—granted a 315

King street.

sidewalks: H. B. Rankin, petition a 571—granted a 590; petition a 601—granted a 604; order for construction, passed a 676

King's Chapel Burying-ground.

order that superintendent of streets be requested to place sidewalk in front of burying-ground in good condition, passed a 284 a 291

Kingsdale street.

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to remove a 333—granted a 391

Kingsdale street, corner Bernard street.

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Klien, Benny.

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Knapp street.

sewer: order to refund Adelaide J. Sargent entrance fee, passed c 444 a 460

Kneeland street.

paving: order to regulate, between Washington and Harvard sts., referred to committee on public improvements a 666—report, accepted, order passed a 668

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building : John Cavanagh and son, petition, move a 712-granted a 715
extension : order to extend to Freeport st., assigned c 199-taken up, passed c 327 a 334

L-street Bath.

bath employees : order to submit a list of employees who have been doing carpentering and painting work and other bath employees for the past seven years, and salaries, etc., referred to committee on bath department c 626; order that bath trustees submit a list of employees who have been doing work carpentering and painting, and what salaries are while performing work, discussed c 609, 610-referred to the mayor c 610

handball court, etc. : order for loan of \$2,500, laid over c 187, 188-taken up, discussed, passed c 773, 774-referred to committee on public improvements a 780-report, accepted, order passed a 789

private lockers : order that the bath trustees transmit the number of so-called private lockers, to whom they are issued and by what authority, referred to the mayor c 508; order that trustees be requested to transmit the number of so-called private lockers, to whom they are issued and by what authority, discussed c 608, 609-referred to the mayor c 609; order that the bath trustees be requested to transmit a list of so-called private lockers, to whom issued and by what authority, referred to committee on bath department c 626, 627

shower baths and handball court : order that bath commissioners submit an estimate of cost of providing, referred to the mayor c 235

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buildings : John Soley and Sons, petition to remove a 634-granted a 637; petition to remove a 673-granted a 677

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celebration : order that a special committee be appointed to make arrangements for celebration, passed c 34 a 51-committee appointed a 107 c 150

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parade : order to close certain streets September 2, passed a 535

Laborers.

car tickets : order that committee on appropriation be instructed to include in the appropriation bill such advance in the appropriations as will enable the heads of departments to buy car tickets for laborers, referred to committee on appropriations c 235-report, no action necessary c 357 a 367

Increase of pay : order that the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, \$100,000, be appropriated to be expended in increasing pay of laborers, assigned c 34-discussed c 64-67-laid over c 67-taken up, indefinitely postponed c 123; order that the committee on appropriations be instructed to include in the annual appropriation bill an additional sum for each department sufficient to provide for the payment of all laborers at \$2.25 per day, referred to committee on appropriations a 71; order that the mayor be requested to instruct the heads of the various departments to submit an estimate of the additional appropriation required in each department to provide that the lowest rate of wages shall be \$2.25 per day, passed a 71 c 82; order that the mayor instruct the various heads of departments to submit estimate of cost of raising salaries to \$2.25 per day, passed a 52; order that beginning February 1 all laborers employed by the city be paid \$2.25 per day, assigned c 22, 33-taken up, passed c 64 a 70-report, no action necessary c 357 a 367

vacation : order to allow one week vacation for services, passed c 285 a 290

Lamartine street, Ward 22.

tree : order to remove, passed a 105

Lamartine and Boylston streets.

resurfacing : order to resurface between Paul Gore and Boylston sts., and Boylston st. between Lamartine and Amory sts., passed a 658

Lamont street.

closing roadway : order to close during completion of section of Stony brook, passed a 615

resurfacing : order to resurface, referred to the mayor c 151

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superintendent : Dennis J. Hern, appointed superintendent of lamps a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 335-confirmed a 346

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ATHERTON ST. : see Atherton st.

BENNINGTON AND WORDSWORTH STS. : see Bennington and Wordsworth sts.

CENTRE ST. : see Centre st., Ward 22

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EMERALD AND COMPTON STS. : see Emerald and Compton sts.

H AND FOURTH STS. : see H and Fourth sts.

HEATH AND LAWN STS. : see Heath st. and Lawn st.

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ST. JAMES ST. : see St. James st.

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WASHINGTON ST. : order to maintain opposite No. 2166, passed a 223; order to maintain at Hunneman st., passed a 223

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CLIFF ST. : see Cliff st.

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WASHINGTON AND HUNNEMAN STS. : see Washington and Hunneman sts.

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Lamson street.

pole : Edison Electric Illuminating Company, petition to erect and remove a 737

Lanark road.

sidewalk: C. Crafts, petition a 459-granted a 466

Lanigan, James J.

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Lansdowne street.

sidewalk: William A. Gaston, petition a 333-granted a 340; Carlan A. Brown, petition a 333-granted a 341

Lansing street.

edgestones: order to resurface and place edgestones from Warren to Sherman st., referred to the mayor c 249

Lark street.

resurfacing: order to resurface between East Eighth and East Ninth sts., referred to the mayor c 285

Law Department.

committee: appointed a 107 c 150

building permits, violation of: see Building Department

corporation counsel: Thomas M. Babson, appointed a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 335-report, accepted, appointment confirmed a 342

change of ward-room locations: order that the corporation counsel be requested to give opinion as to whether the mayor or any head of department has the right to change location after same has been established by ordinance, passed a 517; opinion of corporation counsel a 533, 534-referred to committee on public improvements a 534-placed on file a 616

city rights in land now occupied by Stony brook: order that the corporation counsel be requested to report what rights the city has in parcel of land now occupied by Stony brook, situated east of tracks of New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, from Hogg bridge to Amory st., passed c 70-opinion of corporation counsel placed on file a 140

fees for permits: order that the corporation counsel give opinion as to the legality of raising additional revenue by charging a fee for permits to maintain stands on sidewalks, etc., referred to the mayor c 86-opinion of corporation counsel placed on file c 109

forty-eight-hour law: order that the corporation counsel report the names of the departments to which the 48-hour law applies, referred to the mayor c 454; communication from corporation counsel giving opinion c 495

opinion asked relative to legally spending of money received from sale of Deer Island: see Deer Island

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revision of acts relating to the city: communication from the mayor relative to revision with order that the corporation counsel cause to be prepared a revision of all the special acts relative to the city, etc., referred to committee on public improvements a 95-report, accepted, order passed a 141 c 144

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tunnel from Tremont to Mason st.: order that the corporation counsel be asked by what right the board of aldermen granted permission to Boston Herald to erect tunnels or bridges to connect buildings, passed c 153; order that the corporation counsel report by what right and under what law does the board of aldermen grant permits to construct tunnels such as the one that connects building on Tremont st. with Mason st. passed c 235; communication from the corporation counsel, assigned c 272-taken up, referred to finance commission c 723 a 738

Lawn street, Ward 19.

electric light: order to place near Buckman st., referred to the mayor c 509

plankwalk: order to place, referred to the mayor c 546

sidewalk: order for construction, referred to committee on public improvements a 315-report, accepted, order passed a 315

Lawn and Bucknam streets.

repairing: order to place in condition for travel, referred to the mayor c 547

Lawn and other streets, Ward 19.

improvements: order that the superintendent of streets be requested to repair and put in proper condition for travel, referred to the mayor c 509

Leahy, John J.

appointed superintendent of sewers a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 335-confirmed a 344

Leary, Edward J.

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Leary, Lewis W.

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catch-basin: order to construct, referred to the mayor c 509

Leedsville street, Dorchester.

gas-lamp: John F. Baker *et als.*, petition a 716; order to locate and maintain lamp, passed a 716

Legislative Matters.

committee: appointed a 106 c 150

additional power for sealer of weights and measures: *see* Sealing of Weights and Measures Department

fees for sealing jars: order that the corporation counsel petition the legislature at its present session for the enactment of legislation authorizing the collection and charging of fee for the sealing of milk and cream jars, discussed a 72, 73—passed a 73 c 82

fireproof building, registry of deeds: *see* County Accounts

use of bituminous coal: order that the committee on legislative matters be authorized to appear before the legislature and advocate passage of a bill prohibiting use of bituminous coal by railroads within ten miles of Boston, passed c 92

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Leicester street.

tree: order to remove near Washington st., referred to the mayor c 611

Leon street.

improvements: order to place in condition for public travel, referred to the mayor c 284

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Leonard, Joseph, Councilman, Ward 9.

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appointed: committee on assessing department, claims, music department, street laying out department c 149, 150; billboard advertising c 403; committee on Old Home Week c 525; committee to attend funeral of Archbishop Williams c 569

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Lexington avenue.

naming of square, Lexington, Shelby and East Eagle sts.: order to name square Lexington ave., passed c 152 a 158

Lexington, Shelby and East Eagle streets.

naming of square: order that square be called Lexington ave., passed c 152 a 158

Lexington street.

resurfacing and repaving: order to have resurfaced and repaved from Meridian st. to Prescott st., passed a 440

tree: order to trim in front of No. 250, passed a 463, 464

Leyden street.

bay-window: Frank Lovezzala, petition and order for hearing a 258—hearing a 310—granted a 311

sidewalk: order for construction, passed a 598

Leyland street.

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Library Department.

committee: appointed a 106 c 150

trustee: William F. Kenney, appointed a 728—confirmed a 759, 760

branch library, East Boston: report, no action necessary c 337 a 367

branch library, Ward 19: order that the trustees be requested to establish on Tremont st., in vicinity of Mission Church, referred to the mayor c 167

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Licenses.

committee: appointed a 53

conveyances: Proprietors of Forest Hills Cemetery, petition to run barges, granted a 98; Patrick J. Brady, petition, license to run barges a 220; Frank A. Feeney, petition, license to run barges a 220; Fred C. Murray, petition, permit granted a 44; Rev. John F. Harrigan, petition a 68—granted a 69; Caledonia Club, petition, permit a 98—granted a 100; Jessie Lockrey, petition, permit a 136—granted a 222; Hotel and Railroad Mutual Relief Association, petition, permit a 136—granted a 140; Rev. W. H. Grant, petition, license a 174—granted a 176; E. A. Spooner, petition a 220—granted a 227; Frank A. Feeney, granted a 311; P. J. Barry, granted a 311; Malone & Keene, petition, license to run barges a 310; Michael J. Scully, petition, license to run barges a 376—granted a 378; John J. Martin, petition, license to run barges a 333—granted a 339; Alvin Spear, petition, license to run barges a 366—granted a 368; Arthur W. Crane, petition a 389—granted a 391; Keene & Malone, petition, license barge a 469—granted a 471

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Licensing Board.

liquor license restrictions: order that said board be requested to take such action as they deem necessary to prevent women from being employed as waitresses or barmaids in any hotel or restaurant where intoxicating liquors are sold, referred to the mayor c 33

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appointed: committee on art department, fire department, hospital department, library department, street laying-out department, treasury department, rules and orders of common council c 149, 150; disposition of garbage c 162; committee to attend funeral of Archbishop Williams c 563

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Lime Inspector.

Patrick J. McCarthy, appointed a 290-confirmed a 311; William P. Fraser, appointed a 653-confirmed a 662

Linden street.

lamp: order to place in front of No. 22, referred to the mayor c 88

Linden street and Farrington avenue.

tree: order to remove, referred to the mayor c 444

Lindsey street.

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 435; remonstrance of Charles P. Harding against erection of a 459

Linehan, Annie D.

compensation for personal injuries, refused a 258 c 278

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accepting: order to accept and lay out as a public street, passed a 444 c 459

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loan for North End bath-house: see Bath Department

loan in anticipation of taxes: communication from the mayor transmitting order for loan of \$2,000,000, discussed, passed c 718 a 737, 738

loan for new water pipes: see Water Department

loan for sewerage works: see Sewer Department

loan for street improvement: see Street Department

sewerage loan of \$1,000,000: see Street Laying-Out Department

Lockstead street.

poles: Edison Electric Illuminating Company, petition to erect a 672

Logan, Mrs. Lawrence J.

appointed bath trustee a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 336-confirmed a 347

Logue, Charles.

appointed schoolhouse commissioner a 332

Long Island.

wharf: communication from the mayor transmitting order for loan of \$16,500 for building wharf, referred to committee on public improvements a 579-report, accepted, order rejected, reconsidered and assigned a 596-taken up, passed a 604-laid over c 606, 607-taken up, passed c 720

Long and Rainsford Islands.

fire-alarm box: see Fire Department

Longwood avenue.

moving building: John Cavanaugh & Son Building Moving Company, petition a 366-granted a 372

widening: order that street commissioners be requested to furnish an estimate of cost of widening from Parker st. to the Brookline line, referred to the mayor c 93; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the street commissioners, placed on file c 225

Lothian road.

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 257-order for hearing a 312-hearing a 376-granted a 513

Love, Mary E.

petition, compensation, personal injuries a 241

Lovedeed court.

lamp: order to locate and maintain opposite No. 3, referred to the mayor c 286

Lovering, Henry B.

appointed sealer of weights and measures and seizer of illegal charcoal, coke and coal measures a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 335-confirmed a 346

Lovezzala, Frank.

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a 258-hearing a 310-granted a 311

Lowe, Christine.

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Lowe, William F.

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a 96-granted a 141; petition and order for hearing a 415-hearing
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Luke, George A.

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M street.

repairing: order to repair between Broadway and First st. passed
a 636

tree: order to remove in front of No. 136, referred to the mayor c 234,
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apparatus: order for loan of \$4,500, to be expended for gymnastic
apparatus and lockers, etc., assigned c 33-taken up, passed c 54-
referred to committee on public improvements a 69-report,
accepted, order passed a 251; order to include in the first loan bill
\$2,000 for completion of apparatus, referred to committee on
finance c 444

completion: order that the committee on finance include \$9,000 for
completion of playground, referred to committee on finance c 286

improvements: order for loan of \$10,000 to be expended in placing
playground in condition, assigned c 37-taken up, discussed c 120-
122-order rejected, reconsidered, assigned c 122-taken up, dis-
cussed c 148, 149-order rejected c 149; communication from the
mayor vetoing order, assigned c 272-taken up, indefinitely post-
poned c 509

skating: order to flood for skating purposes, referred to the mayor
c 726; communication from the mayor transmitting communication
from the park commissioners, placed on file c 747

MacDonald, W. B.

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Harvest st. a 712

Machott, Bessie.

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appointed: committee on auditing department, city messenger
department, market department, public lands, street laying-out
department, Brighton Day c 149, 150

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Madison park.

sand gardens: order to provide, referred to the mayor c 285

Madison street.

laying out: communication from the street commissioners giving
estimate of cost, placed on file a 533

Magnolia street.

tree: order to remove opposite No. 28, passed a 649

Mahan, Patrick.

petition, compensation for personal injuries a 601

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remonstrance against noise emanating from laundry, South Eden st.,
Charlestown, sent up c 54-referred to committee on public improve-
ments a 69-report, referred to board of health a 141

Mallen, Christopher M.

appointed director of the Workmen's Loan Association a 332

Maple street, Ward 23.

trees: order to have trimmed and removed in front of No. 134,
passed a 134

Mapleton street.

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PRENDERGAST, JAMES M.: appointed park commissioner a 309-referred to committee on public improvements a 336-confirmed a 346

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SULLIVAN DENNIS J.: appointed member of board of appeal a 526-confirmed a 571

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SWASEY, GEORGE R.: appointed member of board of appeal a 332-confirmed a 368-appointed member of board of appeal a 526-confirmed a 571

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McDonald, Patrick F.

appointed superintendent of bridges a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 336-confirmed a 346

McDonnell, Andrew J.

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appointed: committee on building department, city messenger department, overseeing of the poor department, statistics department, wire department, Dorchester Day, Fourth of July c 149, 150; committee on billboard advertising c 403; committee to attend funeral of Archbishop Williams c 569

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McGlenen, Edward W.

appointed city registrar a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 335-confirmed a 346

McGlinchy, William.

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appointed : committee on badges c 85; committee on building department, election department, engineering department, public grounds department, schools and school-houses, sealing of weights and measures department, badges c 149, 150

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McKay, George E.

appointed superintendent of markets a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 335-confirmed a 346

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appointed : committee on cemetery department, city clerk department, treasury department, mayor's address, elections c 149, 150

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McNally, Bridget.

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McNeil, Neil.

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McQuade, Thomas A.

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Meagher, David.

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Mealey, Hugh, Jr., Councilman, Ward 15.

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appointed : committee on art department, building department, public grounds department, treasury department, sealing of weights and measures department, Evacuation Day, Memorial Day c 149, 150; committee to attend funeral of Archbishop Williams c 569; committee on annual dinner c 719

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Minot, Laurence.

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Minton, John M.

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Monmouth street.

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appointed : committee on city messenger department, finance, legislative matters, music department, registry department, Fourth of July c 149, 150

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appointed : committee on city clerk department, institutions department, legislative matters, music department, printing department, water department, Fourth of July, rules and orders of city council c 149, 150; committee on Roxbury High Fort c 525; committee to attend funeral of Archbishop Williams c 569

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poles : New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, order for hearing a 312-hearing a 390-refused a 436

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Morton street, Ward 20.

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Mullen, John A., Chief of the Fire Department.

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Murphy, Timothy F., Councilman, Ward 19.

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appointed: committee on badges c 85; committee on engineering department, lamp department, printing department, schools and school-houses, Brighton Day, Memorial Day, badges c 149, 150; disposition of garbage c 162; committee on Old Home Week c 525; committee to attend funeral of Archbishop Williams c 566; committee on annual dinner c 719

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Murray, Henry D.

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band concerts, Evacuation and Dorchester Days: see Evacuation and Dorchester Days
band concerts, North End: order requested, referred to the mayor c 286
band concerts, Parker Hill: order that the music committee permit concerts on Heath sq. and Parker Hill, referred to the mayor c 284
band concert, Telegraph and Dorchester sts.: order to discontinue evening band concert, referred to the mayor c 284
band concerts, Ward 2: order that trustees be requested to arrange for a band concert at Marcella st. and lawn at 100 West 104th ground during the summer, referred to the mayor c 167

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band concert, Ward 9 : order that the music trustees be requested to have a band concert at corner of Shawmut ave. and Union park, during September, referred to the mayor c 544

band concert, Winthrop sq., Ward 5 : order to provide for concerts during coming season, referred to the mayor c 30

band concerts, Ward 7 : order that the music trustees be requested to give band concerts at points named, referred to the mayor c 155; order to provide a band concert at the junction of Shawmut ave. and Wheeler st., passed a 516

band concerts, Ward 9 : order that the music trustees be requested to give a band concert at three places (given), referred to the mayor c 38

band concerts, Ward 12 : order that the music trustees be requested to arrange for four band concerts to be given during the coming summer in suitable locations, referred to the mayor c 86

band concerts, Ward 15 : order to give, cor. Dorchester and Telegraph sts. and I st. and Columbia road, referred to the mayor c 407

band concerts, Ward 16 : order to give band concerts, Howard ave. and Balfour st. and Andrew sq., referred to the mayor c 165

band concerts, Ward 18 : order that music trustees be requested to arrange for band concerts at Lenox, Whitier and Linden Park sts., referred to the mayor c 360

band-stand, North sq. : order that the music trustees be requested to transmit an estimate of cost of erecting, referred to the mayor c 628; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the music trustees, placed on file c 632

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municipal band : order that the music trustees be requested to report at the next meeting the name and address of each member of the municipal band appointed for 1907, referred to the mayor c 319; communication from trustees, ordered printed and placed on file c 397

open air concert, D and Fifth sts. : order to provide, referred to the mayor c 359

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Sunday concert, Jamaica pond : order that trustees arrange to have concerts Sunday evening instead of Saturday afternoon, passed a 378; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the trustees, referred to committee on public improvements a 434

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bay-window : William F. Lowe, petition and order for hearing a 43-hearing a 96-granted a 141; petition and order for hearing a 415-hearing a 435-granted a 462

Mystic Playground, Charlestown.

ball playing : order that the park commissioners be requested to take such action as may be necessary to put grounds in condition, passed a 223

improvements : order that park commissioners be requested to place a handball court and repair fence, referred to the mayor c 508; order that park commissioners repair fence, referred to the mayor c 545

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Neville, James J.

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 ROCKWELL ST.: petition to erect and remove pole a 68
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 SARATOGA ST.: petition to relocate poles a 511—granted a 521
 SECOND ST.: petition to erect and remove pole a 633—granted a 648
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 SPENCER ST.: order for hearing a 668—hearing a 673—refused a 703
 STACEY ST.: petition to remove one pole a 435—granted a 461
 SUMMIT ST.: petition to erect poles a 435—order for hearing a 614—order for hearing a 642
 SUMNER ST.: petition to remove pole a 248—granted a 461
 SUTHERLAND ROAD: petition to erect and remove poles a 68
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TRENTON ST.: petition to remove pole a 333; petition to erect pole a 654
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 VALENTINE ST.: petition to erect poles a 633
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 WASHINGTON ST., WARD 23: petition to remove poles a 423—granted a 461
 WELLINGTON ST.: petition to attach wires to poles of Boston Consolidated Gas Company, order for hearing a 615—hearing a 642
 WORDSWORTH ST.: petition to erect poles a 68, 220—order for hearing a 614—hearing a 642—refused a 656
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New and Sumner streets, Ward 2.

gas-lamp: order to place, referred to the mayor c 542

Newburg street.

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, order for hearing a 312—hearing a 390—refused a 436

Newbury street.

area and bulkhead: The White Company, petition a 290—granted a 372

New Heath street.

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove a 389; Edison Electric Illuminating Company, petition to erect a 423—order for hearing a 615—hearing a 642—granted a 714

New Heath and Terrace streets.

balconies: Rueter & Co., petition an order for hearing a 655—hearing a 673—granted a 760

Newton street, Ward 25.

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition, extension of time a 68

trees: order to remove in front of No. 15, passed a 245

New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad.

improvement of stations: order to furnish more adequate platforms and overhead coverings at the Field's Corner and Shawmut stations, referred to the mayor c 287

new station, Dudley st.: order to build a new station, etc., referred to the mayor c 200; order that said company be requested to build new depot, passed a 340; notice from railroad commissioners, placed on file a 368

Milton branch grade crossing: see Grade Crossing, Neponset and Granite aves.

Shawmut branch train accommodations: preamble and order relative to, passed c 725, 726; communication from the railroad commissioners, placed on file c 747

Nickerson, W. P., et al.

petition for hearing on claim on account of defect in highway, Centre st., W. R. a 156

Ninth street.

sidewalk: Watson & Waite, petition a 459—granted a 466

Nixon street.

sidewalk: Mrs. Maxwell Copelof, petition a 310—granted a 315

Nolan, James F.

appointed superintendent of public buildings a 308—referred to committee on public improvements a 335—confirmed a 346

Nonantum and Lake streets.

trees: order to have removed, passed a 589

Non-union Trucking.

order that the mayor report as to whether the city is employing any non-union trucking, referred to the mayor c 287

Noonan, Edward T. J., Councilman, Ward 13.

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on engineering department, finance, public grounds department, statistics department, Evacuation Day, Fourth of July c 149, 150

orders offered: shelters at bridges c 38
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electric light, First st. c 726
lights on bridges c 726

remarks: shelters at bridges c 145
life ladders at sea wall c 305

Norcross School. (See School Department.)**Norfolk avenue.**

poles: Edison Electric Illuminating Company, petition for extension of time a 220

Norfolk street.

improvements: Rev. W. H. Fitzpatrick, petition that street be put in condition a 532—referred to superintendent of streets a 536

sidewalk: C. A. Hull, petition a 654—granted a 659

tree: order to remove in front of No. 96, passed a 370

widening: order that street commissioners report estimate of cost of widening from Washington st. to Blue Hill ave., passed a 187; communication from the street commissioners, placed on file c 402

Normile square.

square at junction Calumet and St. Alphonsus sts.: see Calumet and St. Alphonsus sts.

Norris, Michael W.

appointed member of board of health a 308—referred to committee on public improvements a 336—confirmed a 346

Northampton and Washington streets.

convenience station: see Bath Department

North avenue.

pole: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 711

North and other streets.

stretch ropes: Society San Michele Arcangelo, petition, license a 571—granted a 573

North Brighton Playground. (See Playground, North Brighton.)**North Dorchester Burying-ground.**

improvement: see Cemetery Department

North End.

band concerts: see Music Department

bath-house: see Bath Department

North End park.

changing name to Scigliano park: order that the park commissioners be requested to change name, passed c 723—taken up, discussed c 751, 752—passed c 752 a 757

North Harvard street.

closing: order to close to travel, passed a 466; order to close, passed a 658

North Harvard-street Bridge.

accommodations: order that the superintendent of bridges make immediate provision for accommodation of people who will attend Harvard-Yale football game, passed a 659

North square.

band-stand: see Music Department

renaming: order that square be hereafter known as Scigliano square, passed c 709—discussed, indefinitely postponed a 712, 713—placed on file c 718; remonstrance of Massachusetts Society S. A. E. against changing name a 712

North street.

sidewalk: G. Stabile *et al.*, petition a 743—granted a 650

Northampton street.

guy-posts: Charles H. Beleden, petition a 601—granted a 604

Norton street.

sidewalk: Boyd & Berry, granted a 267; petition a 389—granted a 395; Frederick J. Rockwell, petition a 582—granted a 590

Noyes, James B., Councilman, Ward 11.

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on art department, finance, library department, street department, treasury department c 149, 150; disposition of garbage c 162; committee on Old Home Week c 525

orders offered: betterment and relocation of Copley sq. c 22
notice of organization to be sent board of aldermen c 22
copy of mayor's address for publication c 22
title of former chief executive c 285

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loan order, \$1,599,500 c 491, 492
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municipal lighting c 720, 723, 724

resigned: committee on disposition of garbage c 163

O street.

lamp: order to place in front of No. 81, referred to the mayor c 407

pole: Edison Electric Illuminating Company, petition to erect pole
a 642-granted 648

O and Fourth streets.

sidewalk: ordered to put in condition for travel, referred to the
mayor c 453

O and Seventh streets.

land for park purposes: *see* Park Department.

Oak square.

poles: petition and order for hearing a 615-hearing a 642

**Oak square Cars, Transfers. (See Boston Elevated Rail-
way Company.)****Oak street, Ward 24.**

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to
erect a 68-order for hearing a 312-hearing a 376-refused a 436

Oak and Ash streets.

grade: West End Street Railway Company, petition for change of
grade a 459; report with order to establish revised grades, passed
a 517

Oakview and Belmore terraces.

resurfacing: order to resurface, referred to the mayor c 286

street sign: order to erect, referred to the mayor c 286

O'Brien, Edward F.

petition, damages to automobile a 662

O'Brien, J. Frank, Councilman, Ward 5.

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on claims, engineering department, legis-
lative matters, Seventeenth of June c 149, 150

orders offered: widening of Chelsea st. c 34
convenience station, City sq. c 34

O'Brien, Jennie V.

petition for hearing on claim for damages to skirt by wire a 767

O'Brien, Michael F., Councilman, Ward 18.

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on art department, election department, reg-
istry department, water department, sealing of weights and meas-
ures department c 149, 150; committee to attend funeral of Arch-
bishop Williams c 569

orders offered: improvements, Vernon and Ruggles sts. c 285
resurfacing Hampshire st. c 285
convenience station, Columbus ave. playground c 285
sand gardens, Madison park c 285
skating, Columbus ave. playground c 724

O'Brien, Thomas F., Councilman, Ward 14.

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on election department, institutions depart-
ment, lamp department, legislative matters, ordinances and law
department, Evacuation Day, Memorial Day, judiciary c 149, 150

orders offered: celebration of Evacuation Day c 38
finishing of gymnasium, First-st. playground c 38
car service, City Point c 152
electric light, Q st. c 152
drinking fountain, Marine park c 152
handball court, L st. c 187
convenience station, Broadway transfer c 188
replacing catch-basin, Broadway and O st. c 188
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theatre license, Sixth st., near Marine park c 328
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float, Marine park c 628
bathing beach, Marine park c 628
improvement, Broadway c 628

remarks: completion of bath-house, Ward 15 c 115, 116
improvement, M-st. playground c 121, 122, 148, 149
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theatre license near Marine park c 328, 329
pension for ex-city auditor c 606
float, Marine park c 628
loan of \$2,500 for L-st. bath c 773

O'Connell, Rev. William H., Archbishop of Boston.

communication from, conveying thanks for action taken upon death
of the late Archbishop John J. Williams, sent down a 578-placed
on file c 606

O'Connor, Hugh.

petition to be paid amount of wages lost by him on account of his
being injured by a horse a 594-refused a 743 c 747

Offal, Proper Care of. (See Sanitary Department.)**O'Hare, John J.**

appointed bath trustee a 308-referred to committee on public im-
provements a 336-confirmed a 347

O'Kane, Joseph.

elected clerk of the common council c 19, 20

Old Colony Roadbed.

order that the mayor give information as to what right the city has
in abandoned roadbed, also as to appropriations for same, re-
ferred to the mayor c 453; communication from the mayor trans-
mitting communication from the street laying-out department,
placed on file c 623

Old Colony Street Railway Company.

relaying tracks: order that said company be requested to relay tracks, River st., passed a 589

Old Dorchester Cemetery.

stone wall: *see* Cemetery Department

Old Home Week.

communication from the mayor relative to appropriation for celebration to begin July 28 and end August 3 a 256-placed on file a 272; order for appointment of special committee to make arrangements for local celebration, passed c 509-referred to committee on public improvements a 512-report, accepted, order passed, whole board appointed a 512; committee appointed c 525; order to close streets during parades, passed a 516

holiday for city employees: *see* City Employees

Old Road, Ward 20.

sidewalk: C. A. Clark, petition a 673-granted a 677

Old Road, corner Glenway street.

sidewalk: order for construction, passed a 676

Old South Association.

managers: order to cast one ballot for managers, passed; William Berwin, Alderman, and William J. Barrett, Councilman, elected c 88 a 97

Old State House.

communication from the mayor relative to restoring to as near as possible its provincial condition and to preserve and maintain it as a patriotic memorial a 411, 412; order for loan of \$7,500 for, assigned a 412-taken up, passed a 436 c 482

Olney street.

sidewalk: Patrick O'Hearn, petition a 366-granted a 373; petition a 459-granted a 466

Olney and Bowdoin streets.

sidewalk: Wm. E. Wight, petition a 435-granted a 439

Oneida street.

bay-window: Filippo Marco, petition and order for hearing a 520-hearing a 530

Orchard Park.

drinking fountain: order to place in park, referred to the mayor c 239

improvements: order that the superintendent of public grounds be requested to provide seats, swings and sand boxes for children, etc., passed a 428

trees: order to remove in front of No. 3, passed a 522

Ordinances.

committee: appointed a 107 c 150

additional deputy sealers: *see* Sealing of Weights and Measures Department

cleaning of sidewalks: ordinance relative to, referred to committee on ordinances a 158

extra deputy sealers of weights and measures: *see* Sealing of Weights and Measures Department

for policemen: *see* Police Department

Ordinances, continued.

leave of absence for city employees: ordinance relative to, passed c 508, 509-referred to committee on public improvements a 512

monthly statement of contracts: ordinance relative to, referred to committee on ordinances, reconsidered, assigned a 178

non-resident employees: *see* City Employees

no smoking on wharves: communication from the mayor transmitting ordinance relative to, passed c 296-referred to committee on ordinances a 310

ordinances, copies for members: order that the city messenger furnish every member of the city council with a copy of the Revised Ordinances, referred to committee on city messenger department c 306

ordinance concerning draws of Summer and Federal-st. bridges: *see* Summer-st. bridge and Federal-st. bridge

proper care of ofal: *see* Sanitary Department

public bathing: ordinance to amend chapter 47 of Revised Ordinances of 1898, discussed, passed c 407-referred to committee on public improvements a 415-referred to committee on ordinances a 418

revised ordinances for City Council: *see* City Council

salary of superintendent of bridges: *see* Bridge Department

sidewalk, use of: taken up, substitute offered, discussed c 145-148-rejected, order referred to committee on ordinances c 148

smoke nuisance: *see* Smoke Nuisance

speed of automobiles: ordinance relative to, assigned a 392-taken up, discussed a 426-428, indefinitely postponed a 428

use of profane language: ordinance relative to, referred to committee on ordinances c 165

use of streets: an ordinance to amend chapter 47, relative to, assigned a 90, 123

O'Reilly Memorial. (See John Boyle O'Reilly Memorial.)**Orient Heights.**

better car service: *see* Boston Elevated Railway Company

engine-house and site: *see* Fire Department

Oriental Hall Association.

petition to erect building, Hyde Park ave. a 365-granted a 424, c 443

O'Riordan, J. P.

bay-window, Chelsea st., petition and order for hearing a 662-hearing a 684-granted a 786

O'Riorden, P., Estate.

petition to use building, Maudlin st. a 241-report, no action necessary a 390-petition to erect building, Foss st., granted a 249 c 278

Orleans street.

bay-window: Albert F. Butterfield, petition and order for hearing a 368-hearing a 389-refused a 636; Bernard Cadden, petition and order for hearing a 520-hearing a 530-granted a 588; Owen McGillieu, petition and order for hearing a 532-hearing a 570-granted a 588

building moving: A. M. Richards, petition a 532-granted a 536

crosswalk: order to replace, cor. Bennington st., referred to the mayor c 34

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect, near Gove st. a 68; petition to erect, near Maverick st. a 68-order for hearing a 312-hearing a 376-refused a 436

O'Shea, John A.

appointed music trustee a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 336-confirmed a 346

Oswego street.

gas-lamp: order to locate, passed a 428

Otis street.

paving: order to pave between Summer and Winthrop sts., passed a 595

Outlook, Washington and Bradlee streets. (*See* Washington and Bradlee streets.)**Overseeing of the Poor Department.**

committee: appointed a 107 c 150

overseers: William P. Fowler a 366; Thomas Sproules, Thomas Downey, appointed a 309-referred to committee on public improvements a 336-confirmed a 346; William P. Derby, appointed a 570-confirmed a 590

free telephones: order that said department be requested to include in its annual estimates a sum sufficient for the establishment of free telephones in every ward for the use of the poor, referred to the mayor c 91

Oxford street.

sidewalk light covers: Hannah D. Brown *et al.*, petition a 613-granted a 616

Parental School. (*See* Children's Institutions Department.)**Paris street.**

bay-window: Isaac Hirschberg, petition and order for hearing a 470-hearing a 571

trees: order to trim in front of No. 12, passed a 428; order to trim in front of No. 8, passed a 438; order to remove in front of No. 20, passed a 636

Park Department.

committee: appointed a 107 c 150

commissioner: James M. Prendergast, appointed a 309-referred to committee on public improvements a 336-confirmed a 346

all-year-around bath-house and gymnasium in Ward 23: order that commissioners be requested to report what arrangements can be made for establishment of, referred to the mayor c 235

apparatus for M-st. playground: *see* M-st. Playground, South Boston

bath-house, Ward 23: communication from the bath trustees relative to, placed on file c 296

building at Charlesbank: *see* Charlesbank

building opposite L st.: order that the park commissioners report the reason for erection of wooden building on the boulevard opposite L-st. bath, the cost of same, etc., referred to the mayor c 454

care of skaters: order that the board of park commissioners provide suitable life-saving apparatus at all skating ponds where danger from drowning exists, referred to the mayor c 750

carpenters: order to pay carpenters' union rate of wages, \$3.28 per day, referred to the mayor c 237

consolidation in the public grounds department: *see* Public Grounds Department

construction of Neptune ave.: *see* Neptune ave.

hiring pond, Brighton, for skating purposes: order to hire property of James Brady, known as Chandler's pond, at a sum not exceeding \$200, passed c 611 a 613; communication from the park commissioners relative to, referred to committee on public improvements a 641-report, accepted a 650 c 670

information relative to public landing, Marine park: *see* Marine Park

information requested: order that the park commissioners be requested to report in what manner the sum of \$1,001 appropriated by an order, approved by the mayor February 9, 1907, was expended, passed a 666

Park Department, continued.

land, O and Seventh sts.: order that the park commissioners be requested to report the feasibility of taking land for park purposes, passed a 371; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the park commissioners, referred to committee on public improvements a 433-placed on file a 439

lighting of observatory, Charlestown Heights: order that the park commissioners be requested to cause observatory to be properly lighted, referred to the mayor c 39

merging of departments: taken up, indefinitely postponed c 752

playgrounds for the different wards: *see* Playgrounds

public landing contract, Marine park: *see* Marine park

receptacles for refuse cans: *see* Street Cleaning Department

removal of wall, Seaver st.: *see* Franklin park

restrictions on land, South and Washington sts.: *see* South and Washington sts., West Roxbury

Savin Hill park: *see* Savin Hill park

shower baths, Billings Field: *see* Billings Field

skating, Chandler's pond: order that \$200 be appropriated to be expended for rental of pond for skating, assigned c 38-taken up, referred to committee on appropriations c 119-report, no action necessary c 357 a 367

superintendent of playgrounds: order that the park commissioners be requested to provide for the appointment and to define his duties, referred to the mayor c 91; order that the committee on appropriations be requested to include in the appropriation bill a sum sufficient for the compensation of a superintendent of playgrounds, to be appointed by park commissioners, referred to committee on appropriations c 91-report, no action necessary c 357 a 367

uniforms: order that park commissioners rescind rule whereby employees are compelled to wear uniforms, referred to the mayor c 362

Park square Terminal. (*See* Boston & Albany Railroad Company.)**Park street, Ward 20.**

fence: order to repair fence on north side, between Greenbrier and Waideck sts., referred to the mayor c 39

sidewalk: order to grade between railroad and Vinson st., referred to the mayor c 725

surface: order to repair, referred to the mayor c 725

Park, Ward 25. (*See* Cambridge, Lincoln and Mansfield streets.)**Parker Hill.**

fire-house: *see* Fire Department

transfer of land: *see* Fire Department

Parker Hill avenue.

trees: order to remove in front of No. 16, passed a 589; order to remove in front of No. 16, passed a 658

Parker Hill Improvements.

order for loan of \$30,000, \$15,000 for engine-house and apparatus and \$15,000 for reservoir and construction of playground, discussed a 369, 370-rejected, reconsidered and assigned a 370-taken up, indefinitely postponed c 509

Parker street.

pavements in front of Ira Allen school: order to remove, referred to the mayor c 609

pole: Edison Electric Illuminating Company, petition to relocate a 68

tree: order to remove in front of No. 756, passed a 314

Parsons street, Ward 25.

poles: petition and order for hearing a 615-hearing a 642
roadway: order to close, passed a 516
sidewalk: E. R. Dix, petition a 582-granted a 591

Patriots' Day.

celebration: order for appointment of committee to arrange for celebration, passed c 37 a 50-notice of reconsideration, called up, discussed a 71, 72-lost a 72; committee appointed a 107 c 150

Paul Gore street.

sidewalk: George Pelley, petition a 248-granted a 251

Pauper Institutions Department.

trustees: Edward M. Gallagher, William J. Sullivan, Max E. Wyzanski, Jane S. Alexander, Mary A. Dierkes, James A. Dorsey, Thomas A. McQuade, appointed a 332

appropriation for care of feeble-minded: communication from the mayor transmitting communication from Hon. John B. Martin relative to a 216-218-referred to committee on appropriations a 218

school for feeble-minded: communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the children's institutions department relative to additional appropriation of \$45,000 for purpose of paying bills incurred for support of children in school for feeble-minded, referred to committee on appropriations a 218

Pay of Laborers.

portion of Mayor Fitzgerald's address relative to, page 10

Pearl street, Ward 20.

trees: order to remove two trees in front of No. 13, passed a 676

Peffer, Mary E.

petition, compensation, personal injuries a 174

Penal Institutions Department.

commissioner: John B. Martin, appointed a 332

Deer Island improvements: see Deer Island

Hebrew chaplain: order that the institutions commissioner be requested to provide a teacher of the Hebrew faith, etc., referred to the mayor c 154; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from commissioner, placed on file c 161

investigation: order for appointment of special committee to investigate department, etc., assigned c 287-taken up, indefinitely postponed c 726

leave of absence for employees: order to allow employees of Long Island almshouse and hospital, twenty-four hours leave of absence every seven days, referred to the mayor c 328

tuberculosis: order that the commissioner report relative to patients, passed a 52; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the pauper institutions department relative to, placed on file a 96

Pendergast, Joseph H., Councilman, Ward 2.

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on cemetery department, city messenger department, ordinances and law department, statistics department, inspection of vessels and ballast department, Fourth of July c 149, 150; committee on Old Home Week c 525

orders offered: bathing facilities, Wood Island park c 37
 East Boston hospital c 37
 lamp, Porter pl. c 155
 use of profane language c 165
 cars, Chelsea st. c 234
 crosswalk, Mayerick sq. c 287
 sanitary conditions of steamship "Zelandia" c 359
 Belmont sq. improvement c 406

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improvements, Meridian st. c 542
 gas-lamp, New and Sumner sts. c 542
 night service, South Ferry c 545
 football, Wood Island park c 629

remarks: East Boston reservoir lot c 326, 327
 night service, South Ferry c 545, 546
 football, Wood Island park c 629

resigned: Fourth of July committee c 150

Penshorn, George, Councilman, Ward 22.

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on bath department, lamp department, public buildings department, street department, Labor Day c 149, 150

orders offered: widening Amory st. c 152
 electric light, Atherton st. c 286
 trimming trees, School and Amory sts. c 408
 lamp, Washington st. c 408
 electric lights, Washington st., Ward 22 c 626

Percival street.

poles: Edison Electric Illuminating Company, order for hearing a 312-hearing a 376

Permits, Revenue from. (See Law Department.)**Petroleum Licenses.**

inspectors: David T. Dodge, appointed a 457-confirmed a 469; James H. Cleaves *et als.*, appointed a 290-confirmed a 311

sale of:

BAKER, EDWARD F.: Newbury st., petition and order for hearing a 470-hearing a 530-referred to committee on licenses a 536-granted a 572

BAKER RUBBER CEMENT CO.: Temple st., petition a 258-granted a 267

BARNES, H. E.: Columbia road, petition and order for hearing a 368-hearing a 412, 413-referred to committee on licenses a 430-granted a 437

BERGQUIST & HANSOM: Blue Hill ave., petition and order for hearing a 460-hearing a 511-granted a 522

BILLINGS, CLAPP CO.: Freeport st., petition a 258-granted a 267

BLACKBURN, S. P. & CO.: Atlantic ave., petition a 435-referred to committee on licenses a 439-granted a 462

BOSTON AUTOMOBILE RENTING CO.: Copley sq., petition and order for hearing a 436-hearing a 469-granted a 603

BOSTON AUTOMOBILE RENTING CO.: Irvington st., petition and order for hearing a 571-hearing a 582

BOSTON ELEVATED RAILWAY: petition and order for hearing a 674-refused a 674; petition a 712-granted a 760

BOSTON PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT: petition and order for hearing a 674-hearing a 712-granted a 714

BOSTON YACHT CLUB: Columbia road, petition and order for hearing a 258-hearing a 333-granted a 340

BRADFORD, STEPHEN: Norfolk st., petition and order for hearing a 520-hearing a 530-referred to committee on licenses a 536-granted a 572

BURBANK & RYDER VARNISH CO.: Alford st., petition and order for hearing a 368-hearing a 413-referred to committee on licenses a 430-granted a 437

CHAPMAN, E. E.: Brook ave., petition and order for hearing a 643-hearing a 660-granted a 675

CHEEVER, CLARENCE A.: Blue Hill ave., petition and order for hearing a 311-hearing a 376-granted a 395

CLARK, E. S.: Freeport st., petition, license a 290-granted a 340

CLARKE, E. P.: notice from fire commissioner of disapproval of license, petitioner given leave to withdraw a 655

COFFIN VALOR CO.: Tolman st., petition and order for hearing a 292-hearing a 366-granted a 373

COPLEY SQUARE GARAGE CO.: Harcourt st., petition and order for hearing to keep for sale in basement a 655-hearing a 684-granted a 703

CODSEN, JOHN W. & CO.: rear Massachusetts ave., petition, license a 310-granted a 340

CUTTER, W. BOWMAN: Dorchester ave., petition, license a 290-granted a 340; Washington st., petition, license a 435-referred to committee on licenses a 439-granted a 462

Petroleum Licenses, continued.

DEXTER, GORDON: Beacon st., petition and order for hearing a 532-hearing a 582-granted a 603

DINGOE-WETHERBEE Co.: Berkeley st., petition and order for hearing a 140-hearing a 174-granted a 181

EGLESTON SQ. HARDWARE & PLUMBING CO.: petition, license to store naphtha a 389-granted a 395

FRANKLIN SQ. AUTOMOBILE CO.: petition and order for hearing a 368-hearing a 414-referred to committee on licenses a 430-granted a 437

FRENCH, CHARLES A.: Englewood ave., petition and order for hearing a 532-hearing a 582-granted a 603

GAVEL, H.: Beacon st., petition and order for hearing a 368-hearing a 414-referred to committee on licenses a 430-granted a 437

GAVIN, JOHN H.: petition and order for hearing a 336-hearing a 389-granted a 395

GLEASON, GEORGE H., *et al.*: Dakota st., petition and order for hearing a 655-hearing a 684-granted a 714

GOODRICH MOTOR VEHICLE Co.: petition and order for hearing a 390-hearing a 435-referred to committee on licenses with instructions to give hearing a 439-granted a 635

GREGORY, F. E.: Kilsyth road, petition and order for hearing a 415-hearing a 458-referred to committee on licenses a 466-granted a 471

GROSSE, CHARLES: Dorchester ave., petition and order for hearing a 532-hearing a 582-granted a 603

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JAMAICA PLAIN AUTOMOBILE CO.: South Huntington ave., petition and order for hearing, license to store and keep for sale a 653-hearing a 684-granted a 714

JOY, EDWARD H. C.: Columbia road, petition and order for hearing a 470-hearing a 630-referred to committee on licenses a 536-granted a 572

KLOPFER, ADAM W.: Walnut ave., petition and order for hearing a 685-referred to committee on licenses a 737-granted a 760

LADD, GEORGE E.: Columbus ave., petition and order for hearing a 249-hearing a 310-granted a 340

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LEAVITT, W. E.: Morton st., petition and order for hearing a 292-hearing a 366-granted a 373

LINSCOTT MOTOR CO.: Whittier st., petition and order for hearing a 243-hearing a 310-granted a 340

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MATTAPAN GARAGE: Blue Hill ave., hearing a 137-granted a 141-petition, license a 290-granted a 340

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MILLER & WALCOTT: Chestnut st., petition and order for hearing a 662-hearing a 712-granted a 742

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NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH CO.: Allerton st., petition and order for hearing a 614-hearing a 653-granted a 714

OAKES, HARRY E.: Columbia rd., petition and order for hearing a 662-hearing a 712-granted a 742

OSTERWELL, T.: Park st., petition, license a 258-granted a 267

PADDON, J. W. & S. M.: Walnut ave., petition a 258-granted a 267

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PASTENE, CHARLES A.: Talbot ave., petition and order for hearing a 181-hearing a 220-granted a 224

PATTERSON LUBRICATING CO.: Broad st., petition and order for hearing a 436-hearing a 469-referred to committee on licenses a 472-granted a 572

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PEERLESS MOTOR CAR CO.: Ferdinand st., petition and order for hearing a 662-hearing a 712-granted a 742

PILGRIM LAUNDRY CO.: Washington st., petition and order for hearing a 368-hearing a 414-referred to committee on licenses a 430-granted a 437

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QUINCY MARKET COLD STORAGE CO.: Eastern ave., petition and order for hearing a 330-hearing a 435-referred to committee on licenses a 439-granted a 462

QUINN, K. J., Co.: Chelsea st., petition and order for hearing a 221-hearing a 257-granted a 267

RANDALL, FREDERICK E., ESTATE: petition and order for hearing a 248-hearing a 310-granted a 310

REED, J. T. Co.: Hancock sq., petition, license a 310-granted a 340

RICHARDS, J. J.: Oakland pl., petition and order for hearing a 157-hearing a 202-granted a 207

RICHARDSON, W. H.: Summer st., petition and order for hearing a 684-referred to committee on licenses a 737-granted a 760

RUBEN, HYMAN: Border st., petition and order for hearing a 243-given leave to withdraw a 310

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SHELDON YACHT & POWER BOAT CO.: petition, license a 290-granted a 340

SKILLIN, C. H. K.: Leonard st., petition, license a 290-granted a 340

STEARNS, A. T. LUMBER CO.: Taylor st., petition license a 290-granted a 340

STEVENS PLUMBING CO.: Dartmouth st., petition, renewal license a 520-granted a 521, 522

SWAN, J. E.: Washington st., petition, license a 258-granted a 267

TREMONT GARAGE SHOW: Tremont st., petition and order for hearing a 532-hearing a 582

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WOOD, GEO. H., Co.: Medford st., petition and order for hearing a 390-hearing a 435-referred to committee on licenses a 439-granted a 462

WRIGHT, HENRY E. & SONS: Wales pl., petition and order for hearing a 311-hearing a 389-granted a 395

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Phipps, Charles E.

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appointed: committee on legislative matters, market department, police department, registry department, statistics department, wire department, mayor's address, judiciary, rules and orders of common council c 150; disposition of garbage c 162; committee on billboard advertising c 403; committee on annual dinner c 719

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Pilgrim place and Richfield street.

flagstone crossing: order to place, referred to the mayor c 725

Pinkham, Rose G.

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Playground, Cottage street.

benches: order to place, referred to the mayor c 454
extension: order for loan of \$25,000, referred to committee on finance a 416
gymnasium: order for loan of \$5,000 for gymnasium, discussed a 371, 372-refused to suspend rule, reconsideration, assigned a 372-taken up, laid on table a 378-taken up, indefinitely postponed c 545
 order that the committee on finance be requested to provide in the first loan bill \$5,000 for purpose of providing a shelter and handball court, referred to committee on finance c 90
shelter: order for loan of \$4,000 to be expended by park commissioners for shelter, laid over c 359, 360-taken up, indefinitely postponed a 786.

Playground, Everett street, Brighton. (See Public Grounds Department.)**Playground, Fellows street.**

order that from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island the sum of \$2,500 be appropriated for the construction and maintenance of a handball alley, discussed a 105, 106-passed a 106-indefinitely postponed c 112 a 139-substitute order offered, passed c 112-referred to committee on public improvements a 138-report, accepted, order passed a 141; order to begin work of construction of handball court, passed a 223; order that the park commissioners be requested to locate courts in the centre of said playground, passed a 393; order that park commissioners inform board in what part of playground they propose to place handball court, passed a 428

Playground, First street. (See South Boston Playground, First street.)**Playground, Gibson street. (See Gibson-street Playground.)****Playground, Jamaica Plain.**

order that the committee on finance include in first loan bill a sum sufficient for purchase of site for a playground, referred to committee on finance c 235

Playground, Lyman District, East Boston.

order that the committee on finance be requested to provide \$50,000 for a playground, referred to committee on finance c 90

Playground, Marcella street.

ball ground: order to resurface with some good material, referred to the mayor c 359

bleachers: order to include in the appropriation bill \$1,000 for the erection of bleachers, referred to the mayor c 154; order that from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island \$1,000 be appropriated for the erection of bleachers, laid over c 167-taken up, passed c 357 a 367; communication from the mayor vetoing order, order failed of passage c 398

flooding: order that the park commissioners be requested to flood for skating, referred to the mayor c 93

lavatory: order for loan of \$4,500 for completion of lavatory building, including showers and lockers, etc., laid over c 164-taken up, indefinitely postponed c 547

Playground, Mattapan. (See Mattapan Playground.)**Playground, Mystic street. (See Mystic-street Playground.)****Playground, Neponset.**

order to allow and pay to Mrs. J. W. Robinson \$100 for use of land for playground during 1906, passed a 105 c 122, 123, 144; communication from the mayor vetoing order, referred to committee on public improvements a 173-report, accepted, veto sustained a 616

Playground, North Brighton.

athletic park: order that the committee on finance include in the first loan bill \$1,500 for fitting up as an athletic park, referred to committee on finance c 89

band concerts: order that music trustees arrange for, during July and August, referred to the mayor c 165

band stand: order that park commissioners build a permanent band stand, referred to the mayor c 199

board fence: order to build, to protect skaters, referred to the mayor c 200

grading: order to grade and put in condition for sports, referred to the mayor c 443

gymnasium: order that the mayor be requested to order park commissioners in charge of work to immediately proceed to construct gymnasium, referred to the mayor c 545

skating: order that park commissioners remove from present site the skating rink, and build dikes for a new and permanent location, etc., discussed a 624, 625-referred to the mayor c 625; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the park commissioners, placed on file c 708; order to put in condition for immediate flooding, referred to the mayor c 751

Playground, Parker Hill. (See, also, Parker Hill Improvements.)

appropriation: order that \$75,000 be appropriated to be expended for playground, assigned c 285

gymnasium: order that from the amount received from the sale of Deer Island, \$12,000 be appropriated to be expended for a gymnasium and gymnastic apparatus, passed a 104-substitute order (\$12,001) offered, passed c 117-referred to committee on public improvements a 138-report, accepted, order passed a 142

lights: order to provide additional lights, referred to the mayor c 199

Playground, Randolph street.

order that the park commissioners be requested to set aside \$500 to be expended in providing a sufficient number of settees, referred to the mayor c 91; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the park commissioners, referred to committee on public improvements a 755-report, accepted, placed on file a 771

Playground, Savin Hill. (See Savin Hill Playground.)**Playground, Sullivan square, Charlestown.**

gymnasium: order that the mayor include in estimates \$20,000 for an all-the-year-around gymnasium, referred to the mayor c 235

lighting: order that the park commissioners cause playground to be lighted for skaters, referred to the mayor c 39; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the park commissioners relative to, placed on file c 79; order to light for safety and convenience of skaters, referred to the mayor a 710

Playground, Superintendent of. (See Park Department.)**Playground, Ward 1.**

order that from the sum received for a portion of Deer Island \$30,000 be appropriated for the purchase of a site for a playground, between Moore st. and Winthrop junction, discussed a 99, 100-passed a 100-discussed c 107, 112-passed c 112

Playground, Ward 4.

order that there be included in the appropriations \$3,000 to be expended for the erection of gymnasium apparatus, referred to the mayor c 165; order that \$3,000 be appropriated to be expended for installing gymnasium apparatus, passed c 284-laid on table a 291-taken up, referred to committee on finance a 314

Playground, Ward 5.

order that the committee on finance be requested to include in the first loan bill \$100,000 for a playground, referred to committee on finance c 37

Playground, Ward 9.

order that from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island \$1,000 be appropriated to be expended for the erection of bleachers and electric lights, grading, etc., passed a 100-taken up, substitute offered, passed c 113-referred to committee on public improvements a 138-report, accepted, order passed a 142

Playground, Ward 12.

order that the park commissioners be requested to report on the expediency and expense of providing playground, referred to the mayor c 85-communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the park commissioners, placed on file c 161, 225; order that the park commissioners be requested to select a suitable site, etc., referred to the mayor c 200; order that the committee on finance include \$57,000 for purchase of a site for playground, referred to the committee on finance c 288

Playground, Ward 16.

order that the committee on finance provide in first loan bill \$25,000 for purchase of land bounded by Howard ave., Wayland st. and Balfour st. for playground purposes, referred to committee on finance c 34; order for loan of \$50,000 for playground, assigned c 362-taken up, referred to next government c 776 a 780

Playground, Ward 17.

order that the committee on finance include in the first loan bill \$100,000 for playground, referred to committee on finance c 90

Playground, Ward 19.

order that the finance committee include in next loan \$50,000 for a playground, referred to committee on finance c 35; order that the superintendent of public grounds be requested to hire for skating purposes the vacant lot of land bounded by Parker, Ruggles and Ward sts., referred to the mayor c 39

Playground and Gymnasium, Ward 21.

order that \$75,000 be appropriated by loan for playground, etc., assigned c 151-taken up, discussed c 235, 236-order rejected, reconsidered, assigned c 236-taken up, reconsideration lost, order rejected c 325; order for loan of \$7,500 to be expended by park department for playground, laid over c 359-taken up, indefinitely postponed c 625

Pleasant street, Ward 7.

closing: order to close to travel, passed a 430

Pleasant street, Ward 20.

sidewalk: Boyd & Berry, petition a 634-granted a 637

Pleasure Bay.

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Plummer School District. (See School Department.)**Police Department.**

committee: appointed a 107 c 150

closing of streets: order to close during Marathon races, passed a 265

cost of strike: order that the police commissioner send a bill to the master teamsters' association for services during present strike, referred to the mayor c 285, 306

criminal strike breakers: order that police commissioner be requested to have records of all persons who are now employed, or may hereafter be, brought into the city, and if any are found to have criminal records to order them out of the city, passed a 371

day off: order that the committee on police be requested to report what action they have taken on the order for one day off in seven for members of force, referred to committee on police c 305; communication from the Boston Social Club, thanking Common Council for report on day off for policemen, placed on file c 538

holiday, Memorial Day: see Memorial Day

information: order that the police commissioner be requested to give estimate of cost of raising salaries (list given), passed a 53; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the police department, placed on file a 125

licensing of truck-drivers: regulation relative to, referred to committee on ordinances a 266

lodging-houses, Albany st.: order that the police commissioner report whether the proprietors of lodging-houses Nos. 161-169, have complied with Acts of legislature of 1894, referred to the mayor c 305

loss of cows: D. F. Reagan, petition for compensation for loss of cows bitten by dog a 220-granted a 244; Arthur Timmins, petition to be paid for a 757-granted a 766

night policemen, hours of duty: order that the police commissioner be requested to investigate the hours of duty and see if a more equitable distribution of hours cannot be arranged, referred to the mayor c 93

one day off in seven: order that police commissioner give estimate of yearly cost, passed a 53-resolution relative to, assigned c 22, 33-taken up, referred to the committee on police c 62

ordinances for policemen: ordered that the police commissioner be requested to provide each member of force with one copy of Revised Ordinances of 1898, referred to the mayor c 151

payment of annuity to Mary A. Harris: see Harris, Mary A.

payment of pensions: see Treasury Department

police station 6: order that the committee on finance be requested to provide in the first loan bill \$10,000 to be used for the purchase of land for enlargement of station, referred to committee on finance a 385-order that the board of health be requested to furnish a copy of report now on file in their office of investigation of the condition of station, passed a 428; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the board of health, referred to committee on public improvements a 433-434-report, referred to committee on finance a 439

promotion of reserve officers: order that the police commissioner be requested to promote reserve officers to regular patrolmen in order of appointment as reserve officers, referred to the mayor c 239

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railroad police: notice of appointment for Boston & Maine R.R. a 311; notice of appointment a 512

salary increase for matrons: communication from the police commissioner relative to, with order for increase, referred to committee on public improvements a 685-report, assigned a 745-taken up, referred to next government a 787

strike-breakers: order that police commissioner be requested to have all strike-breakers searched for concealed weapons before leaving their quarters, passed c 319-discussed a 334-335-passed a 335; communication from the mayor and police commissioner and opinion of corporation counsel, placed on file c 398

sub-station, Edward Everett sq.: order that the police commissioner consider advisability of locating a sub-station, referred to the mayor c 286-287; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the police commissioner, placed on file c 317

time off for policemen: preamble and order accepting act relative to, assigned c 453-taken up, substitute offered, discussed c 483-488, passed c 484, a 511, 512; communication from the mayor, relative to, sent down a 469-placed on file c 483

boxes:

COLUMBUS AVE.: petition to erect posts for boxes a 459-order for hearing a 461-hearing a 476-granted a 513

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Pomfret street.

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Pontiac and Alleghany streets.

lamp-post: order to place, referred to the mayor c 199

Pope, Captain Edward D.

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Poplar street, West Roxbury.

sale of land: *see* Street Laying-Out Department

sewers: order to construct surface sewers, referred to the mayor a 710

Porter place, Ward 2.

gas-lamp: order to place, referred to the mayor c 155

Porter street, East Boston.

constructing of basement: Boston City Hospital, petition to construct below grade a 156-granted a 159

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to remove a 366-granted a 714

Powell, Alice E.

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Power street and Dorchester avenue.

electric light: order to maintain on corner, referred to the mayor c 750

Preble street.

macadamizing: order to macadamize, referred to the mayor c 629

widening: order that street commissioners furnish estimate of cost of widening from Andrew sq. to Columbia road, passed a 371

Prendergast, James M.

appointed park commissioner a 309-referred to committee on public improvements a 336-confirmed a 346

Prendergast, James M., et als.

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Prescott street, East Boston.

accepting and laying out: order to accept and lay out as a public way, passed a 140 c 144; order to accept and lay out as a public way from Chelsea st. to Wood Island park, passed a 379, c 403

board walk: order to place between Bremen st. and Wood Island park, referred to the mayor c 151

laying out: order that street commissioners report an estimate of cost, passed a 207-communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the street commissioners, placed on file a 219

poles: Edison Electric Illuminating Company, petition to erect a 333-order for hearing a 425-hearing a 435

trees: order to place between Bremen st. and Wood Island park, referred to the mayor c 319

Preston, Harriet B.

claim granted a 206 c 230

Price, Herbert F.

appointed consumptives' hospital trustee a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 336-confirmed a 347

Prince street.

decorations: Italian Society of St. Mary of Anzana, petition to suspend a 389-granted a 395

drinking fountain: order that the park commissioners take such steps as are necessary to cause establishment and maintenance of fountain, referred to the mayor c 88; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the park commissioners, placed on file c 205

Princeton street.

resurface: order to resurface, passed a 293

sidewalk: Charles Karp and Joseph Goldberg, petition a 366-granted a 373

Princeton street and Eagle square.

lamps: order to place, passed a 207

Printing Department.

committee: appointed a 107 c 150

superintendent: Thomas A. Whalen, appointed a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 336-confirmed a 346

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Municipal Register, etc.: order to print, also to print pocket edition of rules and orders and list of members and committees, passed c 22 a 49, 50

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order that special committee be appointed to make inspection passed a 71-committee appointed a 76; report of special committee accepted, ordered printed a 781

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Public Buildings Department.

committee: appointed a 107 c 150

superintendent: James F. Nolan, appointed a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 335-confirmed a 346

armory building, Maverick st.: report, with order of approval, accepted, passed a 249 c 278

baths, Curtis Hall: order that the finance committee provide in the first loan bill \$50,000, to be expended for fitting up, referred to committee on finance a 371

building, Maverick and Bremen sts.: Major P. J. Grady Camp No. 3, U. S. W. V., petition to occupy part of building a 241

cost of Curtis Hall: order that the superintendent of public buildings report whether or not said hall is paying, referred to the mayor c 90

fee for locations: order that the superintendent of public buildings be requested to charge a fee for all locations granted on property under his control for sale of merchandise, laid over c 201-taken up, referred to the mayor c 236

furniture for council chamber: *see* Common Council

improvement of Vine-st. church: order for loan of \$25,000, to be expended for shower baths, hot water heating, etc., assigned c 90-taken up, passed c 122-referred to committee on public improvements a 139-report, accepted, order rejected a 142-motion to reconsider, taken up, passed a 207; communication from the mayor vetoing order, placed on file, order indefinitely postponed c 225

money for transportation, Massachusetts volunteer militia: order that the superintendent of public buildings furnish necessary facilities for transportation, passed a 314

new floor, Curtis Hall: order that the superintendent of public buildings provide a hardwood floor, referred to the mayor c 93; order that from the sum received for the sale of a portion of Deer Island \$1,200 be appropriated for a new floor, passed c 152 a 158

Public Grounds Department.

committee: appointed a 107 c 150

superintendent: D. Henry Sullivan, appointed a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 335-confirmed a 346

abolition of department: ordinance relative to, assigned c 622

consolidation with park department: order that the corporation counsel be requested to give to the city council his opinion as to legality of consolidation; also as to whether ordinance relative to (given) is legal a 651, 652-referred to the mayor c 652

Franklin and Blackstone sqs.: *see* Franklin and Blackstone sqs.

holiday for picnic: order to grant a holiday on July 24 to attend picnic, passed a 393 c 406

improvement of Boston Common: order that the committee on finance include in the first loan bill \$12,000 for grading of Boston Common and providing for a recreation ground for children, referred to committee on finance c 284

improvements, Heath sq.: *see* Heath sq.

land for skating purposes, Worcester st.: order that the superintendent of public grounds report what arrangements can be made for hiring and flooding between Tremont st. and Columbus ave., referred to the mayor c 85

skating, Ward 12: *see* Ward 12

playground, Everett st., Brighton: order to hire the vacant lot of land belonging to W. W. Marsh for a certain sum, passed c 164 a 180

playground, Mattapan: *see* Mattapan Playground

receptacles for refuse cans: *see* Street Cleaning Department

sand gardens, Madison park: *see* Madison Park

vacant lot, Cambridge st., Ward 25: order to cause land to be graded and put in condition, referred to the mayor c 750

trees: *see* the different streets

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BELLEVUE ST.: *see* Bellevue st.

BOWDOIN ST.: *see* Bowdoin st.

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EVERETT ST., EAST BOSTON: *see* Everett st.

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UNION PARK: Mrs. H. A. Allen, petition to remove tree a 316

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YEOMAN ST.: order to trim in front of No. 38, passed a 340

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Public Lands. (See, also, Street Laying-Out Department.)

committee: appointed a 107 c 150

modifications in conditions Tremont and Brookline sts.: *see* Tremont and Brookline sts.

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appointed: committee on lamp department, market department, park department, street laying-out department, Labor Day, Patriots' Day, elections c 150

orders offered: car service, Hanover st. c 92

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tree: order to remove in front of No. 90, passed a 223

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bay-window: Annie C. Burns, petition and order for hearing a 157-hearing, given leave to withdraw a 174

electric arc light: order to place corner Third st., referred to the mayor c 152

Quincy Market.

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Quincy Market Cold Storage and Warehouse Company and American House *et al.*

petition for leave to extend its pipes in certain streets, referred to committee on public improvements a 175—order for hearing a 182—hearing a 220—referred to committee on electric wires a 224

Quincy Row.

awning: James C. Melvin *et al.*, petition and order for hearing a 292—hearing a 310—granted a 337

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sidewalk: Louis Salovitz, petition a 476—granted a 478

Rachkowsky, Max L., Councilman, Ward 6.

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appointed: committee on appropriations, clerk of committees, overseeing of the poor department, police department, Fourth of July, Patriots' Day c 149, 150; committee on Old Home Week c 525; committee to attend funeral of Archbishop Williams c 569

orders offered: Deer Island, improvement c 37

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petition, compensation for injuries to horse and damages to wagon a 662

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approval of plan of footbridge, Commercial street: see Boston Elevated Railroad

Dudley-st. elevated station: communication from railroad commissioners approving plans a 221

electric railroad: hearing on January 31 on petition of directors of association for the formation of New York and Boston Electric Railroad Company for certificate for electric road a 69; hearing on February 6 on petition of directors of association for the formation of Boston and Providence Interurban Electric Railroad Company for certificate for electric road a 69

elevated station, Broadway extension and Washington st.: order that the mayor be requested to appear before the railroad commissioners to advocate the establishment of elevated railway station, passed a 70

extension of private railroad, Clinton st.: Nathan Tufts & Sons, petition a 612—order for hearing a 615—hearing a 653—refused a 781

grade of Old Colony Railroad, Harrison sq.: notice from railroad commissioners of consent to proposed changes in grade, placed on file a 98

locations of Boston Elevated Railway Co.: communications approving plans 26,187, 26,190, and disapproving plan 26,191 a 587

restoration of car service, Shawmut ave.: Edward Gill *et al.*, petition a 248

revocation of track location, Harrison ave.: order that committee of railroads consider expediency of revoking location between Dover and Beach sts., referred to committee on railroads a 205—report, no action necessary on order revoking location between Dover and Beach sts. a 742

storage yard and connection, Boston Elevated: see Boston Elevated Railroad

use of tracks, East Boston: communication from the railroad commissioners stating that they had approved an agreement between the Boston & Northern Street Railway Company and the Boston Elevated, placed on file a 643

Randall street, Ward 17.

laying out and construction: order to accept and lay out as a public way, passed a 589 c 607

Randidge Fund.

communication from the mayor submitting report, ordered printed, sent down a 581—placed on file c 606

Randolph street.

guy-post, etc.: H. P. Nawn, petition a 532—granted a 536

Randolph-street Playground. (See Playground, Randolph street.)

Rapid Transit Commission.

taking of land from Relief Station: see Hospital Department

Ratchesky, Israel A.

appointed commissioner of sinking funds a 382—confirmed a 367, 368

Reagan, Daniel L.

petition for compensation for loss of seven cows bitten by dog a 220—granted a 244

Refuse, Disposition of. (See Sanitary Department.)

Refuse on Streets, Regulation Relative to. (See Health Department.)

Registry Department.

committee: appointed a 107 c 150

city registrar: Edward W. McGlenen, appointed a 308—referred to committee on public improvements a 335—confirmed a 346

history of Roxbury: order that the city registrar be authorized to have printed five hundred additional copies of the thirty-fourth report, entitled the Town of Roxbury, etc., passed a 250 c 282

publication of Boston records: order to have printed an edition of 1,000 copies of the 34th report, entitled the Town of Roxbury, etc., passed a 748 c 747

Relief Station, Haymarket square.

taking of land by Rapid Transit Commission: see Hospital Department

Reno and St. Alphonsus streets.

lamp-posts: order to place at corner, referred to the mayor c 199

Reserve Fund.

appropriation: communication from the mayor relative to appropriation with order for additional appropriation of \$75,000, referred to committee on public improvements a 519—report, accepted, order passed a 521 c 524, 525—report, no action necessary on order for appropriation of \$100,000 (referred last year), accepted a 616

Cambridge bridge dedication expense: see Cambridge Bridge

Restoration of Old State House. (See Old State House.)

Revenue from Street Stands, etc. (See Law Department.)

Revision of Acts Relative to the City. (See Law Department.)

Revision of City Charter. (See City Charter.)**Richardson, C. E.**

bay-window, West st., petition and order for hearing a 571-hearing a 582-granted a 703

Richardson park.

swings and settees: order to provide swings for children and settees, referred to the mayor c 154

Riley, Elizabeth A., M.D.

petition for renewal of license for lying-in hospital, Bay State road, a 220-referred to committee on health department, with instructions to give public hearing a 243-granted a 390

Rill street, Ward 20.

trees: order to have trees trimmed in front of No. 32, passed a 589; order to remove in front of estate No. 12, passed a 589

Ringling of Bells.

order that mayor cause bells to be rung at 9 A.M., noon, and sunset, on holidays (list given), referred to committee on public improvements a 176-report, accepted, order passed a 181 c 187

River street, Dorchester.

relaying tracks: see Old Colony Street Railway Company

River street, Ward 11.

bay-window: Frank A. Bourne, petition and order for hearing a 221-hearing a 248-granted a 337

Riverway, Ward 19.

drinking fountain near Plymouth st.: order to place in the summer house, referred to the mayor c 569

Robert and Smith streets.

fire-alarm box: see Fire Department

Roberts, Isaac L., Councilman, Ward 11.

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on city clerk department, hospital department, inspection of vessels and ballast department, sealing of weights and measures department, Fourth of July c 149, 150; committee to attend funeral of Archbishop Williams c 569

Robinson, Mrs. J. W.

order to allow and pay \$100 for use of land as playground, Neponset a 105 c 122, 123, 144; communication from the mayor vetoing order, referred to committee on public improvements a 173-report, accepted, veto sustained a 616

Rockwell street, Ward 24.

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 68

Rogers avenue.

improvements: order that the superintendent of streets be requested to put in condition for travel, referred to the mayor c 284

Rogers, Harlow H.

petitions, offering to surrender alleged invalid tax deeds of estates, Bailey st. a 684-refused c 718, 719

Rogers, Margaret.

petition, license lying-in hospital, Washington st., Ward 25 a 376-granted a 390; petition, license to maintain lying-in hospital, Boylston st. a 673-granted a 685

Rogers park.

band concerts: order that the music trustees be requested to arrange for July 4 and August 31, referred to the mayor c 165

enlargement: order that committee on finance provide \$30,000 in first loan bill, referred to committee on finance a 428; communication from the mayor vetoing loan of \$30,000, referred to committee on public improvements a 527-report, discussed a 744, 745-refused passage over veto a 745

gymnasium: order for loan of \$12,000 to be expended for gymnasium and apparatus, assigned c 153-taken up, discussed c 357, 358-assigned c 358; taken up, indefinitely postponed c 509

lighting: order that the park commissioners be requested to cause park to be lighted for skaters, referred to the mayor c 92

Roland street.

building: Boston & Maine Railroad, petition to erect a 257-granted c 282, 283-referred to committee on public improvements a 292-report, accepted, permit granted a 294

Ronan, Mary A.

petition, compensation for personal injuries a 673

Rooney, John A.

appointed building commissioner a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 336-confirmed a 346

Rose street.

lamps: order to place, referred to the mayor c 239

Rosedale street.

sidewalk: W. U. Sherman, petition a 634-granted a 637

Roseland street, Dorchester.

sidewalk: Rev. John A. Daly, petition a 424

Rosenberg, Jacob, Councilman, Ward 8.

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on assessing department, collecting department, music department, registry department, elections c 149, 150

orders offered: hours of duty, night policemen c 93

Hebrew chaplain c 154

bath-house, Ward 8 c 168

leave of absence, Hebrew holidays c 238, 239

police, Charlesbank c 507

slaughter of live fowl c 544

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skating, Charlesbank c 725

remarks: window addition, Dorchester ave. c 36

hours of duty of night policemen c 93

Hebrew chaplain in institutions c 154

slaughter of live fowl c 544

Roslin street.

sidewalk: Mary E. Stevens, petition a 571-granted a 590; W. C. Stevens, petition a 673-granted a 677

tree: order to remove in front of No. 24, passed a 636

Roslindale.

rail in subway under railroad: *see* Street Department

Round Hill street.

edgestones: John H. Lyons *et al.*, petition a 601-granted a 604; order that order passed October 7, 1907, be rescinded, passed a 615; communication from the mayor vetoing order for rescission of original order referred to committee on public improvements a 630-report, accepted, order passed over veto a 637, 638

sidewalk: Mrs. C. M. Smith, petition a 366-granted a 373

cleaning catch-basins: *see* Sewer Department

Roxbury Crossing.

fire-bell: *see* Fire Department

Roxbury Crossing Convenience Station.

order that the committee on finance be requested to include in the first loan bill a sum sufficient for construction of a public station, referred to committee on finance c 39

Roxbury High Fort.

order that a special committee be appointed to make arrangements for the exercises in connection with Old High Fort, during Old Home Week celebration, passed a 477 c 496-committee appointed a 477 c 525

Roxbury, History of. (*See* Registry Department.)**Roxbury Stand-pipe.**

order that from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island \$35,000 be appropriated to be expended by the superintendent of public grounds for the improvement of stand-pipe and its surroundings in park, discussed c 86, 87-passed c 87 a 97

Roxbury street.

poles: Edison Electric Illuminating Company, petition to erect a 98-order for hearing a 312-hearing a 366

widening: order that street commissioners be requested to widen, passed c 546 a 571

Rozella street.

sidewalk: Gilbert & Grady, petition a 241-granted a 252

Ruggles street.

repairing: order to repair from Huntington ave. to Parker st., referred to the mayor c 93; order to repair from Huntington ave. to Parker st., referred to the mayor c 362

resurfacing: order to resurface from Columbus ave. to Huntington ave., referred to the mayor c 93

tracks: *see* Boston Elevated Railway Company

Ruggles street and Shawmut avenue.

improvements: order to put in condition for travel, referred to the mayor c 287

Rules and Orders of the Board of Aldermen. (*See* Aldermen, Board of.)**Rules and Orders of the City Council.** (*See* City Council.)**Rules and Orders of the Common Council.** (*See* Common Council.)**Rust, Nathaniel J.**

appointed sinking-funds commissioner a 309-referred to committee on public improvements a 336-confirmed a 346

Russell, James A.

petition, compensation for damages, Glenway st. a 654

Rutherford avenue.

building, wooden: order to issue permit to David Whiting & Sons, passed c 35 a 59; order to correct clerical error, passed c 123 a 139

steam and water pipes: H. P. Hood & Sons, petition to lay conduit for a 613-granted a 637

Sacks, Solomon, Councilman, Ward 9.

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on art department, election department, police department, public buildings department, mayor's address c 149, 150; committee to attend funeral of Archbishop Williams c 569

orders offered: settee, Randolph-st. playground c 91 prescriptions to be furnished at cost c 91 lamps, Rose st. c 239 improvements, Seneca, Rochester and Rose sts. c 358, 359 gas-lamp, Castle st. c 455 gas-lamp, Shawmut ave. c 455

St. James street.

electric light: order to locate and maintain, passed a 379

gas-lamp: order to place opposite No. 16, referred to the mayor c 710

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 633

St. James terrace.

sign: order that the superintendent of streets be instructed to place a sign marking terrace, referred to the mayor c 38

St. Margaret street.

wire: H. W. Ladd, petition to stretch across street, passed a 589; communication from the mayor vetoing order, refused passage over veto a 600

St. Paul street.

guy-posts: William Crane, petition a 712-granted a 715

Salem street.

coal-hole: Filomena Milano, petition a 241-granted a 246

Sanborn, Clara.

petition, compensation for injuries a 174-refused a 258 c 278

Sand Gardens. (*See* School Department.)

Sanitary Department.

superintendent: Daniel H. Gillespie, appointed a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 335-report, accepted, discussed a 344, 345-appointment confirmed a 345

branch, Dorchester: order that the committee on finance be requested to provide in the first loan bill a sum sufficient for establishment of branch, referred to committee on finance a 143; order that the committee on appropriations be requested to provide a sufficient sum to provide a permanent branch in Dorchester, referred to committee on appropriations a 143-report, no action necessary c 357 a 367

collection of Brighton offal: order that the superintendent of sanitary department be requested to discontinue granting of contract and to place Brighton divisions on a permanent basis, referred to the mayor c 92

day off for picnic: order to allow, passed a 463 c 496

disposition of refuse, Fort Hill wharf: communication from the mayor transmitting papers and letters relative to a 126-136-referred to special committee a 136 c 144-committee appointed a 158 c 162-reports of special committee, referred to committee on public improvements a 244

half-holiday for employees: order that the superintendent of sanitary department be requested to include in the next appropriation a sum sufficient to provide a half-holiday upon Saturdays all the year around, passed a 667 c 670

new scows: order that the mayor include in estimates \$40,000 for two scows, etc., referred to the mayor c 235

ordinance relative to department: laid over a 394-taken up, discussed, passed a 418, 419 c 443

payment for removal of ashes: order that the superintendent furnish a list of all buildings from which his department does not remove ashes except upon payment by the owner or occupant, etc., passed a 658.

proper care of offal: ordinance relative to, passed c 167 a 180

refuse on streets, regulation of: see Health Department

removal of ashes, etc.: order that the superintendent of sanitary department be requested to submit the cost of removing ashes from Wards 16, 20 and 24, for year 1906, referred to the mayor c 323; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent relative to, placed on file c 396, 397; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent of sanitary department, transmitting list of buildings a 728, 729-placed on file a 729

removal of refuse, Ward 10: order to direct removal of paper which has accumulated in houses in Precincts 7, 8 and 9 in Ward 10, referred to the mayor c 507

sanitary division, Dorchester: order that the superintendent be requested to submit an estimate of cost of maintaining a branch for service in the Dorchester district, referred to the mayor c 88; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent relative to, placed on file c 108

shipment of ashes from Fort Hill: communication from the mayor transmitting reports of commission on shipment of ashes and garbage from wharf, etc., a 731, 732-referred to committee on public improvements a 735

payment of employees: order that the superintendent be requested to report if it is customary to pay district foremen while suspended, and, if it is legal and proper, why the same treatment is not accorded laborers and teamsters injured in discharge of duty, passed a 766

Sanitary Waste Disposal Company.

disposition of waste, Fort Hill: see Sanitary Department

Santosuosso, Joseph, Councilman, Ward 6.

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on claims, health department, institutions department, Patriots' Day c 149, 150

orders offered: Patriots' Day c 37
drinking fountain, Prince st. c 88
Esperanto in schools c 88
band concerts, North End c 286
toilet facilities, Quincy Market c 286

remarks: improvement, Deer Island c 55, 56
bath-house, North End c 84
use of sidewalks, ordinance c 146, 147
loan for sewers c 189
East Boston bath-house c 226, 227
change of name of North End Park c 751, 752

Saratoga street.

bay-window: Snelerson, petition and order for hearing a 512-hearing a 530-refused a 588

lamps: order to place sufficient number between Wordsworth and Boardman sts., referred to the mayor c 151; order to place between Addison and Boardman sts., referred to the mayor c 319

opening: order that the city engineer be requested to report when street will be open to travel, at point where grade crossing is being separated, passed a 478; order that city engineer be requested to report when it is expected to be opened for teaming, passed a 575

pipe: Freeman Nickerson, petition to lay across street a 290

pole: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to relocate a 511-granted a 521

removal of watering trough: see Water Department

repaving: order to repave, passed a 315-order to repair from Moore to Wordsworth sts., passed a 478

resurfacing: order to resurface from Central sq. to Shelby st., passed a 245; order to resurface from Austin ave. to Orient Heights, passed a 293

sidewalk: L. A. Ginsburg, granted a 252; S. G. Hendricks, petition a 333-granted a 341; J. Goldberg, petition a 643-granted a 650

trees: order to trim, in front of No. 742, passed a 463, 473; order to remove in front of No. 217, passed a 743, 744

Saratoga and Curtis streets.

electric light: order to place at corner, referred to the mayor c 607

Saratoga and Wordsworth streets.

tree: order to have removed, passed a 605

Sargent, Adelaide J.

order to refund entrance fee to sewer, Knapp st., passed c 444 a 460

Savin Hill.

playground: report no further action necessary a 616

Savin Hill avenue.

catch-basin: order to construct, referred to the mayor c 287

crosswalk: order to construct at Gardner ave., referred to the mayor c 167

improvement: order to reset curbstone between Auckland and Sagamore sts., referred to the mayor c 508

Savin Hill avenue and Tuttle street.

arc-light: order to place at corner, referred to the mayor c 287

Savin Hill park.

order that from the sale of a portion of lands on Deer Island there be appropriated \$35,000 for the purchase of top of hill for a park, laid over a 106-taken up, referred to committee on public improvements a 139; order that committee on finance be requested to provide in the first loan bill the sum of \$35,000 for purchase of land at top of hill for park purposes, referred to committee on finance a 250; Dr. M. F. Rogers *et al.*, petition for passage of order; order that the sum of \$35,000 be appropriated for purchase of part of Dorchester known as Savin Hill to be used as a public park, referred to committee on appropriations a 245-report, referred to committee on finance c 357 a 367

Savin Hill Playground.

order that the finance committee be requested to include in the first loan bill a sum sufficient to enable board of park commissioners to fill in playground, referred to committee on finance c 86; order for loan of \$5,000 to be expended for grading and improving passed c 444-referred to committee on finance a 460

Savin street.

- coal vault :** Drake Bros. Company, petition a 601-granted a 604, 605
gas-lamp : order to place, referred to the mayor c 507
guy-wire : H. P. Nawn, petition a 333-granted a 341
marquise : Drake Bros. Company, petition and order for hearing a 532-hearing a 570; petition and order for hearing a 587-hearing a 601-referred to committee on building department a 604-report, accepted, permit granted a 614-report no action necessary, accepted a 703
sidewalk : petition a 571-granted a 590

Sawyer, M.

- petition, compensation for damages to property, Ashland st. a 642

Scanlan, John J., et al.

- petition, compensation for loss of time when excused from service as jurors a 667

School Department.

- committee :** appointed a 107 c 150
schoolhouse commissioners : Charles Logue, appointed a 332; notice of organization, by election of F. R. Clipston Sturgis chairman, and Horace B. Fisher secretary a 424
amount for architect services : order that the schoolhouse commission report the amounts paid for architects' services on school construction from 1900-1907, and to whom paid, passed a 650; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the schoolhouse commission giving amounts paid a 755, 756-referred to committee on public improvements a 756-report, accepted, placed on file a 763
bells for no school in Charlestown : order that the school committee be requested to cause bells to be rung on occasions when there is to be one session on account of storms c 625; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent of public schools, placed on file c 717
benches in school-yard, James Otis School : order that the mayor be requested to cause benches to be placed in Marion-st. yard for the accommodation of children during the summer months, referred to the mayor c 90
care of kindergarten children : order that the school committee cause a competent person to be assigned to each kindergarten to guard against accident after close of the session, referred to the mayor c 237; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the school committee relative to, placed on file c 717
Commercial High School : order to consider advisability of locating new high school in vicinity of Dudley st., discussed a 638, 639-passed a 639; communication from the schoolhouse commissioners, referred to committee on public improvements a 643; order that school committee consider advisability of locating high school near Dudley st. elevated station, passed a 650
Dearborn School, shower baths : order to install a system of shower baths, passed a 463 c 496
educational centre, William E. Russell School : order that the school committee be requested to establish an educational centre in said school, referred to the mayor c 57; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent of schools relative to, placed on file c 184
"Esperanto" in schools : order that the school committee report at their earliest convenience on the order of June 7, 1906, requesting them to include in the course of studies of our new Commercial High School, the study of "Esperanto," referred to the mayor c 88
evening session, Comins School : order that school committee make arrangements for holding evening sessions in said school instead of Sherwin, passed c 455 a 460; communication from the school committee relative to, sent down a 594-placed on file c 606
fence, Charlestown High School : order that the school committee erect an iron fence on the outer edge of each of the main doors, referred to the mayor c 607; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the schoolhouse department, placed on file c 622, 623
high school, North Dorchester : order that schoolhouse commission be requested to report as to the advisability and cost of erecting, passed a 464
evening high school, Dorchester : order to establish, referred to the mayor c 725
legacy to Girls' Latin School : see Bequests

School Department, continued.

- new building, Brimmer School :** communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the schoolhouse department relative to purchase of Berkeley Temple, etc., placed on file c 494
new business school : ordered that the schoolhouse commissioners be requested to consider expediency of purchasing site of Berkeley Temple and erecting new school, referred to the mayor c 408
Norcross School : order to establish sand gardens in yard, passed c 325 a 334; communication from the superintendent of schools, placed on file a 412
pay of janitors : order that school committee be requested to report why the janitors are not paid weekly, passed a 598
Plummer School District, East Boston : order that schoolhouse commissioners be requested to report reason for not furnishing permanent school accommodations, laid over c 542-taken up, discussed c 543, 544-passed c 544
sand gardens : order that the school committee be requested to establish in all the school yards of Ward 16 sand gardens, also the Phillips Brooks School, referred to the mayor c 455
sand gardens, Ward 12 : order that the school committee be requested to establish in all the school-yards, passed c 359 a 367
sand gardens, Ward 16 : communication from the superintendent of public schools relative to, placed on file c 495
sand gardens, Ward 21 : order to establish in all school-yards, referred to the mayor c 409
school accommodations, Plummer district : communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the schoolhouse commission, placed on file c 623
school-house, Adams district : order that the schoolhouse commissioners be requested to erect on land owned by the city adjacent to Plummer School, referred to the mayor c 327; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from schoolhouse commission relative to, placed on file c 396
school prizes : order that the school committee be requested to offer prizes to the pupils in the various classes for excellence in studies and deportment, referred to the mayor c 155; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the school committee relative to, placed on file c 623
Sherwin School building : order that the schoolhouse commissioners be requested to move wooden building situated in yard and facing Windsor st., referred to the mayor c 360
sidewalks in front of Mary Hemenway school : order to construct, passed a 223
weekly pay : order to make necessary arrangements so that janitors and school teachers may be paid weekly, passed a 224; order that the school committee be requested to at once conform to the law by making weekly payments to janitors, referred to the mayor c 610
work of physical training : order that the school committee be requested to furnish detailed report of actual work of instructors, passed c 287
yard, Quincy School-house : order to report cost of enlarging yard, etc., referred to the mayor c 409

School Property.

- portion of Mayor Fitzgerald's address relative to, pages 10 and 11

School street.

- paving :** order to pave with wooden pavements, referred to the mayor c 454

School street, Ward 22.

- tree :** order to remove in front of 188, passed a 105; order to remove tree in front of No. 116, passed a 105

School and Amory streets, Ward 22.

- tree :** order to trim, referred to the mayor c 408

Schwartz, Nathan.

- petition, compensation for damages to house, Cotting st. a 642

Scollard, Garrett W.

appointed city collector a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 335-report, accepted, appointment confirmed a 342

Scotia street.

pipe under sidewalk: John F. Moors, petition a 220-granted a 224

Scott, James E.

claim granted a 206 c 230

Scows, New. (*See Sanitary Department.*)**Scows, Purchase of.**

order that common council resolve itself into a committee of the whole to investigate the purchase of scows, etc., referred to committee on judiciary c 323

Sealing of Weights and Measures Department.

committee: appointed a 107 c 150

sealer: Henry B. Lovering, appointed a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 335-confirmed a 346

deputy sealers: John E. Ansell, Manasseh E. Bradley, Jeremiah Bresnahan, Jeremiah J. Crowley, Timothy W. Crowley, Daniel J. Moynihan, Jr., Hugh J. Quinn, James A. Sweeney, James J. Sweeney, Charles E. Walsh, appointed a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 335-confirmed a 346; Charles F. Bogart, Thomas F. Coveney, Thomas Farrell, John L. Higgins, Robert J. Ware, John Young, Jr., appointed a 511; John B. Farren, James Rogan, appointed a 519-taken up, indefinitely postponed a 771

additional power for sealers: order that the committee on legislative matters be instructed to appear before committee of the general court having matter in charge in favor of proposed legislation, passed a 143

deputy sealers: ordinance for appointment of extra deputy sealers, discussed a 159, 160-assigned a 160-taken up, discussed a 250, 251-assigned a 251-taken up, discussed a 313, 314-passed c 314-assigned c 318-taken up, discussed c 350, 352-passed c 352; ordinance relative to, laid over a 393-taken up, passed a 422 c 443; communication from the finance commission relative to, referred to committee on public improvements a 533-report, placed on file a 537; communication from the mayor requesting that action be suspended on confirmation of appointments, placed on file a 581

report of finance commission: communication from the finance commission giving report a 584-587-referred to committee on public improvements a 587

scale inspections: order that the sealer of weights and measures be requested to inform this board as to the scales, so far as he knows, not inspected by the members of his department, and why all scales are not inspected by his department officials, passed a 72; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the sealer of weights and measures, placed on file a 126

Seaver, T., Estate.

petition, compensation for damages to estate, Marcella st. a 673

Seaver street.

removal of wall: *see* Franklin Park

sidewalk: William H. Newcombe, petition a 290-granted a 294; John J. Crosby, petition a 412-granted a 417

widening: order to make necessary arrangements to widen between Walnut and Blue Hill ayes. and removal of stone wall, passed a 223

Second street.

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove a 633-granted a 648

Second and P streets.

electric light: order to establish, referred to the mayor c 235

Sedgwick street.

resurfacing: order that the superintendent of streets be requested to resurface, passed a 428

sidewalk, etc.: order to put sidewalk and roadway in proper condition, referred to the mayor c 286

Seneca, Rochester and Rose streets, Ward 9.

improvements: order to report cost of placing in proper condition for travel, referred to the mayor c 358, 359

Seventeenth of June.

celebration: order for appointment of special committee for arrangement of celebration, passed c 38 a 51-notice of reconsideration, called up, discussed a 71, 72-lost a 72-committee appointed a 107 c 150

closing streets during parade: order to close during parade a 438

Seventh street.

coasting: *see* Coasting

electric lights: order to place one at B and one at C sts., referred to the mayor c 544

Sewer Assessments, Collection of. (*See Collecting Department.*)**Sewer Department.**

superintendent: John J. Leahy, appointed a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 335-confirmed a 344

Charles-river basin, sewerage works: communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent of sewers relative to; order for loan of \$100,000, referred to committee on public improvements a 641

cleaning of Roxbury catch-basins: order to clean at earliest possible date, passed a 589

cleaning catch-basins, Wards 19, 21, 22: order that the superintendent give matter immediate attention, passed a 659

drainage conditions, Ward 13: order that the superintendent of sewers be requested to investigate, referred to the mayor c 237

engineers: order that superintendent of sewers place portable and hoisting engineers on a permanent basis, passed a 340

loan for sewerage works: order for loan of \$1,000,000, laid over c 167-taken up, substitute offered, discussed c 188-190-passed c 190 a 203

loan for sewers: order for loan of \$300,000 for sewerage works, assigned c 283-indefinitely postponed c 723

loan for surface drainage: order for loan of \$600,000, laid over c 167-taken up, substitute order offered, discussed c 190-193-passed c 192 a 203; order for loan of \$100,000 for separate system of drainage, assigned c 293-taken up, indefinitely postponed c 723

release of easement, Blue Hill ave. and Morton st.: *see* Blue Hill ave. and Morton st.

sewers, Ward 23: Canterbury and other streets: *see* Ward 23

transportation for employees: order that the superintendent of sewers be requested to provide some method of transportation from Dorchester ave. to the pumping station, etc., referred to the mayor c 38

West Second st., nuisance: *see* West Second st.

sewers:

BAYSWATER ST.: *see* Bayswater st.

BEECH ST., WARD 23: *see* Beech st.

DENT ST.: *see* Dent st.

SPRING ST.: communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent of sewers, placed on file c 183, 184; *see, also*, Spring st.

SYCAMORE AND POPLAR STS.: *see* Sycamore and Poplar sts.

WESTOVER ST.: *see* Westover st.

WILLOW PK.: order to construct, referred to the mayor c 151

Shapiro, Jacob.

bay-windows, Meridian st., petition and order for hearing a 532-hearing a 570-granted a 614

Shaw, Bernard.

petition, compensation for damages to stock and fixtures, Cotting st. a 642

Shawmut avenue.

asphalting: order to repair from Cherry to Castle sts., referred to the mayor c 305

car service, restoration of: see Railroads

gas-lamp: order to place between Castle and Lucas sts., referred to the mayor c 455

repaving: order to repave from Camden st. to Guild row, referred to the mayor c 151

Shawmut Branch, New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. (See New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad.)**Sheehan, Emma L.**

petition, compensation for personal property damage, Tremont st. a 684

Sheenan, Frederick M. J., Councilman, Ward 17.

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appointed: committee on finance, legislative matters, ordinances and law department, sealing of weights and measures department c 149, 150

orders offered: closing of markets c 152
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payment to Francis A. Campbell c 359

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Sherman street, Ward 21.

tree: order to remove in front of No. 61, passed a 245

Shinnock, John J.

petition, compensation, personal injuries a 662

Shipment of Ashes and Garbage from Fort Hill Wharf. (See Sanitary Department.)**Shuman, A.**

communication from the mayor transmitting communication from Mr. Shuman, presenting fence to be placed around statue of John Boyle O'Reilly at Back Bay Fens, order accepting same, passed a 156 c 163; bay-window, Washington st., petition and order for hearing a 602-hearing a 634-refused a 786

Sidney street, Ward 16.

extension: order to extend from Crescent ave. to Mt. Vernon st., passed c 709 a 713

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petitions referred last year: report on veto messages on permits J. Schwartz, Philip Cohen, accepted, vetoes sustained a 744

ALBANY ST.: Spring Water Carbonating Company, petition a 684-granted a 703

ALLSTON AND BOWDOIN STS.: Commonwealth Hotel, petition a 633-granted a 636

ARCH ST.: M. Steinert & Sons Co., petition a 290-granted a 262

ASHBURTON PL.: Boston Baptist Social Union, petition a 458-granted a 470

ASHMONT ST. AND DORCHESTER AVE.: A. H. Tripp, petition a 642-granted a 647

ATLANTIC AVE.: Joseph Palmer, petition a 174-granted a 206; B. Klues & Co., petition a 219-granted a 243; J. Cavagnaro, petition a 309-granted a 337; Thomas J. Ryan Company, petition a 333-granted a 368; L. Kaminsky, petition a 672-granted a 674

ATLANTIC AVE. AND ESSEX ST.: Hotel Essex, petition a 156-granted a 159

ATLANTIC AVE. AND PURCHASE ST.: J. E. Doherty, petition a 333-granted a 369

AVERY ST.: W. T. De Friest & Co., petition a 530-granted a 534

AVON ST.: Mack Sherick, petition a 633-granted a 636; J. C. Brash & Co., petition a 601-granted a 603; National Cloak & Suit Manufacturing Company, petition a 711-granted a 714

BEACH ST.: M. H. Marks, petition, granted a 98; Morrill & Cook, petition, granted a 98

BEACON ST.: J. A. Zinn, petition a 653-granted a 655; Houghton & Dutton, petition a 672-granted a 674

BEDFORD ST.: John H. Cauley, petition a 389-granted a 390; J. Kaplan, petition a 530-granted a 534; N. D. Piakus, petition a 581-granted a 588; S. Alario, petition a 612-granted a 614; petition a 642-granted a 648; petition a 653-granted a 655

BERKELEY ST.: Alfred E. Jolly, petition a 435-granted a 462

BERKELEY ST. AND WARREN AVE.: William B. Bradstreet, petition a 711-granted a 714

BIRCH ST.: Cruif & Byrne, petition a 241-granted a 243

BLACKSTONE ST.: Frankel & Co., petition a 389-granted a 390; O. L. Fern Company, petition a 581-granted a 588

BLUE HILL AVE.: L. Kuttner, petition a 241-granted a 249; William J. Hoar, petition a 389-granted a 390; Bergkuish & Hanson, petition a 469-granted a 470; S. O. Perkins, petition a 469-granted a 477; Ely Hirshon petition a 511-granted a 512; A. Goldstein, petition a 653-granted a 656

BOSWORTH ST.: U. S. Grant Cole, petition a 219-granted a 222

BOWDOIN SQ.: Tabernacle Baptist Church, petition a 633-granted a 636; J. Kelley, petition a 654-granted a 655

BOWDOIN ST.: E. G. Hoyt, petition, illuminated sign, granted a 98; Peter La Rossa, petition a 219-granted a 222; Jefferson Club, petition a 570-granted a 572; A. H. Robie, petition a 653-granted a 655

BOYLSTON ST.: Phelan & Steptoe, petition a 174-granted a 179; Salaway & Olsen, petition a 257-granted a 292; Bay State Trust Company, petition a 257; Phelan & Steptoe, petition a 309-granted a 312; Holland Bros., petition a 309-granted a 312; Hartshorn & Damiano, petitions (2) a 389; Miss M. F. Fisk, petition a 435-granted a 437; T. A. Pine, petition a 435-granted a 462; G. A. & J. L. Damon, petition a 435-granted a 462; Geo. H. Greenwood, petition a 520-granted a 520; Wilcey Savings Bank, petition a 530-granted a 534; W. A. Shattuck, petition a 530-granted a 534; Nerust Lamp Company, petition a 581-granted a 588; Bay State Trust, granted a 786; G. W. Leroy, petition a 633-granted a 636; Lewando's French Dyeing and Cleaning Company, petition a 654-granted a 655; Gordon Automobile Supply Company, petition a 737-granted a 743

BRAINTREE ST.: Allston Orchestra, petition a 662-granted a 663

BRATTLE ST.: Ralph Capone, petition a 476-granted a 477; Frank Clampa, petition a 530-granted a 534; A. La Centre, petition a 581-granted a 588

BROAD ST.: John Donley, petition a 202-granted a 221; Priscilla Publishing Company, petition a 653-granted a 655; Marshall Sign Company, petition a 672-granted a 674; A. G. McKinnon, petition a 711-granted a 714

BROADWAY: Nicholas Anastasi, petition a 126-granted a 140; F. L. Colpoys, petition a 174-granted a 179; Martin F. Touhy, petition a 174-granted a 179; Talbot Company, petition a 220-granted a 222; Carl D. Willson, petition a 309-granted a 312; R. Elliott, petition a 581-granted a 588; Frank Princiotta, petition a 642-granted a 647; R. E. Morris, petition a 642-granted a 647; Dr. W. J. Cavanaugh, petition a 654-granted a 655; Joseph Donats, petition a 737-granted a 743; Alfred Pisco & Son, petition a 737-granted a 743; A. Brescic, Carl D. Wilson, petition a 757-granted a 760; Dr. P. J. Jones, petition a 780-granted a 786; A. Shneider, petition a 684-granted a 703; Callahan & Valcire, petition a 711-granted a 714; Thomas Byrnes, petition a 711-granted a 714

BROMFIELD ST.: J. L. Clapp, petition a 174-granted a 206; T. W. Norman & Co., petition a 366-granted a 377; G. A. Jackson, petition a 581-granted a 588; Henry Penn, petition a 662-granted a 663; Carl Winther, petition a 711-granted a 714

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BROOKS ST.: Harry Flakow, petition a 594-granted a 598
 BUNKER HILL ST.: L. Winisky, petition a 530-granted a 534
 CAMBRIDGE ST.: Henry Gediman, petition a 174-granted a 206; Louis Ansello, petition a 458-granted a 470; G. F. Colcord, petition a 662-granted a 663
 CANAL ST.: Ketterers' Hotel, illuminated sign, granted a 98; Terminal Wine Company, petition a 333-granted a 337; Peter F. McKenna, petition a 511 refused a 512; Paine Furniture Company, petition a 767-granted a 770
 CAUSEWAY ST.: G. Warshaw, petition a 309-granted a 337; C. F. Wright, petition a 309-granted a 337; H. Robbins & Co., petition a 642-granted a 648; J. P. Mahoney & Co., petition a 767-granted a 770
 CENTRAL SQ., COR. MERIDIAN ST.: Iona Social Club, petition illuminated sign a 520-granted a 520
 CENTRAL SQ.: Iona Social Club, petition a 672-granted a 674
 CENTRAL ST.: Standard Life and Accident Insurance Company, petition a 156-granted a 159
 CENTRE ST.: T. G. Plant, petition a 389-granted a 390; John C. Good, petition a 469-granted a 477; E. W. Clark, petition a 642-granted a 647; Paul A. Rauhaut, petition a 654-granted a 655; E. W. Clark, petition a 711-granted a 714
 CENTRE ST. AND COLUMBUS AVE.: Highland Social Club, petition a 219-granted a 222
 CHAMBERS ST.: Morris Yona, petition a 219-granted a 243; F. P. Ross, petition a 520-granted a 520; Aron Bleystein, petition a 511-granted a 512; Alex. Erpert, petition a 530-granted a 534; Dr. I. P. Rose, petition a 633-granted a 636; Aron Blestein, petition a 780-granted a 786
 CHANDLER ST.: James W. Brodbine, petition a 737-granted a 743
 CHANGE AVE.: A. Warshauer, petition a 530-granted a 534
 CHAPMAN PL.: L. H. Sullivan & Co., petition a 511-granted a 512
 CHAPMAN ST.: Dondero and Sorocco, petition a 309-granted a 337
 CHARDON ST.: C. H. Hadley & Co., petition a 672-granted a 674
 CHARLES ST.: James D'Angelo, petition, barber pole a 136-granted a 159; F. W. Dillingham, petition a 202-granted a 221; J. J. McAteer, petition a 219-granted a 243; F. W. Dillingham, petition a 511-granted a 512; Democratic Club of Ward II, petition a 530-granted a 534; A. F. Geist, petition a 530-granted a 534
 CHARTER ST.: Timothy Murphy, petition a 642-granted a 647
 CHELSEA ST.: T. J. Duggan, petition a 219-granted a 243
 CHELSEA AND PROSPECT STS.: Stewart & Salisbury, petition a 247-granted a 259
 CHURCH ST.: L. Vanarkey, petition a 581-granted a 588
 COLUMBIA ROAD: A. T. H. E. Hagan, petition a 219-granted a 222; Bakersfield Association, petition a 220-granted a 222; Michael Makres, petition a 633-granted a 636
 COLUMBUS AVE.: Roman Bros., petition a 219-granted a 243; W. F. Abbott, petition a 366-granted a 377; F. J. McCarthy, petition a 375-granted a 377; Clogher & Mulrenin, petition a 412-granted a 424; Henry Hunt, petitions (2) a 530-granted a 534; Bornstein & Herson, petition a 594-granted a 598; Wong H. Loeka, petition a 601-granted a 603; William P. Kingston, petition a 633-granted a 636; Jaeger & Reinhard, petition a 654-granted a 655; Dr. Barnett Bruce, petition a 672-granted a 674; J. W. Brodbine, petition a 757-granted a 760
 COMMERCE ST.: Hughes Anti-Friction Company, petition a 290-granted a 292
 COMMERCIAL ST.: Spinelli, Caprone & Co., petition a 389-granted a 390; Saville, Simes & Co., petition a 469-granted a 470; Manuel Andrews, petition a 520-granted a 520; Joseph G. Lyons, petition a 530-granted a 534
 COMPTON ST.: S. Kofman, petition a 241-granted a 249; Murphy Bros., petition a 435-granted a 462; A. B. Goldstein, petition a 601-granted a 603; Samuel Rosenthal, petition a 612-granted a 614
 CONGRESS ST.: Nightingale & Childs Company, petition a 594-granted a 598
 CONANT ST.: McCormick Brewery Company, petition a 202-granted a 221
 CONCORD ST.: J. J. Delaney, petition a 642-granted a 648
 COTTAGE ST.: Vincent La Grua, petition a 241-granted a 249
 COURT ST.: Earl, Stevens Company, petition, granted a 98; Herbert E. Lombard, petition a 174-granted a 206; O. S. Roberts, petition a 174-granted a 206; T. Moriarty, petition a 219-granted a 243; F. W. Tatro, petition a 219-granted a 243; Robert Drinkwater, petition a 290-granted a 292; Haas & Loeb, petition a 309-granted a 337; T. F. Hogan, petition a 365-granted a 369; A. G. Olson, petition a 601-granted a 603; Edwards & Merrill, petition a 612-granted a 614; Boston Electric Vaudeville Company, petition a 640-granted a 647; C. Francesco, petition a 653-granted a 655; L. Cahors, petition a 612-granted a 614; S. N. Webber, petition a 672-granted a 674
 CROSS ST.: Anthony J. Granara, petition, granted a 98; T. Cabit, petition a 202-granted a 221; Holoff & Thurman, petition a 290-granted a 292; H. Bloomberg, petition a 333-granted a 368; Joseph Burnstein, petition a 570-granted a 571; Hannah Spielman, petition a 672-granted a 674; Joseph Cohen, petition a 737

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D ST.: John L. Lowery, petition a 581-granted a 588
 DARTMOUTH ST.: James F. Connor Company, granted a 44; Emma Heyman, petition a 156-granted a 159; Hotel Astor Company, petition, illuminated signs, granted a 205
 DEARBORN ST.: I. Schneider, petition, granted a 136
 DEVONSHIRE ST.: Howard C. Woodbury, petition a 601-granted a 603
 DORCHESTER AVE.: P. Tivnan & Co., petition a 257-report no action necessary a 786; J. W. Woodill, petition a 511-granted a 512; W. Bernhardt, petition a 530-granted a 534; S. Rodday, petition a 581-granted a 588; Harry Aronson, petition a 662-granted a 663; Patrick Tivnan & Co., petition a 672-granted a 674; National Beef Company, petition a 780-granted a 786
 DORCHESTER AVE. AND A ST.: Henry Aronson, petition a 711-granted a 714
 DORCHESTER ST.: John J. Tobin, petition a 333-granted a 369
 DOVER ST.: S. Shufro, petition a 530-granted a 534; J. W. Horgan, petition a 581-granted a 588; Dr. W. S. Connors, petition a 654-granted a 655
 DUDLEY ST.: William J. Sumkins, petition a 136-granted a 159; Gay & Pulsifer, petition a 333-granted a 369; Cochos & Co., petition a 511-granted a 512; B. P. Hutchinson, petition a 570-granted a 572; M. L. Makres, petition a 581-granted a 588; Drake & Hersey, petition a 633-granted a 636; Louis Taylor, petition a 672-granted a 674; John Crisafi, petition a 711-granted a 714; M. Hoyle, petition a 737-granted a 743; George Young Company, petition a 737; George Daniels, petition a 780-granted a 786
 E ST.: H. E. Plunkett, petition a 662-granted a 663
 EAST BROOKLINE ST.: Frank Sulzer, petition a 423-granted a 424
 EAST FOURTH ST.: Michael Kenney, petition a 530-granted a 534
 ELIOT ST.: Lewis Hault, petition, granted a 44; S. J. Cohen, granted a 44; S. Robinson, granted a 136; Gordon Auto Supply Company, petition a 202-granted a 206; H. E. Appleton, petition a 219-granted a 243; A. F. Mumford, petition a 219-granted a 243; Maurice P. White, petition a 366-granted a 377; J. W. Blake, petition a 642-granted a 647
 ELM ST.: Wolf Greenberg, petition a 333-granted a 368; A. A. H. Meredith, petition a 435-granted a 462
 ENDICOTT ST.: Philip Cohen, granted a 70; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 125, 126-report, accepted, veto sustained a 142; Philip Cohen, granted a 160; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 173-report, accepted, veto sustained a 616; Philip Cohen, petition a 174-refused a 206; A. Berkman & Co., petition a 737-granted a 743
 ENDICOTT AND SALEM STS.: Frank Vellener, granted a 44
 ERIE ST.: G. De Luca, petition a 247-granted a 259
 ESSEX ST.: Bradbury Press, petition a 136-granted a 159; H. S. Kelsey, petition a 202-granted a 221; T. Karalecis, petition a 309-granted a 337; Importers Outlet Company, petition a 247-granted a 249; Howard S. Moy, petition a 511-granted a 512; H. P. Tracy, petition a 570-granted a 572; Howard S. Moy, petition a 570-granted a 572; Stephen Parris, petition a 633-granted a 636; Howard S. Moy, petition a 654-granted a 655; Knipe Brothers, petition a 711-granted a 714; A. Daffinsen, petition a 737-granted a 743; Achille Troccoli, petition a 757-granted a 760; Samuel Minsky, petition a 780-granted a 786
 FEDERAL ST.: National Sportsman, petition a 174-granted a 206; H. M. Koppel, petition, electric sign a 202-granted a 221; Henry Sterling, petition a 435-granted a 462
 FLEET ST.: P. Barone & Son, petition a 174-granted a 206; L. Ensogna, petition a 375-granted a 377; A. C. Soisa, petition a 458-granted a 470; M. C. Salomone, petition a 672-granted a 674
 FRANKLIN AVE.: Foley & McLaughlin, petition (2) a 202-granted a 206
 FRANKLIN ST.: W. H. Short, petition a 220-granted a 222; Francis A. McLaughlin, petition a 530-granted a 534; Burrows & Co., petition a 570-granted a 572; De Wolfe, Fisk & Co., petition a 654-granted a 655; Alot & Leonard, petition a 654-granted a 655; A. E. Zetterman, petition a 654-granted a 656
 FRANKLIN AND WASHINGTON STS.: Lewis & Abely, petition a 136-granted a 159
 FRIEND ST.: H. H. Jepson, petition a 219-granted a 243; Maceo Bruno, petition a 241-granted a 249; H. H. Jepson, petition a 247-granted a 259; N. Alfowich, petition a 309-refused a 337; Bronstein Bros., petition, a 309-granted a 337; J. Maffei, petition a 389-granted a 416; Freeman Smith, petition a 530-granted a 534; Richard Connor & Son, petition a 654-granted a 655; Morris Wolfson, petition a 672-granted a 674
 GREEN ST.: David Winer, petition a 219-granted a 243; J. Segal, petition a 366-granted a 377; A. S. Beare, petition a 448-granted a 462; Kitzes & Brande, petition a 530-granted a 534
 GREEN ST., WARD 22: S. W. Perry, petition, granted a 70; W. Killion, petition a 530-granted a 534
 HAMPDEN ST.: P. Alshandi, petition a 174-granted a 206; M. Cardello, petition a 581-granted a 588
 HANOVER ST.: L. Goldstein, petition a 174-granted a 206; J. Sesonsky, petition a 174-granted a 206; Glenbrook Distilling Company

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petition a 241-granted a 243; Lazarus Goldstein, petition a 241-granted a 243; Rosen & Ludwlg, petition a 219-granted a 243; Mediterranean Fishing Club, petition a 219-granted a 243; Wolf Greenberg, petition a 247-granted a 259; Abraham Jacobson, petition a 257-granted a 292; Edwin W. Lincoln, petition a 375-granted a 377; E. D. Sula, petition a 389-granted a 390; Myers & Franks, proprietors, petition a 365-granted a 377; F. C. Bacon Company, petition a 412-granted a 424; Fred De Vita, petition a 458-granted a 463; Elm Credit Company, petition a 530-granted a 534; Joseph Perrone, petition a 530-granted a 534; J. McGillicuddy, petition a 594-granted a 598; L. Goldstein, petition a 601-granted a 603; Andrea Di Pietro, petition a 612-granted a 614; John Weisberg, petition a 653-granted a 655; F. L. Goodman, petition a 711-granted a 714; N. De Simone, petition a 737-granted a 743

HARRISON AVE.: Frank Di Dio, petition a 375-granted a 377; New China Cafe, petition a 435-granted a 437; Downes Lumber Company, petition a 654-granted a 655; Charles Wirth Company, petition a 654-granted a 655; H. Weisberg, petition a 767-granted a 770

HARRISON AVE. AND ONEIDA ST.: Samuel Miller, petition a 458-granted a 704

HARVARD ST., WARD 20: W. J. & F. A. Burke, petition a 654-granted a 655

HAYERHILL ST.: Joseph Strito, granted a 44

HAWLEY ST.: Michelson Bros., granted a 98

HEATH ST.: A. H. O'Neil & Co., granted a 44

HENLEY ST.: A. S. Putnam, petition a 672-granted a 674

HEREFORD ST.: W. B. Field, petition a 530-granted a 534

HIGH ST.: M. H. Crehan & Co., granted a 70

HOWARD ST.: Stone & Shaw, petition a 174-granted a 179; Louis Goldstein, petition a 247-granted a 259; Congress Lunch, petition a 366-granted a 377; Karop D. Senior, petition a 684-granted a 703

HUNTINGTON AVE.: Jake Brakman, petition a 612-granted a 614

HYDE PARK AVE.: Gutton & Sisnosky, petition a 375-granted a 377; petition a 662-granted a 663

INDIA SQ.: Swedish vice-consul, petition a 684-granted a 703

IRVINGTON ST.: Charles Smith, petition a 581-granted a 588

KNEELAND ST.: James A. Phillips, petition a 530-granted a 534

LA GRANGE ST.: Thomas Early & Son, petition a 435-granted a 462; C. K. Shue, petition a 530-granted a 534; S. Ciccolo, petition a 570-granted a 571

LEVERETT ST.: L. Goldstein, petition a 476-granted a 477; Louis Howitz, petition a 476-granted a 477

LOWELL ST.: S. Gabelnick, granted a 44; Wing Lee, petition a 174-granted a 206; Hyman Smith, petition a 601-granted a 603; Louis Kostniak, petition a 672-granted a 674

MAIN ST.: Peter S. Dowd, petition a 333-granted a 368; M. Giffels, petition a 476-granted a 477; C. Zianikas, petition a 570-granted a 571; Jack Antainan, petition a 684-granted a 703; H. C. Benjamin, petition a 711-granted a 714; Walter B. Sproule, petition a 737-granted a 743; Louis Herman, petition a 737-granted a 743

MARKET ST.: George McKee, petition a 662-granted a 663

MARSHALL ST.: E. J. Coan & Co., petition a 633-granted a 636

MASON ST.: D. S. McDonald Company, petition a 633-granted a 636

MASSACHUSETTS AVE.: M. B. Hastings, granted a 44; M. B. Buckley, petition a 333-granted a 369; Miss Lina S. Poor, petition a 476-granted a 477; F. C. Hoffman, petition a 551-granted a 588; H. Demeter, petition a 581-granted a 588; John A. Andrew Circle No. 23, Ladies of the G. A. E., petition a 601-granted a 603; L. A. Bent, petition a 662-granted a 663; L. Marks, petition a 672-granted a 674

MAVERICK SQ.: N. Indigoro, petition a 684-granted a 703; P. Vozella, petition a 780-granted a 786

MAVERICK ST.: Joe A. Pesce, petition a 136-granted a 159; E. L. Kelly & Co., petition a 219-granted a 222; Major P. J. Grady Camp, U. S. W. V., petition a 601-granted a 603

MEDFORD ST.: David Rosenthal, petition a 530-granted a 534; William J. Keihler, petition a 612-granted a 614

MERCHANTS ROW: J. J. Mahoney & Co., petition a 662-granted a 663

MERIDIAN ST.: W. B. Sproule, granted a 44; T. B. Grimes, petition a 681-granted a 588; G. W. McConnell, petition a 581-granted a 588; Republican Committee of Ward 1, petition a 633-granted a 636; Masonic Hall Association, petition a 737-granted a 743

MERRIMAC ST.: Max Green, petition a 570-granted a 572

MILK ST.: Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company petition a 202-granted a 221; Joseph Reucci, petition a 389-granted a 416

MILK AND ARCH STS.: International Trust Company, petition a 570-granted a 572

MINOT ST.: A. Bloom, petition a 601-granted a 603

MOORE ST.: Salvatore De Mila, petition a 136-granted a 159

MOTTE ST.: Charles De Path, petition a 257-granted a 259

NEW HEATH ST.: B. Cox, petition a 672-granted a 674

NORTH ST.: Max Udin, granted a 44; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 96-report, accepted, permit refused a 142; Joseph Squire Company, petition, arc-lights a 174-granted a 206; E. P. Parmino, petition

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a 219-granted a 243; H. M. Lamb, petition a 219-granted a 243; E. P. Scigliano, petition a 257-granted a 292; Columbus Associates, petition a 389-granted a 390; Antonio Cappucci, petition a 612-granted a 614; Cangiano & Forte, petition a 757-granted a 760

NORTH CENTRE ST.: Frankel & Co., petition a 365-granted a 377

NORTH MARGIN ST.: A. Ardolino & Sons, petition a 202-granted a 221

NORTH RUSSELL ST.: H. Smith, petition a 570-granted a 572; S. Cadiff, petition a 581-granted a 588

NORTHAMPTON ST.: Daniel Buckley, petition a 202-granted a 206; Yee Ling, petition a 412-granted a 424; Suffolk Storage Warehouse Company, petition a 476-granted a 477

NORWAY ST.: Bay State Auto Company, petition a 202-granted a 221

ORLEANS ST.: E. A. Finin, petition a 581-granted a 588

OTIS AND ARCH STS.: L. E. Bova, petition a 530-granted a 534

PARK SQ.: Charles G. Norris, granted a 44; A. C. Stone, petition a 570-granted a 572

PARK ST.: Dille, Estabrook & Co., petition a 247-refused a 369

PARKER ST.: B. Cox, petition a 672

PARMENTER ST.: Dr. Sizelman, petition a 551-granted a 588; Henry Paul, complaining that sign erected by Morris Maybush obstructs his view a 594-report, no action necessary a 703

PAUL ST.: J. Mondello, petition a 570-granted a 572

PEMBERTON ST.: Aero and Marine Motor Company, petition a 309-granted a 337

PEMBROKE ST.: Posnar & Harris, petition a 581-granted a 588

PERKINS ST., WARD 4: W. H. Stringer, petition a 174-granted a 206

PINCKNEY ST.: Ang Company, petition a 469-granted a 470; A. & C. Company, petition a 530-granted a 534

PLEASANT ST.: F. G. May, petition a 202-granted a 221; Rosnoy & Fishman, petition a 174-granted a 206; Harris Posner, petition a 219-granted a 243; Harry C. English, petition a 435-granted a 462; J. W. Calnan & Co., petition a 530-granted a 345; E. S. Boyadjian, petition a 581-granted a 588

POPLAR ST.: Wage Earners' Club, petition a 309-granted a 312; Independence League, petition a 333-granted a 337; Barnard Forman, petition a 458-granted a 470

PORTLAND ST.: B. H. Goodrich, petition a 174-granted a 206; Simon Mikels, petition a 309-granted a 337; B. H. Goodrich, petition a 333-granted a 369; Samuel Katz, petition to suspend hook a 520-granted a 520; M. Feinstein, petition a 612-granted a 614

PRINCE ST.: E. Giovanetti, petition a 530-granted a 534; M. Mongiovi, petition a 594-granted a 598; Samuel Glass, petition a 601-refused a 603; P. Amaru & Co., petition a 672-granted a 674; G. Bevelacqua, petition a 672-granted a 674

PROVINCE CT.: Hub Jewelry Repairing Company, petition a 654-granted a 655; Sylvester & Souther, petition a 757-granted a 760

PROVINCE ST.: Heulein & Murphy, petition a 174-granted a 206

PUTNAM ST.: Anthony Bells, petition a 511-granted a 512

RICHMOND ST.: Samuel Shalit, petition a 309-granted a 337

ROCHESTER ST.: Barney Krovitz, petition a 684-granted a 703

ROSE ST.: Abram Altman, petition a 737-granted a 743

RUGGLES ST.: G. A. Safer, petition, granted a 70; Charlie Wong, petition a 389-granted a 390

RUTLAND ST.: Coleman & Donovan, petition, granted a 70

SALEM ST.: Fanny Tushinsky, pole, granted a 44; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 96-report, accepted, permit refused a 142; M. Wyzanski, petition a 219-granted a 243; Louis Goldstein, petition a 219-granted a 243; Joseph Palumbaun, petition a 365-granted a 377; M. A. Slobodkin, petition a 388-granted a 416; Charles Cushman, petition a 511-granted a 512; W. Moskowitch, petition a 612-granted a 643; Barnard Weinberg, petition a 642-granted a 648; J. Katz, petition a 654-granted a 655

SARATOGA ST.: Arthur V. Haraden, petition a 594-granted a 598; S. Savato, petition a 711-granted a 714

SAWYER ST.: Barrow & Singleton, petition a 435-granted a 462

SCHOOL ST.: Cleary & Murphy, petition a 241-granted a 243; Alfred W. Fuller, petition a 458-granted a 470; L. H. Sullivan, petition a 476-granted a 477; L. H. Sullivan & Co., petition a 684-granted a 703

SHAWMUT AVE.: Jack K. Kayajian, petition a 435-granted a 462; N. Fleishman, petition a 570-granted a 572; A. Guss, petition a 530-granted a 534; A. T. Shanlian, petition a 581-granted a 588; L. Batefsky, petition a 612-granted a 614; A. Velardo, petition a 662-granted a 663; Goode, Dunson-Henry Company, petition a 662-granted a 663; E. Yamey, petition a 662-granted a 663; L. Bullock, petition a 737-granted a 743; Pergoliana Meglio, petition a 737-granted a 760

SOMERSET ST.: Howard L. Rich, petition a 711-granted a 714

SOUTH MARKET AND COMMERCE STS.: G. W. Simpson & Co., petition a 570-granted a 571

SOUTH MARKET ST.: J. Dold Packing Company, petition a 476-granted a 477

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SOUTH ST.: Huyler's petition, granted a 44; Toxaway Tanning Company, petition a 366-granted a 377

SPRING LANE.: J. M. Finkelstein, petition a 662-granted a 663; Eli Yorge, petition a 64-granted a 703

STANFORD ST.: Harry Novorninsky, petition a 476-granted a 477

STATE ST.: A. E. Schluter, granted a 44; Thomas Groom & Co., petition, granted a 98; Elias Reisman, petition a 531-granted a 534

SUDBURY ST.: Geo. G. Harris, petition a 435-granted a 437; T. J. Hennessey & Co., petition a 662-granted a 663

SUMMER ST.: Huyler's petition, granted a 44; Warren F. Underwood, petition, granted a 70; Boston Daily Tribune, electric sign, granted a 98; J. A. Floyd, petition a 219-granted a 243; T. Banasso, petition, barber pole a 174-granted a 206; McMahon & Co., petition a 241-granted a 243; John O. Burke & Co., petition a 365-granted a 377; W. C. Mayo & Co., petition a 654-granted a 655; Porter's Market, petition a 672-granted a 674; Joe Middleby, Jr., petition a 672-granted a 674; C. A. Underwood, petition a 757-granted a 760

SUMNER ST.: Harris Goodman, petition a 520-granted a 520

TEMPLE PL.: H. M. Nash, petition a 570-granted a 572; D. J. Ingraham, petition a 851-granted a 588; Cushing Real Estate Trust, petition a 737-granted a 743

TENNYSON ST.: J. N. Landers, petition a 780-granted a 786

TILESTON ST.: Anchor W. Peterson, petition a 511-granted a 512

TRAVERS ST.: Andrew Burke, petition a 219-granted a 243; Joseph Iliato, petition a 633-granted a 636; petition a 642-granted a 648; petition a 653-granted a 655

TREMONT ROW: R. O. Brittain, petition a 333-granted a 369; Jerome Remick Company, petition a 389-granted a 390; Epstein Drug Company, petition a 423-granted a 424; Crawford Studio, petition a 581-granted a 588; Mucci Bros., petition a 633-granted a 636; Imperial Studio, petition a 633-granted a 636; Star Amusement Company, petition a 653-granted a 655

TREMONT ST.: McCarthy Bros., petition granted a 44; Henry H. Tuttle Company, petition a 174-granted a 179; Boston Auto School, petition a 173-granted a 174; Johnson Educator Food Company, petition a 202-granted a 206; E. J. Lovcjoy, petition a 220-granted a 243; M. Segal, petition a 220-granted a 243; Megerdichev Boyajian, petition a 247-granted a 249; Majestic theatre, petition a 247-granted a 249; Wm. J. Fisher Company, petition a 257-granted a 259; Robinson, petition a 290-granted a 292; James Heleotis, petition a 309-granted a 337; J. Neustadt, petition a 333-granted a 369; Wong Yin, petition a 375-granted a 377; Frank Bertino, petition a 389-granted a 416; Klein's Pharmacy, petition a 389-granted a 416; W. S. Moody, petition a 389-granted a 416; O. Malone, petition a 435-granted a 462; Sawyer Drug Company, petition a 435-granted a 462; H. J. Seiler, petition a 435-granted a 462; Royal Restaurant, petition a 435-granted a 437; Charles W. Paradise, petition a 435-granted a 437; B. Gray, petition a 458-granted a 470; R. Antenucci, petition a 469-granted a 470; F. A. Gest, petition a 469-granted a 470; Charles J. Gorman, petition a 511-granted a 512; Tremont Dental Rooms, petition a 530-granted a 534; Castle Square Haberdasher, petition a 530-granted a 534; B. M. Wallenberg, petition a 530-granted a 534; Frank Caliri, petition a 570-granted a 572; Arthur L. Green, petition a 581-granted a 588; N. W. Thompson, petition a 581-granted a 588; Dr. George L. Tullock, petition a 581-granted a 588; N. Anastasi, petition a 594-granted a 598; James Brown, petition a 612-granted a 614; Louis Armstrong, petition a 633-granted a 636; Myer Glodt, petition a 633-granted a 636; John Reek, petition a 633-granted a 636; Peter D. McQuaid, petition a 643-granted a 647; Edward F. Estes Piano Company, petition a 642-granted a 648; Miss L. Nichols, petition a 642-granted a 648; L. Weiner, petition a 642-refused a 648; A. N. Cook & Co., petition a 672-granted a 674; Thomas H. Hanley, petition a 711-granted a 714; Hyman White, petition a 711-granted a 714; E. J. Cotter, petition a 737-granted a 743; W. S. Butler & Co., petition a 737-granted a 743; Edward H. McKenzie, petition a 757-granted a 760; William V. Fishel, petition a 767-granted a 770

TREMONT ST. AND COLUMBUS AVE.: T. F. Murphy, petition a 219-granted a 222

TYLER ST.: John Sullivan, petition a 581-granted a 588

UNION ST., CHARLESTOWN: John D. Cadogan, petition a 612-granted a 614

UNION ST., WARD 6: O. L. Fern & Co., petition a 633-granted a 636

UPHAM'S CORNER: J. H. Upham, petition a 737-granted a 743

WALL ST.: Louis Aranovitz, petition a 531-granted a 534

WAREHAM ST.: Ira G. Hersey, petition a 389-granted a 390; Charles H. Belledin, petition a 389-granted a 390

WARREN ST.: Walter Davis, petition a 601-granted a 603; William H. Magrath, petition a 757-granted a 760; Fred A. Jangrau, petition a 767-granted a 770

WASHINGTON ST.: George F. Washburn, granted a 44; A. T. Knapp, granted a 44; Adams Cloak, Suit and Fur House, petition, granted a 70; M. H. Marks, petition, granted a 98; Seth W. Fowle & Sons, petition, electric sign, granted a 98; Jacob Bros., illuminating sign, granted a 98; Biagio Seminar, sign, granted a 98; L. Witte & Son, granted a 136; M. Revis, petition a 136-granted a 159; A. Mendelsohn, petition a 136-granted a 140; E. R. Tolfree, petition a 136-granted a 140; A. L. Stack, petition a 156-granted a 159; Salvation Army, pe-

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tion a 174-granted a 179; Keep Manufacturing Company, petition a 174-granted a 179; L. Amolsky, petition a 202-granted a 221; Grand Union Hotel, petition a 202-granted a 206; S. E. Soul, petition a 219-granted a 243; Rosen & Ludwig, petition a 219-granted a 243; Orazio Puglisi, petition a 219-granted a 243; W. J. Anderson, petition a 220-granted a 243; Paul Bandini, petition a 247-granted a 259; Roxbury Horse Guards, petition a 247-granted a 249; H. J. Levy, petition a 257-granted a 292; S. Scheinfeldt, petition a 257-granted a 292; Charles J. O'Brien, petition a 290-granted a 292; Boston Employment Exchange, petition a 257-granted a 259; William J. Keefe, petition a 309-granted a 337; Joseph Marlow & Co., petition a 309-granted a 337; Pedrick & Bennett, petition a 309-granted a 337; J. G. Lyons, petition a 309-granted a 312; J. Garner, petition a 333-granted a 369; Rosoff & Litschitz, petition a 333-granted a 369; B. Bendleberg, Mark H. Lyons, petitions a 366-granted a 377; Sample Shoe Shop Company, petition a 389-granted a 416; Robert L. Cary, petition a 389-granted a 416; Garner Plaiting Company, petition a 412-granted a 424; Amadeo Marino, petition a 412-granted a 424; E. L. Stockener, petition a 412-granted a 424; John P. Conroy, petition, illuminated sign a 412-granted a 416; Frank Sulzer, petition a 423-granted a 424; Tolin & Glynn, petition a 423-granted a 424; Keep Manufacturing Company, petition a 423-refused a 487; Boyle Bros., petition a 458-granted a 470; Kay Danielson, petition a 458-granted a 470; Herman Rosenthal, petition a 458-granted a 470; John Schmitt, petition, barber pole a 458-granted a 470; J. H. Walsh & Co., petition a 458-granted a 462; Charles Ofria, petition a 458-granted a 462; Madison Tailoring Company petition a 476-granted a 477; Knott & Co., petition a 476-granted a 477; C. M. Howard, petition a 511-granted a 512; E. B. Horn Company, petition a 511-granted a 512; Alvard Tracy, petition a 511-granted a 512; Columbia Electric Engineering Company, petition a 520-granted a 520; Washington Cafe, petition a 520-granted a 520; Henry H. Green, petition a 520-granted a 520; S. J. Marshall, petition a 530-granted a 534; George H. Bellows, petition a 531-granted a 534; William H. Richardson Company, petition a 530-granted a 534; W. E. Towne, petition a 530-granted a 534; Alexander Confectionery Company, petition a 530-granted a 534; B. F. Keith, petition a 551; Paul C. Klein, petition a 570-granted a 571; Keilty Company, petition a 570-granted a 571; William J. McNeil, petition a 570-granted a 571; George King, petition a 570-granted a 572; Max Rubin, petition a 570-granted a 572; H. Newman & Sons, petition a 581-granted a 588; Edward L. Cauley, petition a 581-granted a 588; Unique Theatre Company, petition a 594-granted a 598; Frank Sulzer, petition (referred June 3), report, giving leave to withdraw a 616; B. F. Keith, petition (referred August 26), granted a 674; Harry S. Benjamin, petition a 601-granted a 603; E. J. Powers, petition a 601-granted a 603; Bernard Polimer, petition a 612-granted a 614; Brunswick Balke Collender Company, petition a 612-granted a 614; Jaynes Drug Company, petition a 612-granted a 614; Eagle Sign Company, petition a 612-granted a 614; Taylor, petition a 612-granted a 614; William J. Keefe, petition a 633-granted a 636; Adams sq. Company, petition a 633-granted a 636; Eagle Sign Company, petition a 633-granted a 636; J. B. Landy, petition a 642-granted a 647; Robert T. Cary, petition a 654-granted a 655; Merlino & Co., petition a 654-granted a 655; American Automatic Amusement Company, petition a 654-granted a 655; Brunswick Balke Company, petition a 662-granted a 663; William Filene Sons Company, petition a 672-granted a 674; Frank H. Chamberlain, petition a 672-granted a 674; J. Marlow, petition a 672-granted a 674; Bernard Gray, petition a 737-granted a 743; Day and Night Bank, petition a 737-granted a 743; United States Transportation Company, petition a 737-granted a 743; Mam & Heffernan, petition a 757-granted a 760; Old South Theatre Company, petition a 711-granted a 714; Colonial Importing Company, petition a 711-granted a 714

WASHINGTON ST., WARD 20: Tilton S. Bell, petition a 594-granted a 598

WASHINGTON ST., BRIGHTON: Meyer Bornstein, petition a 530-granted a 534; A. Sarni, petition a 672-granted a 674

WASHINGTON AND ESSEX STS.: Paul C. Klein, petition a 435-granted a 462

WASHINGTON AND HANOVER STS.: F. Gray Company, petition a 469-granted a 470

WASHINGTON AND UNION STS.: J. J. Madden & Co., petition a 601-granted a 603

WATER ST.: Beckert Manufacturing Company, petition a 309-granted a 312; petition a 309-granted a 237; James N. Finkelstein, petition a 662-granted a 663

WAY ST.: American Poultry Company, petition a 174-refused a 221

WEST BROADWAY: Howe Drug Company, petition a 662-granted a 663; Aaron Leonard, petition a 711-granted a 714

WEST CANTON ST.: George M. Briggs, petition a 711-granted a 714

WEST CEDAR ST.: James H. Deering, petition a 366-granted a 377

WEST DEBHAM ST.: Peter MacKerron, petition a 530-granted a 534

WEST LENOX ST.: John Cele, petition a 247-granted a 249

WEST NEWTON ST.: Coleman & Donovan, petition, granted a 70

WESTVILLE ST.: Shelton Barry, petition a 571-granted a 590

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WINTER ST.: A. Stowell & Co., Inc., petition a 156-granted a 495; A. Davis, petition a 219-granted a 243; A. Hailpurn, petition a 158-granted a 470; Dr. David J. Ingraham, petition a 511-granted a 512; William C. Gregor, petition a 594-granted a 598; William Filene Sons Company, petition a 711-granted a 714
 WORCESTER ST.: Knights of St. Rose, petition a 476-granted a 477

Siskind, David and Bertha.

petition, compensation for damages to estate, Leverett and Auburn sts. a 737

Silverman, Gussie.

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Sinking Funds.

commissioners: Nathaniel J. Rust, appointed a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 336-confirmed a 346; T. A. Ratschky, appointed a 332-confirmed a 367, 368

Sixth street.

theatre license: see Marine Park

Skating. (See the Different Parks, Playgrounds, etc.)**Slattery, Charles H.**

appointed city treasurer a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 335-report, accepted, appointment confirmed a 342

Smith, Delia M.

petition, compensation for damages to estate, Old Harbor st. a 712

Smith, George H.

petition, compensation for personal injuries a 654

Smith, Isaac.

petition, compensation for personal injuries a 654

Smith, John E.

petition, compensation, personal injuries a 570

Smith street, Ward 19.

repairing: order to repair from Parker st. to Huntington ave., referred to the mayor c 453

sidewalk: order to make on residential side, near Parker st., referred to the mayor c 93

Smoke Nuisance.

ordinance relative to, referred to committee on ordinances a 472; order that the mayor be requested to cause abatement of nuisance from the gas plant of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, Dorchester ave., referred to the mayor c 508; order that expense incurred for advertising hearings be charged to city council incidental expenses, passed c 708 a 712

Smoke Nuisance, Allston and Brighton. (See Boston & Albany Railroad Company.)**Sneierson, Sarah H.**

bay-window, Saratoga st., petition and order for hearing a 512-hearing a 530-refused a 588; Marion st., petition and order for hearing a 602-hearing a 634

Snow, Removal of.

order that the superintendent of streets and others, be requested to employ only legal voters in removal of snow, referred to the mayor c 153

Soap Factory, Dorchester avenue. (See Health Department.)**Social Law Library. (See County Accounts.)****Soldiers' Relief.**

commissioner: John E. Gilman, appointed a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 435-confirmed a 346

committee: order for appointment of committee, passed a 53

state aid: committee appointed a 76; order to allow list for January, passed a 44; February, 1907 a 160; March a 222; April a 311; May a 378; June a 437; July a 516; August a 534; September a 587; October a 635; November a 667; December a 714

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appointed: committee on auditing department, claims, public buildings department, statistics department, wire department, Fourth of July c 149, 150

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 car service, Orient Heights c 85
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remarks: foot-bridge, Wordsworth st. c 318

Sorento street.

sign: order to place, referred to the mayor c 239

Sousa, Mrs. Christine.

petition, compensation, personal injuries a 220

South Boston.

bath-house, East Ninth st.: see Bath Department

bath-house, Ward 15: see Bath Department

cars through Tremont st.: see Boston Elevated Railway Company

more cars: see Boston Elevated Railway Company

municipal building: see Municipal Building, South Boston

South Boston High School.

painting of the "Evacuation of Boston by the British": preamble and resolution that the art commissioners view painting and submit recommendation to city council, passed a 99 c 122

South Boston Playground, First street.

order that the park commissioners be requested to give an estimate of cost of finishing gymnasium, referred to the mayor c 38; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the park commissioners relative to, placed on file c 79

South Eden street.

nuisance: John J. Mahoney *et al.*, remonstrance against noise emanating from laundry c 54-referred to committee on public improvements a 69-report, referred to board of health a 141

South street, Ward 23.

tree: order to remove at Bradford st., passed a 477

South street, Ward 25.

closing: order to close between Commonwealth ave. and Chestnut Hill ave., passed a 138

South and Washington streets, West Roxbury.

building on land: *see* Building Department

restrictions: order that message of mayor and orders (referred January 5, 1907, to next government) altering restrictions on lots bordering on the Arborway be taken from files and referred to committee on park department, passed a 440

restrictions upon land, removal of building: order that board of park commissioners report why the building located on the said land is suffered to remain in violation of law, referred to the mayor c 323

Southampton street.

poles: fire commissioner, petition to erect a 423-order for hearing a 425-hearing a 458

Spanish War Veterans, Leave of Absence to Attend State Convention. (See City Employees.)**Spanish War Veterans' Lot in Cemetery.****Sparhawk Mansion. (See Art Department.)****Spaulding square, Ward 24.**

improvement: order to provide wire fence around enclosure, passed a 422

Spellman, Edward D., Councilman, Ward 7.

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appointed: committee on bath department, printing department, Labor Day c 149, 150

orders offered: improvements, Harrison ave., Harvard and Kneeland sts. c 91

Spencer street.

poles: order for hearing a 668-hearing a 673-refused a 703

Spring street, Ward 23.

laying out and construction: order that street commissioners lay out and construct, passed a 478 c 496

sewer: order to construct, referred to the mayor c 151, 152; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent of sewers a 183, 184-placed on file c 184

sidewalk: Angie L. Peters, petition a 613-granted a 616

Spring-street Bath, Ward 23. (See Bath Department.)**Sproules, Thomas.**

appointed overseer of the poor a 308, 309-referred to committee on public improvements a 336-confirmed a 346

Stacey street.

pole: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to remove a 436-granted a 461

Stadium square.

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Stanhope street.

wire across: Dodge Motor Vehicle, granted a 377, 378

Stanton street.

trees: order to remove two trees, passed a 314

Stanwood street.

sidewalk: Heinn Tomfohrde, petition a 333-granted a 341; petition a 424-granted a 420

State Docks in Boston.

order that the finance commission be requested to consider the advisability of recommending to the incoming legislature such action as may be necessary for the establishment of a system of state docks in Charlestown, East Boston and South Boston districts, discussed a 619, 620-passed a 620; order that the mayor be requested to support the petitioners for dock improvements in our harbor, at the public hearing to be held by harbor and land commissioners; petition of Frank C. Wood, president of Columbia Trust Company, referred to the mayor c 724, 725

State Election.

order of notice of election a 615

State street.

cellar bottom: H. A. Johnson, petition a 458-granted a 462

State and other streets.

extension pipes: Quincy Market Cold Storage Company, granted a 437

State Highway, Dorchester.

preamble and order that the Massachusetts highway commission be requested to acquire and lay out said proposed highway as a state highway (annexed was petition asking for highway 100 feet, etc.), assigned a 106-discussed a 139, 140-referred to committee on public improvements a 140-report, accepted, assigned a 141-taken up, passed a 204

Statistics Department.

committee: appointed a 107 c 150

trustee: Laurence Minot, appointed a 309-referred to committee on public improvements a 336-confirmed a 346

Statue to Joseph Warren.

order to place shrubbery around statue, referred to the mayor c 240

Steere, W. W. & Co.

petition, compensation for injuries to horse a 570

Stockbridge, Lucy A.

petition, compensation for damages to estate, Harold st. a 366

Stone street.

sidewalk : Home Savings Bank, petition a 582-granted a 590

Stony Brook.

city right in land : see Law Department

Strandway.

ballground : order that \$3,000 from the sale of portion of Deer Island be appropriated for enlargement of grounds, assigned c 35-taken up, passed c 117-referred to committee on public improvements a 138, 139-report, accepted, order refused passage, reconsidered, assigned a 142-taken up, passed a 204

lights : order that the park commissioners place lights for use of skaters, referred to the mayor c 34; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the park commissioners relative to, placed on file c 79

seats : order to place from G st. to Covington st., referred to the mayor c 285

Street Congestion.

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Street Department.

committee : appointed a 107 c 150

superintendent : James H. Doyle, appointed a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 335-report, accepted, appointment confirmed a 343, 344

superintendent of supplies : Michael J. Mitchell, appointed a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 335-confirmed a 346

appropriation for street improvements : order for loan of \$400,000 for street improvements, discussed a 379-385-referred to committee on public improvements a 385-report, no action necessary a 616

city yard, East Boston : order that the committee on finance, when appointed, be requested to provide in the first loan bill, the sum of \$60,000 for the purchase of property now leased by the city as a city yard, cor. Glendon and Trenton sts., referred to committee on finance a 76.

cleaning of sidewalks, ordinances relative to : see Ordinances

closing streets : order to close June 25 during parade Ninth Regiment Veteran Association, passed a 439

contemplated street improvements : order to submit a list of streets in the various districts upon which street improvements are contemplated during the present year, passed a 314; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent of streets a 364, 365-referred to the committee on public improvements a 365-report, that message be placed on file a 616

curbstone brokers : order that the superintendent of streets be requested to report upon what streets, if any, permission is given to curbstone brokers to conduct business, referred to the mayor c 325; communications from the mayor and superintendent of streets, placed on file c 397

Dudley st., repaving : see Dudley st.

edgstone assessment : schedules of cost with orders to assess and collect, East Third st., passed a 476

free ferries, July 4 : order to allow certain sum for, passed a 438 c 443

holiday, annual picnics : order to allow holiday July 24, 1907, passed a 245 c 282; order to allow July 24, 1907, passed c 305 a 310, 311

iced-meal water to laborers : order to supply, referred to the mayor c 503

improvements, Ward 25 : see the names of the different streets

life ladders at sea wall : order that the superintendent of streets cause to be placed as many life ladders as there are life buoys on the sea-wall, Dorchester ave., from Congress st. to Federal-st. bridge, referred to the mayor c 305

loan for street improvements : order for loan of \$500,000 to be expended for street improvements a 179-report, accepted, assigned a 251-270-taken up, indefinitely postponed a 614; order for loan of \$500,000 to be expended for street improvements, discussed a 193-198-passed c 198-indefinitely postponed a 203-placed on file c 230; order for loan of \$500,000 for street improvements, assigned c 283-304-taken up, indefinitely postponed c 509, 510

rail in subway under railroad, Roslindale : order that the superintendent of streets be requested to have under rail constructed at South st., referred to the mayor c 92

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removal of snow : order that the superintendent of streets be requested to employ only legal voters, referred to the mayor c 153

repair of streets : order that the superintendent of streets be requested to order all corporations or individuals to whom permits have been issued for work on streets to repair and put in proper condition all such streets where such work has been done, discussed a 430, 431-passed a 431

repair of streets, Ward 19 : see Ward 19

replacing, Chambers and other streets according to contract : order requesting superintendent of streets to place in repair, referred to the mayor c 408

sidewalk schedules : reports with orders to assess and collect on Ruthven st., Brewer ave. and St. Alphonsus st., accepted, passed a 69; schedules of cost, with orders to assess and collect, streets specified, passed a 436

sidewalks : schedules of cost with orders to assess and collect, Evans st. and Penfield st., Washington st., passed a 98; schedule of cost with orders to assess and collect, Florence st., Ward 23, passed a 157; schedules of cost with orders to assess and collect, Nelson, Blakemore and Washington sts., passed a 181; see, also, the different streets; schedule of costs with order to assess and collect, in Commons ter., Kingsdale st., East Eighth st., passed a 673; schedule of cost of constructing sidewalks, Dudley st., Welles ave. and Hurley sts., passed a 781

street improvements, sidewalks, etc. : see the different streets

teams, payment for : see Teams, Payment for

Ferry Division.

night service, South Ferry : order that the mayor be requested to instruct the superintendent of streets to take immediate steps to provide an all-night service on South Ferry, passed a 265; order that acting superintendent be requested to resume the all-night boat on South Ferry, discussed c 545, 546-referred to the mayor c 546

Street Cleaning and Watering Department.

superintendent : Matthew Cummings, appointed a 308-referred to the committee on public improvements a 335-report, accepted, discussed a 345, 346-appointment confirmed a 346

cleaning Roxbury streets : order to instruct superintendent of street cleaning to have streets cleaned in the daytime instead of night, discussed a 438, 439-passed a 439

cleaning streets, South Boston : order that the superintendent be requested to restore men to the duty of cleaning streets in the daytime instead of at night, passed c 406 a 415

cleaning of school sidewalks : order that the superintendent of streets see that the provisions of chapter 1, ordinances of 1906, which relates to cleaning of school sidewalks, be carried out, passed a 649

day off for picnic : order to allow, passed a 463 c 496

dump, Charlestown : communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent, requesting appropriation of \$8,000 for construction of tide-water dump at Charlestown side of Charles River ave., etc.; order for loan of \$8,000, referred to committee on public improvements a 388-report, accepted, order passed a 418-failed of passage, motion to reconsider and assign, carried c 479-taken up, order rejected c 775-placed on file a 780

hours of men : order that superintendent be requested to place the laborers in department outside of business district on days instead of nights, passed a 595 c 607

laborers : order to place on days instead of nights outside of business district, referred to the mayor c 625

receptacles for refuse cans : order that the different superintendents using same be requested to consider advisability of locating at convenient points covered receptacles below the surface for purpose of storing push cart barrels, instead of leaving on sidewalk, passed a 293

rubbish barrels : communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent relative to, referred to committee on public improvements a 309-report, referred to committee on health department a 315

street cleaning, Brighton : order that the committee on finance be requested to include in the first loan order a sum sufficient to maintain a division in Brighton, referred to committee on finance c 38; order that superintendent submit estimate of cost of maintaining a division in Ward 25, passed a 52; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent, referred to committee on public improvements a 202-report, referred to committee on finance a 372

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- street cleaning, Charlestown:** order to place a street cleaning patrol wagon in Hayes sq., Sullivan sq. and Main st., referred to the mayor c 408
- street cleaning, Ward 19:** order to clean in the day instead of night, referred to the mayor c 453
- street sprinkling, Ward 13:** order to cause streets to be sprinkled, referred to the mayor c 305
- streets, Ward 1:** order to cause streets to be watered at once, referred to the mayor c 319
- teams, payment for:** *see* Teams, Payment for
- watering:** order that the mayor be requested to instruct the superintendent to start immediately on work of watering streets, passed a 314
- watering streets, Ward 12:** order to have streets watered at once, referred to the mayor c 359

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Street Laying-Out Department.

- committee:** appointed a 107 c 150
- laying-out Brighton streets:** order that the street commissioners be requested to accept and lay-out as a public highway Spring st., Cypress road, Garden st. and Maple ave., passed c 155 a 157
- laying-out new streets, loan:** order for loan of \$500,000 for laying out and construction of highways, etc., laid over c 154-taken up, discussed c 163, 164-order rejected, assigned, reconsideration c 164-taken up, indefinitely postponed c 510
- Lexington ave., naming of:** *see* Lexington ave.
- list of streets:** order that the street commissioners prepare an edition of 1,500 copies of a list of streets, etc., referred to committee on printing c 239; order to prepare an edition of 2,000 copies of revised list, referred to committee on printing c 239-report with order in new draft, accepted, passed a 675 c 709
- loan for highways:** order that the sum of \$350,000 be appropriated for laying out and construction of highways, referred to committee on public improvements a 265
- new street, Ward 16:** order that the street commissioners lay out new street from Columbia road to Shoreham st., passed c 239 a 242
- sale of land, West Roxbury:** order that street commissioners be requested to sell land on northerly side of Poplar st., with wooden building thereon, etc., referred to committee on public improvements a 393-report, accepted, order rejected a 439
- sewerage loan:** communication from the mayor transmitting copy of vote of street commissioners relative to \$1,000,000 loan, sent up, c 185, 186-placed on file a 202, 203
- street extensions, Ward 15:** order that street commissioners extend E and F sts., also the smaller streets that lie between E and F sts., passed c 607 a 613
- accepting, laying-out, etc.:**
- ADDISON ST.:** *see* Addison st.
- ALBANY ST.:** *see* Albany st.
- AMORY ST.:** *see* Amory st.
- APIAN WAY:** *see* Appian way
- BELFORT ST.:** *see* Belfort st.
- CHAMPNEY ST.:** *see* Champney st.
- CHELSEA ST., CHARLESTOWN:** *see* Chelsea st., Charlestown
- CHESTNUT HILL AVE.:** *see* Chestnut Hill ave.
- COTTAGE and other streets, EAST BOSTON:** *see* Cottage and other streets, East Boston
- DIGHTON ST.:** *see* Dighton st.
- DORR ST.:** *see* Dorr st.
- DOUGLAS ST.:** *see* Douglas st.
- FLETCHER ST.:** *see* Fletcher st.
- HARVEST and other streets TO STRANDWAY:** *see* Harvest and other streets, Ward 16
- HYDE PARK AVE.:** *see* Hyde Park ave.
- HYDE ST.:** *see* Hyde st.
- JAMES ST., WEST ROXBURY:** *see* James st., West Roxbury
- KEARSARGE AVE.:** *see* Kearsarge ave.
- KILTON ST.:** *see* Kilton st.
- L ST.:** *see* L st.

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- LITCHFIELD ST.:** *see* Litchfield st.
- LONGWOOD AVE.:** *see* Longwood ave.
- NEPTUNE AVE.:** *see* Neptune ave.
- NORFOLK ST.:** *see* Norfolk st.
- PREBLE ST.:** *see* Preble st.
- PRESCOTT ST., EAST BOSTON:** *see* Prescott st., East Boston
- ROXBURY ST.:** *see* Roxbury st.
- SEAVER ST.:** *see* Seaver st.
- SIDNEY ST.:** *see* Sidney st.
- SPRING ST., WEST ROXBURY:** *see* Spring st.
- TEMPLE ST., WEST ROXBURY:** *see* Temple st., West Roxbury
- TUDOR ST.:** *see* Tudor st.
- ULMER ST.:** *see* Ulmer st.
- UPHAM AVE.:** *see* Upham ave.
- WASHINGTON ST., WEST ROXBURY:** *see* Washington st., West Roxbury
- WEBSTER AVE.:** *see* Webster ave.
- WEITZ ST.:** *see* Weitz st.
- WELLESLEY PARK:** *see* Wellesley park and Clement st.
- WENDELL ST.:** *see* Wendell st.
- WORDSWORTH ST.:** *see* Wordsworth st.

Street Lighting.

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Strike Action. (*See* Heads of Departments and Police Department.)**Strike Breakers.** (*See* Police Department.)

- resolution against c 360-362-passed c 362-referred to committee on public improvements a 367-report that resolve be placed on file a 616

Strike, Telegraphers. (*See* Telegraphers' Strike.)**Subway on Washington street.** (*See* Washington-street Subway.)**Sughrue, Michael J.**

- money paid by county: *see* Auditing Department

Sullivan, Dennis J.

- appointed member of board of appeal a 526-confirmed a 571

Sullivan, D. Henry.

- appointed superintendent of public grounds a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 335-confirmed a 346

Sullivan, Eugene J.

- compensation for injuries and damages caused by defect in Canterbury st., refused a 340 c 349

Sullivan, Jeremiah.

- petition for hearing on claim of defect in Columbus ave. a 174-refused a 391 c 403

Sullivan, Hon. John A.

- notice of appointment as finance commissioner a 519

Sullivan, Joseph M., Councilman, Ward 5.

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appointed: committee on printing department, public lands, treasury department, inspection of vessels and ballast department, Seventeenth of June c 150; committee on Old Home Week c 525; committee to attend funeral of Archbishop Williams c 569

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Sullivan John.

petition, compensation for damages to estate, Morris st. a 654

Sullivan, Michael.

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Sullivan, Timothy J., Councilman, Ward 15.

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appointed: committee on appropriations, city clerk department, library department, wire department, Evacuation Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, mayor's address c 149, 150; disposition of garbage c 162

orders offered: Marine park completion c 37
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Sullivan, William.

petition to be paid amount due him for work on Roxbury High School c 199

Sullivan, William J.

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Sullivan-square Playground. (See Playground, Charlestown.)

drinking fountain: order to erect, referred to the mayor c 409

Sullivan street, Charlestown.

bay-window: T. J. Broderick, petition and order for hearing a 221-hearing a 248-granted a 337

Summer street.

marquise: M. B. Brandiger, petition and order for hearing a 460-hearing a 476-granted a 534

sidewalk: Boston Wharf Company, petition a 643-granted a 650

Summer-street Bridge.

ordinance: ordinance relative to, laid over c 508

Summer and Devonshire streets.

areas under sidewalk: Commonwealth Trust Company, petition a 412-granted a 417-reconsidered, assigned a 418-taken up, referred to committee on public improvements a 615-report, accepted, permit granted a 760

excavating basement: Commonwealth Trust Company, petition a 412

Summit street, Ward 25.

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 435-order for hearing a 614-hearing a 642

Sumner street, East Boston.

bay-window: Patrick Darcey, petition and order for hearing a 532-hearing a 570-granted a 588

bulkheads: F. Sodisco, petition a 248-granted a 251; Joseph Bruno, petition a 459-granted a 466

pole: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to remove a 248-granted a 461

tree: order to remove in front of No. 345, passed a 51

wooden building: T. H. Waldren, petition to move a 241, 248-granted a 246-251

Sumner and Bremen streets.

closing roadway: order to close, passed a 522

tree: order to remove at corner, passed a 516

Sumner and London streets.

tree: order to remove at corner, passed a 438

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Sunset street.

repairing: order to repair, referred to the mayor c 362

sidewalks: order to repair street, referred to the mayor c 93

Sutherland road.

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove a 68; Boston Consolidated Gas Company, petition to attach wires a 389-order for hearing a 425-hearing a 435-granted a 436

Swasey, George R.

appointed member of board of appeal a 332-confirmed a 368; appointed member of Board of Appeal a 526-confirmed a 571

Sweeney, James S.

petition, compensation for injury to horse a 220

Swift street.

repairs: order to put in proper condition between Bennington and Lubec sts., passed a 589

Sycamore street, Ward 23.

roadway: order to close, passed a 393, 767

sewers: order to construct surface sewers, referred to the mayor a 710

Tagen, Cornelius H.

communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the fire commissioner with order to pay widow an annuity, passed a 458 c 479

Tague, Peter F.

petition for hearing on claim a 333-refused a 391-403, 404

Talbot avenue.

running of cars: see Boston Elevated Railway Company

Taxation, Rate of.

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Teaming.

order that heads of departments employing teams be requested to furnish an estimate of amount necessary to grant \$6 per day for double teams and \$3.50 for single teams, discussed, passed a 378, 379; communication from the mayor relative to, referred to committee on public improvements a 375-report that message be placed on file a 616

Teams, Payments for.

order that the mayor instruct the heads of departments employing teams to pay \$6 per day for double teams and \$4 for single teams, and to provide for permanent use of horses belonging to men furnishing but one watering cart, referred to the mayor c 304, 305

Telegraph and Dorchester streets.

band concerts: see Music Department

Telegraphers' Strike.

resolutions relative to, adopted c 610, 611 a 613; communication from department of commerce and labor, bureau of labor, Washington, D. C., relative to strikers, sent down a 643-placed on file c 670

Telephone Rates.

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Telephones, Free. (See Overseeing of the Poor Department.)**Telford street, Ward 25.**

garbage nuisance: order that the board of health be requested to remove nuisance, referred to the mayor c 239

lamp: order to place, referred to the mayor c 607

Temple place.

bulkheads: Wm. S. Butler & Co., petition a 258-granted a 315; Thresher Bros., lessees, petition a 310-granted a 315

marquise: Cushing Real Estate Trust, petition and order for hearing a 571-hearing a 582-granted a 614

sidewalk cover: Cushing Real Estate Trust, petition a 654-granted a 659

Temple street, Ward 23.

acceptance: order that the street commissioners be requested to grant a hearing on acceptance and construction, referred to the mayor c 151; order to accept, lay out and construct street from Spring st. to Ivory st., passed c 508, a 512

Temple street, Ward 24.

tree: William K. Greeley, petition for trimming a 469; order to remove in front of No. 36, passed a 636

Tenean Beach.

bath-house: see Bath Department

Terrace street.

pavements: order to remove and resurface in front of Comins School, referred to the mayor c 509

Terrill, Bridget T.

petition, compensation for damages to property, Call and Williams sta. a 220

Thetford avenue.

sidewalk: Grace A. Sawyer, Julius R. Deis, petition a 594-granted a 598; Margaret Weber, petition a 594-granted a 598

Thomas street, Ward 23.

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 633

Thompson, John F. W.

petition, compensation, personal injuries a 68

Thompson square.

shelter: see West End Street Railway Company

Thorndike, George L., Bequest.

communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the executors of the will of the late George L. Thorndike relative to bequest of \$10,000 to be expended for the purchase of coal to be distributed to worthy widows of East Boston; order accepting same, passed a 247 c 273; order that city treasurer pay the annual income, etc., over to overseers of the poor under provision of will, etc., passed a 347-assigned c 350-taken up, assigned c 629-taken up, passed c 708

Thornton street.

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 633

Tibbetts Town way, Ward 5.

sidewalks: order for construction, referred to committee on public improvements a 370-report, accepted, order passed a 373

Tighe, J. T., & Company.

petition, compensation for injuries to horse a 333

Timmins, Arthur.

petition to be paid for loss of cow killed by health department, having been injured by dog a 757-granted a 706

Tolman street.

tree: order to remove in front of No. 35, passed a 676

Tonawanda street.

poles: Edison Electric Illuminating Company, petition to erect a 68—order for hearing a 312—hearing a 366

Topliff street.

sidewalk: William H. Crosby, petition a 389—granted a 375

Townsend street.

sidewalk: William White, petition a 582—granted a 590

Tracey, Johannah A.

petition, compensation for damages by sewer, Grimes st. a 389

Traffic Congestion.

communication from the mayor transmitting order for appropriation of \$5,000 to be expended in investigation by Boston Transit Commission, discussed c 399-402—passed c 402—referred to committee on public improvements a 414—report, accepted, order passed a 439

Train street.

sidewalk: Thomas F. Hanlon, petition a 424—granted a 429

Trainor, Rachel T.

petition, compensation, personal injuries a 174—refused a 391 c 403

Transit Facilities.

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Treasury Department.

committee: appointed a 107 c 150

city treasurer: Charles H. Slattery, appointed a 308—referred to committee on public improvements a 335—report, accepted, appointment confirmed a 342

payment of fire and police pensions: order to pay semi-monthly, referred to the mayor c 542

report of finance commission: a 643-647

Tremont row.

marquise: Stone & Shaw, petition and order for hearing a 571—hearing a 582

Tremont street.

areas: Z. A. Willard *et als.*, petition to enlarge a 757—granted a 763

bulkhead: B. Heber Richardson, petition 174—granted a 181

guy-posts, etc.: Arthur C. Whitney, petition a 712—granted a 715; John R. Brewer, petition a 712—granted a 715

marquise: Suffolk Savings Bank, petition and order for hearing a 140—hearing a 173—granted a 206; Ratslesky Estate Trust, petition and order for hearing a 243—hearing a 257—granted a 292; William F. Hall, petition and order for hearing a 655—hearing 673—granted a 703

more cars: see Boston Elevated Railway Company

sidewalk: order to relay at King's chapel, passed a 473

Tremont and Beacon streets.

marquises: Houghton & Dutton, petition and order for hearing a 655—hearing a 673—granted a 703

Tremont street and Columbus avenue.

bay-windows: Simon Goldsmith, petition and order for hearing a 248—hearing a 310—granted a 369

Tremont and Bromfield streets.

sidewalks: F. R. Sears, petition a 333—granted a 340

Tremont and Brookline streets.

modifications in conditions: Rachael Ehrenfried, petition for a 531

Tremont and West Brookline streets.

bay-window: Lewis Burnham, petition and order for hearing a 311—hearing a 366—granted a 377

lamp: order to locate and maintain, between Marion and Meridian sts., passed a 371

pole: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to remove a 333

tree: George Ehrenfried, petition, order to remove, passed a 438

Trenton street.

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 654

trees: order to remove in front of No. 2, referred to the mayor c 611

Trenton and Meridian streets.

trees: order to remove at corner, passed a 605; order to remove three trees, passed a 676

Trimountain Garrison No. 2. (See Memorial Day.)**Trinity place.**

permanent awning: Westminster Chambers Trust, petition and order for hearing a 258—hearing a 310—granted a 311

Tripp, Jessie.

petition, compensation, personal injuries a 241

Troceno, V.

compensation for injuries received (petition referred last year), refused a 615 c 624

Troy, John, Councilman, Ward 14.

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appointed: committee on badges c 85; committee on cemetery department, finance, public grounds department, street department, Evacuation Day, badges c 149, 150; committee on Old Home Week c 525

orders offered: improvement of Independence sq. c 33

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Tudor street.

extending: order that the street commissioners be requested to extend to Dorchester ave., passed c 91 a 97

Turner, Robert.

compensation for removal water pipe, refused a 258 c 278

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Ulmer street.

widening: order to widen from Minden to Arklow sts., passed a 517

Unclaimed Baggage.

sale of: order that petition of Boston & Maine Railroad Company be taken from files and referred to special committee, passed, committee appointed a 137

Unemployed, Work for.

order that the mayor take such action as may be necessary by which all public improvements which have been authorized, or for which money has been appropriated, may be carried on during the present winter months, etc., discussed a 664, 665—passed a 665

Union Labor and Contracts. (See Contracts.)**Union park.**

improvements: order to have park put in condition for Old Home Week, etc., referred to the mayor c 507

iron fence: order that superintendent of public grounds have fence painted black, referred to the mayor c 544

tree: Mrs. H. A. Allen, petition to remove a 310

Union park, Waltham street and Harrison avenue.

benches: order to place around the park for the summer, referred to the mayor c 455

Union street, Charlestown.

tree: order to remove in front of No. 24, referred to committee on public improvements a 665—report, accepted, order passed a 669

Upham avenue.

accepting and laying out: order to accept and lay out as a public way, passed c 287 a 291

Upham's Corner.

drinking fountain: order to place new drinking fountain for horses referred to the mayor c 154

flagstaff: order that the committee on appropriations be requested to include in appropriation for city messenger department \$500 for purpose of defraying expenses of flagstaff, referred to committee on appropriations c 154—report, no action necessary c 357 a 367

Upper Leather, Measurers.

Sewall B. Farnsworth *et al.*, appointed a 290—confirmed a 311

Urofsky, Celia.

bay-window, Washington st., Ward 25, petition and order for hearing a 43—hearing a 96—granted a 160

Use of Streets, Ordinance Relative to. (See Ordinances, Revised.)**Vacation for City Employees. (See City Employees.)****Vacation for Laborers. (See Laborers.)****Vale street.**

sidewalk: S. W. Johnson, petition a 248—granted a 251

Valentine street.

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 633

Vancouver street.

gas-lamp: order to place between Huntington ave. and Ward st., referred to the mayor c 509

Van Winkle street.

sidewalk: G. O. Goudy, petition a 389—granted a 395

Varney, L. B.

petition, compensation for damages to team by tree a 634

Vernon street.

improvements: order to have asphalted and resurfaced, referred to the mayor c 285

lamp: order to place at or near No. 15, passed a 658

Vessels and Ballast. (See Inspection of Vessels and Ballast Department.)**Victoria street.**

sidewalk: William P. Henderson, petition a 532—granted a 590

Vine-street Church. (See Public Buildings Department.)**Vineland street, Ward 25.**

tree: order to remove in front of No. 42, passed a 52

Voters, City Employees to be. (See City Employees.)**Wachusett street, Ward 23.**

tree: order to remove trees in sidewalk, Varney st., passed a 477

Waldeck street.

poles: refused a 377

sidewalk: James L. Cotter, petition a 459—granted a 466

Walk Hill street.

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company petition to erect a 673

sidewalk: order for construction, passed a 392; order that order passed May 22, be rescinded, passed a 589; communication from the mayor vetoing order, rescinding order previously passed, order refused passage over veto a 600

widening: John B. Mulvey *et al.*, petition to widen between Blue Hill ave. and Harvard st. a 476

Walnut avenue.

electric lights: order to place between Circuit and Rockland sts., referred to the mayor c 327

resurfacing: order to resurface between Warren st. and Humboldt ave., referred to the mayor c 327; order that the superintendent of streets be requested to report as to the probability of being able to comply with the requests of the common council relative to resurfacing avenue, referred to the mayor c 453

sidewalk: Charles J. Johnston, petition a 571-granted a 590

Walnut-street court, Ward 24.

electric lights: order to locate and maintain, passed a 250

Walworth Manufacturing Company.

petition, compensation for injuries to horse a 241; petition for relief from payment of a premium annually for a bond given for leave to lay pipes under and across East First st. a 511-refused a 615, c 624

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removal of refuse: *see* Sanitary Department

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convenience stations: order that the bath department be requested to provide two underground stations one on Frankline sq. and one on Blackstone sq., referred to the mayor c 319; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the bath trustees relative to, placed on file c 494

improvements: *see* the Different Streets and Improvements

playground: *see* Playground, Ward 12

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skating: order that the superintendent of public grounds provide skating facilities for children, referred to the mayor c 724

street watering: *see* Street Cleaning and Watering

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Commonwealth park, improvements: *see* Commonwealth park

drainage conditions: *see* Sewer Department

drinking fountain, West Fifth st.: *see* Water Department

improvements: *see* the Different Streets and Subjects

recreation park: order that the committee on finance provide in first loan order a sum sufficient for establishment of park in central portion of ward, referred to committee on finance c 91

street sprinkling: order to cause streets to be sprinkled at once, referred to the mayor c 305

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extension of streets to Strandway: communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the street commissioners, placed on file c 397, 398

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repair of certain streets: *see* Carlow and other streets

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Ward 19.

band concerts: *see* Music Department

gymnasium and bath: *see* Bath Department

improvements: *see* the Different Streets and Improvements Made

playground, Parker, Ruggles and Ward sts.: *see* Playground, Ward 19

playground: *see* Playground, Ward 19

repair of streets: order to repair some of streets in precinct 2, referred to the mayor c 408

street cleaning: *see* Street Cleaning Department

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improvements: *see* the Different Streets, Parks, Playgrounds, etc.

precinct division: communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the election department calling attention to fact that new division should be made, referred to committee on public improvements a 41-reconsidered, referred to special committee a 41

voting precincts: order that special committee appointed to consider subject be authorized to prepare and report a plan, etc., passed a 176-report of special committee a 176, 177-order passed, ordered printed as a city document a 177

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- improvements :** *see* the Different Streets and Improvements
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Ward 23.

- all-year-around bath-house :** *see* Park Department
improvements ; *see* the Different Streets
sewers : order that superintendent of sewers construct a sanitary sewer in Canterbury and other streets, referred to the mayor c 753
swimming-pool, Spring st. : order that the sum of \$2,500, received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island be appropriated to be expended by the bath commission for a new swimming-pool and raft, assigned c 85-taken up, passed c 113-referred to committee on public improvements a 138-report, accepted, order passed a 142

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- improvements :** *see* the Different Streets, etc.
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Ware, Robert J.

- appointment as constable: *see* Constables

Warren street, Ward 5.

- paving :** order to pave between Winthrop and Soley sts., referred to the mayor c 319

Warren street, Ward 21.

- sidewalk ;** John T. Kennedy, petition a 233-granted a 341

Warren and Intervale streets.

- trees :** order to remove tree, passed a 438

Warren, William H.

- petition, compensation for injuries a 459

Warwick street.

- roadway :** order to close, passed a 464

Washington park.

- board walk :** order to place at junction of Paulding and Bainbridge sts., referred to the mayor c 152

Washington street.

- bay-window :** A. Shuman, petition and order for hearing a 602-hearing a 634-refused a 786
closing : order to close between Court ave. and Milk st., passed a 438
electric light : order to maintain opposite No. 2166, passed a 223; order to maintain to Hunneman st., passed a 223

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- iron rail :** A. M. Bridges, petition to place, to protect plate glass window a 633-refused a 743
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light covers in sidewalk : Agnes McGaw, petition a 333-granted a 341
sidewalk : I. Shapiro, petition (2) a 643-granted a 650; Ira M. Clay, petition a 654-granted a 659
sprinkling with sand : order that the superintendent of streets be requested to have street between Beach and Milk sts. sprinkled with gravel and sand every morning when there is frost or ice, referred to the mayor c 151
trees : order to remove, standing in front of No. 1234, passed a 416; order to remove three trees in front of No. 1475-1485, referred to the mayor c 455; order to remove in front of No. 1516, passed a 463; order to remove in front of 1469-1479, passed a 676; order to remove in front of 1475 and 1479, referred to the mayor c 611

Washington street, Ward 5.

- tree :** order to remove in front of No. 57, referred to the mayor c 751

Washington street, Ward 20.

- sidewalk :** Lawrence J. Towle, petition a 601-granted a 604

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- repairing :** order that the committee on appropriations be requested to include in the appropriation bill a sum sufficient to repair from Dudley st. to Westminster ave., referred to committee on appropriations c 34-report no action necessary c 356 a 367
sidewalk : Mrs. J. R. Glass, petition a 248-granted a 251

Washington street, Ward 22.

- gas lamp :** order to maintain opposite Franklin-Bussey building, referred to the mayor c 408
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- electric lights :** order to lower between Marcella and Green sts., referred to the mayor c 626
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improvements : order to macadamize roadway, regulate gutters, etc., referred to committee on public improvements a 668-report, accepted, order passed a 668
laying out : order that chapter 571 of Acts of legislature of 1907 be and hereby is accepted, assigned a 658-taken up, discussed a 680-683-passed a 683-assigned c 710-taken up, referred to committee on legislative matters c 724-report, accepted, passed c 748
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Washington street, Ward 25.

- bay-windows :** Celia Urofsky, petition and order for hearing a 43-hearing a 96-granted a 160
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poles : Boston Consolidated Gas Company, petition to relocate a 423-granted a 473
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"Outlook," purchase of: order that finance committee include in first loan, \$40,000 for purchase of place, referred to committee on finance a 440

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order that the mayor consider expediency of petitioning the General Court for such legislation as will permit the city to build subway from Dudley st. to a point near Castle st., and that agreement be entered into with Boston Elevated Railway Company to remove elevated structure, assigned a 206-taken up, referred to committee on railroads a 614-report, no action necessary, accepted a 742, 743

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commissioner: William J. Welch, appointed a 332

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drinking fountain, Independence sq.: order that the water commissioner be requested to substitute for the present drinking fountain so constructed that the water may be iced, referred to the mayor c 164

drinking fountain, Orchard Park: *see* Orchard park

drinking fountain, Prince st.: *see* Prince st

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drinking fountain, Upham's Corner: *see* Upham's Corner

drinking fountains, Ward 9: order to place three in suitable locations, referred to the mayor c 648

drinking fountain, West Fifth st.: order that the water commissioner be requested to erect, near D st., referred to the mayor c 91

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ice for drinking fountains: order that sum not exceeding \$5,000 for purpose of maintaining and furnishing ice for drinking fountains be authorized to be expended by water commissioner, passed a 333 c 404

ice from Chestnut Hill Reservoir: order that the water commissioner be requested to report what action is necessary to enable the city to obtain ice from reservoir for municipal purposes, referred to the mayor c 153

new fountain, Blackstone sq.: order that the water commissioner substitute a fountain for present one, etc., referred to the mayor c 200

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new water pipes: order for loan of \$300,000 for the construction of new and replacing of old water pipes, referred to committee on public improvements a 175-report, accepted, assigned a 207, 240; order for loan of \$300,000 for new water pipes, assigned c 200-taken up, assigned c 288-taken up, discussed c 319-323-failed of passage, motion to reconsider and assign, carried c 323-taken up, discussed a 341, 342-assigned a 342-taken up, discussed a 440, 442-assigned a 442-taken up, indefinitely postponed a 613; communication from the mayor relative to, referred to committee on public improvements a 309-report, accepted, ordered printed, sent down a 315, 316-taken up, assigned c 493 a 522; communication from the mayor and water commissioner transmitting communication from the finance commission, recommending loan of \$75,000 a 527-530-referred to committee on public improvements a 530; finance committee report, accepted, orders passed a 537, first order, \$165,000, passed c 538; second order, \$75,000, discussed c 538-542-rejected, reconsideration assigned c 542-taken up, assigned c 545-discussed c 548-554-order rejected c 554-placed on file a 571; order, for loan of \$75,000, assigned c 554-taken up, discussed c 558-563-order rejected c 563-taken up, indefinitely postponed c 607

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Waters, Anna H.

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Wattendorf, George V.

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Webster street, Ward 2.

poles: Edison Electric Illuminating Company, petition to erect a 531-order for hearing a 615-hearing a 642-refused a 656

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Weisberg, John.

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Weitz street, Ward 25.

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Welch, William J.

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Welles, Halleck, Jr.

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Wellesley park and Clement street.

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Wellington street.

poles: Boston Consolidated Gas Company, petition to attach wires a 459-order for hearing a 615-hearing a 642

Wells, Benjamin W.

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Welsh, Willard.

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Wendell street.

acceptance: order that the street commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public way, passed c 88 a 97

Wensley street.

gas-lamp: order to place near 85, referred to the mayor c 751

Wentworth, Joseph H., Councilman, Ward 22.

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appointed: committee on building department, election department, lamp department, treasury department c 149, 150; committee on Old Home Week c 525

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BENNINGTON ST.: petition, location of track a 531-order for hearing a 537-hearing a 582-584-referred to committee on public improvements a 584-report, accepted, location granted a 591

CITY SQ.: petition to erect a shelter a 310-report and order, accepted, passed a 416; communication from the railroad commissioners approving same a 292

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DORCHESTER AVE.: petition, double connections a 220-order for hearing a 243-hearing a 310-granted a 416

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IPSWICH ST.: petition for alteration of tracks a 423-order of notice of hearing a 425-hearing a 458-granted a 461, 462

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MYSTIC AVE.: petition for extension of time a 737-granted a 743

SARATOGA ST.: petition, location a 389-order for hearing a 391-hearing a 436-granted a 440

THOMPSON SQ.: petition to erect shelter a 310-report and order, accepted, passed a 416; communication from the railroad commissioners approving same a 292

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West Fifth street.

drinking fountain: see Water Department

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West Fourth street.

edgestones and sidewalks: order to repave and replace between B and D sts., referred to the mayor c 359

West Newton street.

gas-light: order to place between Carleton st. and St. Botolph st., referred to the mayor c 407; order to place at junction of private alley and No. 270, referred to the mayor c 408

trees: order to remove opposite No. 196, referred to the mayor c 453; order to trim from No. 193 to No. 211, passed a 473

West Ninth street.

grade: order to establish revised grade, laid over a 658-report, accepted, referred to next government a 771

West Roxbury High School.

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West Second street.

nuisance: order that the superintendent of sewers be requested to investigate cause of obnoxious odor arising from sewer in vicinity of No. 201, referred to the mayor c 234

steam pipes: Boston Beer Company, petition to lay conduit for a 613-granted a 617

West street.

bay-window: C. E. Richardson, petition and order for hearing a 571-hearing a 582-granted a 703

covering over area: George A. Carpenter, lessee, petition a 376-granted a 385

Western avenue.

arc-lamp, cor. Waverly st.: order that the position of an arc-light at corner be changed so that the lamp will face Western ave., referred to the mayor c 85

crosswalk: order to place additional crosswalk at Riverdale st., referred to the mayor c 751

repairs: order to make temporary repairs, referred to the mayor c 331; order that superintendent of streets place in proper condition from Everett st. to Stadium sq., referred to the mayor c 545

stand-pipe: order that the superintendent of watering department be instructed to move stand-pipe opposite No. 430, referred to the mayor c 85

Westover street.

sewer: order to construct a sanitary sewer from existing sewer to Dunbar st., referred to the mayor c 304

Westville street.

sidewalk: S. H. Knopf, petition a 248-granted a 251; P. O'Hearn, petition a 459-granted a 466; petition a 594-granted a 598

Whalen, Thomas A.

appointed superintendent of printing a 308-referred to committee on public improvements a 336-confirmed a 346

Wharton, Joseph W., Councilman, Ward 10.

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on city messenger department, engineering department, overseeing of the poor department, street laying-out department, elections, rules and orders common council c 149-150; committee on Old Home Week c 525; committee to attend funeral of Archbishop Williams c. 569

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fire alarm, Chandler st. and Columbus ave. c 152
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Wheatland avenue.

sidewalk: F. J. Rockwell, petition a 435-granted a 439

Wheeler street.

closing: order to allow W. H. Coblentz to close, passed a 464

Whelton, Daniel A.

order that art commissioners cause a bas-relief medallion of former mayor to be hung in mayor's office, passed a 245

Whelton, Daniel Aloysius, Alderman.

qualified: page 1

appointed: committee on rules and orders, county accounts, electric wires, markets a 53; committee on joint rules and orders, soldiers' relief a 76; committee on appropriations, city clerk department, clerk of committees department, election department, finance, health department, hospital department, library department, market department, ordinances and law department, printing department, public buildings department, statistics department, wire department, Fourth of July, mayor's address, Memorial Day, Patriots' Day, Seventeenth of June a 106, 107; committee on Old Home Week celebration a 521

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Whiting, David, & Sons.

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order to correct clerical error, passed c 123 a 139

Willcutt, William B., Councilman, Ward 24.

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on building department, collecting department, health department, public lands, street laying-out department, Dorchester Day c 149, 150

orders offered: erection of wooden building, Dorchester ave. c 35
completion of speedway, Franklin Field c 91
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information concerning building, South and Washington sts., West Roxbury c 187
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Williams, John J., Most Rev., Archbishop of Boston.

communication from the mayor calling special meeting of city council to take action on death a 565 c 568; resolutions on death a 565-567 c 568, 569; order for appointment of committee to attend funeral, passed; order that bells be tolled during hour set apart for funeral, passed; order that flags be displayed at half mast on day of funeral, passed; order that Washington st. be closed and roped off during funeral services at cathedral, passed a 566, 567 c 569; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the Most Rev. W. H. O'Connell, extending thanks to city council for sympathy in recent loss of the late archbishop a 578 c 606

Willow court, Ward 16.

improvement: order to place in proper condition for travel, referred to the mayor c 287

Willow park.

sewer: order to construct, referred to the mayor c 151

Wilson, George A.

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Winn, Charles A.

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Winsloe, Temple A.

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clock: A. Stowell & Co., petition to project a 69-report, no further action necessary a 206

Winter street, Ward 20.

poles: Edison Electric Illuminating Company, petition to erect a 63
trees: order to remove, at corner Parish st., passed a 477

Winthrop park, Ward 5.

flowers: order to replace, referred to the mayor c 327

Winthrop square, Ward 5.

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drinking fountain: order to place in square, referred to the mayor c 305

seats: order to place, referred to the mayor c 327

Winthrop street, Ward 5.

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committee: appointed a 107 c 150

electric wire, Elm Hill park: Alexander Chisholm, petition to stretch a 375-granted a 377

telephone wire: order to allow Mary W. Macomber permission to stretch wire, East Newton st., passed a 676, 677

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Wolcott street.

sidewalk: James F. Flaherty, petition a 389-granted a 395; petition a 613-granted a 616

Women and Child Workers.

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Wood, Frank C.

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Wood Island park.

athletic building: order that out of the amount received for sale of Deer Island, \$3,500 be expended by park commission on athletic building, assigned a 313-taken up, indefinitely postponed a 613, 614

bathing facilities: order that the finance committee be requested to include in their first loan bill \$10,000 for sufficient bathing facilities, referred to committee on finance c 37

drinking fountain: order to locate and maintain, passed a 464 c 496

football: order to allow on cricket field, referred to the mayor c 629

improvements: order that the park commissioners be requested to have baseball grounds put in condition, passed a 250; order that the committee on appropriations be requested to include in the annual appropriation bill, \$3,500 for repairs on athletic building, referred to committee on appropriations a 250-report, no action necessary c 357 a 367

new bath-house: order that the bath commissioners be requested to submit an estimate of cost of building, etc., passed a 207

tennis courts: order to place in proper condition, referred to the mayor c 319

Woodlawn street.

sidewalk: Margaret F. Mahoney, petition a 571-granted a 590

Woods, William Henry, Alderman.

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appointed: committee on armories, Faneuil Hall, Jamps, licenses a 53; committee on inspection of prisons a 76; committee on assessing department, building department, city messenger department, claims, collecting department, engineering department, finance, health department, institutions department, lamp department, library department, overseeing of the poor department, police department, printing department, public grounds department,

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Woodside, Ernest W., Councilman, Ward 1.

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appointed: committee on clerk of committees department, claims, health department, park department, Memorial Day c 149, 150; committee Old Home Week c 525

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sidewalk: order that so much of assessment relative to estate of James J. Lanigan be rescinded, passed a 19; communication from the mayor vetoing order, referred to committee on public improvements a 41-report, accepted, placed on file a 373

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Worden, Thomas F.

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Yarmouth and Irvington streets.

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CITY OF BOSTON.

Joint Meeting of Board of Aldermen
and Common Council.

City of Boston, Monday, Jan. 7, 1907.
Meeting of the City Government of
1907 for organization.

The members-elect of the Board of Aldermen met in their chamber at 10 o'clock A. M., Alderman-elect Berwin, the senior member, in the chair.

The Board was notified by a committee of the Common Council-elect that a quorum of the members-elect of the Common Council were in session, ready to proceed to business, and the members-elect of the Board of Aldermen at 10:28 A. M., proceeded to join the members-elect of the Common Council in joint convention.

The members-elect of the Common Council assembled in the Common Council Chamber, and were called to order at 10:15 A. M. by Mr. Sullivan of Wd. 15, senior member-elect.

Mr. SULLIVAN, on taking the Chair, said:

Fellow-members of the Common Council-elect:—Having been a member of the Common Council of the city of Boston four years, from 1891 to 1894, it gives me great pleasure, after this long absence, to return again to this Chamber, and I feel honored, as senior member, to have the privilege of calling you to order. I know that it is not customary for the senior member to make any lengthy remarks on this occasion, so I will not detain you, except to express the hope that our association together during the present year will be marked by harmony and friendliness, and that we will do all in our power to advance the interests of the great city of Boston, of which we will be the trustees. I thank you for your attention. Mr. O'Kane will please act as Clerk pro tem. of this body.

The Clerk then called the roll from the official list furnished by the City Clerk, and a quorum was found to be present.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3 offered an order—That a committee be appointed to invite the Board of Aldermen-elect to join the Common Council-elect in the Common Council chamber to be qualified.

Passed, and Councilmen-elect Donovan of Wd. 3, Mealey and Colpoys of Wd. 15, and Doyle of Wd. 13, were appointed said committee.

They retired at 10:21 A. M., and presently reported that they had performed the duty assigned and that the Aldermen-elect would be in attendance very soon. The report was accepted and the committee was discharged.

IN JOINT CONVENTION.

The Board of Aldermen-elect entered the Common Council Chamber at 10:29 A. M., escorted by the City Messenger, and took seats with the Common Council-elect. Alderman BERWIN took the chair.

Councilman-elect SULLIVAN of Wd. 15, in welcoming Ald. Berwin to the Chair, said:

Gentlemen of the Council, Ald. Berwin served with me in this body in 1893 and 1894, and I deem it an honor today, as senior member of the Common Council, to welcome him, as the

senior member of the Board of Aldermen, to this Chair. (Applause.)

On motion of Ald.-elect WHELTON, it was voted that a committee of five be appointed to notify the Mayor that the members-elect of the two branches were assembled in the Common Council Chamber for the purpose of being qualified.

Ald.-elect WHELTON and DEAPER and Councilmen-elect BARRETT of Wd. 18, NOYES of Wd. 11 and McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13, were appointed said committee. They retired at 10:30 A. M., and presently reported that they had attended to the duty assigned, and that His Honor the Mayor would be in attendance upon the convention in a few minutes.

The report was accepted and the committee was dismissed.

His Honor Mayor John F. Fitzgerald, accompanied by the Rev. John J. Daly, chaplain; ex-Mayor Thomas N. Hart, Mayor's Secretary Arthur W. Dolan, and heads of departments, entered the Common Council Chamber, escorted by the city messenger, at 10:41 A. M., and took seats with the convention.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain, as follows:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. Our Father, who art in Heaven, believing in Thee, hoping in Thee, and trusting in Thee, we, Thy children, at the beginning of the new year's municipal work, stand here and ask Thy blessing. Thou art wisdom and goodness; therefore, we ask of Thee light and strength—the light to know, and the strength to do. Government is a Providential plan for the social well-being of mankind; therefore, should it be wise and just. From Thee comes all its authority; on account of Thee it should be respected and obeyed. Thou knowest how difficult it is to be wise and how difficult it is to do what wisdom directs. Give us, then, we ask of Thee, the light to know and the strength to do. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy name will be hallowed and blessed when government is carried on according to Thy wish and when Thy will is obeyed. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Such will be the case when all obey the government as an expression of Thy divine will. Give us this day our daily bread. From Thy bounteous hand comes all we have. If Thy hand be closed, then misery and want is over the land. Forgive us our trespasses—oh, so many! Lead us not into temptation—so many temptations await, to cheat and deceive us. Deliver us from evil, moral and social. Bless us, then, our Father, who art in Heaven. Amen.

The City Clerk read a statement from the Board of Election Commissioners, certifying the names of members-elect of the City Council.

The list submitted by the Board of Election Commissioners was as follows:—

ALDERMEN.

John Edward Baldwin, Francis Reginald Bangs, George Henry Battis, Tilton Stuart Bell, William Berwin, Louis Munroe Clark, James Michael Curley, Charles Martin Draper, Frederick Andrew Finigan, Daniel Lawrence Flanagan, Michael John Leary, Daniel Aloysius Whelton, William Henry Woods.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Ward 1,

Edward C. R. Bagley.

Theodore L. Sorenson.

Ernest W. Woodside.

Ward 2.
Thomas F. Doherty.
Bernard F. Hanrahan.
Joseph H. Pendergast.

Ward 3.
Joseph E. Donovan.
Thomas F. Fitzgerald.
John J. McCormack.

Ward 4.
James E. Ducey.
James A. Hatton.
John J. Hayes.

Ward 5.
John J. Buckley.
J. Frank O'Brien.
Joseph M. Sullivan.

Ward 6.
James T. Purcell.
Max L. Rachkowsky.
Joseph Santosuosso.

Ward 7.
William J. Foley.
John T. Kennedy.
Edward D. Spellman.

Ward 8.
Alfred J. Lill, Jr.
Jeremiah J. McCarthy.
Jacob Rosenberg.

Ward 9.
John S. Driscoll.
Joseph Leonard.
Solomon Sacks.

Ward 10.
George P. Anderson.
David T. Montague.
Joseph W. Wharton.

Ward 11.
James B. Noyes.
Myron E. Pierce.
Isaac L. Roberts.

Ward 12.
George T. Daly.
John B. McGregor.
Augustus D. McLennan.

Ward 13.
James J. Doyle.
Leo F. McCullough.
Edward T. J. Noonan.

Ward 14.
Cornelius J. Fitzgerald.
Thomas F. O'Brien.
John Troy.

Ward 15.
Francis L. Colpoys.
Hugh Mealey, Jr.
Timothy J. Sullivan.

Ward 16.
John L. Costello.
James H. Kelly.
John D. McGivern.

Ward 17.
Francis L. Daly.
Thomas M. Joyce.
Frederick M. J. Sheenan.

Ward 18.
William J. Barrett.
Daniel F. Cronin.
Michael F. O'Brien.

Ward 19.
William J. Kohler.
Samuel J. Madden.
Timothy F. Murphy.

Ward 20.
William S. Bramhall.
Charles A. Clark.
Charles T. Harding.

Ward 21.
Donald J. Ferguson.
E. Howard George.
William N. Hackett.

Ward 22.
William H. Morgan.
George Penshorn.
Joseph H. Wentworth.

Ward 23.
George M. Brown.
George W. Carruth.
Earl E. Davidson.

Ward 24.
William C. Clark.
Edward M. Green.
William B. Willcutt.

Ward 25.
William E. Cose.
George C. McCabe.
Axel E. Zetterman.

The usual oaths of office were administered by Mayor Fitzgerald to the Aldermen-elect and Councilmen-elect, all being present except Councilman-elect Bagley of Wd. 1.

Ald. BERWIN—Members of the City Council will give their attention, while His Honor Mayor Fitzgerald delivers his address to the City Council.

Mayor Fitzgerald then read his address, which was as follows:

Mayor Fitzgerald's Address,

Gentlemen of the City Council:—

The year 1907 opens most auspiciously. Unparalleled prosperity and business activity prevail throughout the country; the returns upon invested capital and the wages of labor are higher than at any time in our history. Industrial prosperity has made it possible for the people to enjoy more of the comforts of life than ever before. While our citizens are awakened, as never before, to the magnitude of the problems connected with the concentration of industrial and financial powers in comparatively few hands, through the great corporations which now control such a large proportion of the business of the country, and are determined to assert all necessary powers of governmental control, there is no reason to expect any crisis which need interfere with our present magnificent prosperity. The city of Boston has enjoyed a share at least of the blessings of abundant prosperity; if she has not enjoyed her full share it is for us to find during the coming year further means, so far as these are under municipal control, of increasing the earnings of our citizens. We have much to be thankful for; but let us take such benefits as we have already obtained as incentives to continue along the pathway of constant progress.

FINANCES.

The financial condition of our city is, of course, of paramount importance. I believe our citizens would do well to consider with extreme care all facts which are presented bearing upon this subject. To the average citizen a great array of figures is imposing but largely unintelligible, for the reason that he does not give them sufficient attention to grasp their simple interpretation. The following statement of our financial condition, while large in totals, will be found, I think, by those who analyze it to be easy of understanding.

CITY AND COUNTY DEBT.

Gross funded debt, Dec. 31, 1905.....	\$99,017,856.00		
Add funded debt issued in 1906.....	5,195,350.00		
	<u>\$104,213,206.00</u>		
Deduct funded debt paid in 1906.....	3,695,750.00		
	<u>\$100,517,456.00</u>		
Gross debt, Dec. 31, 1906.....	\$100,517,456.00		
Sinking funds, Dec. 31, 1905.....	\$31,212,660.32		
Receipts during 1906	3,292,811.51		
	<u>\$34,505,471.83</u>		
Payments during 1906	3,703,255.49		
	<u>\$30,802,216.34</u>		
Betterments, etc., the payment of which are pledged to the payment of debt:			
Betterments, etc	\$574,963.14		
Blue Hill and other avenues, assessments ...	225,031.25		
Highways, making of, assessments.....	614,543.16		
	<u>1,414,537.55</u>		
Total redemption means, Dec. 31, 1906.....	32,216,753.89		
Net debt, Dec. 31, 1906.....	<u>\$68,300,702.11</u>		
Gross debt, Dec. 31, 1906.....	\$100,517,456.00		
Gross debt, Dec. 31, 1905.....	99,017,856.00		
Increase	<u>\$1,499,600.00</u>		
Net debt, Dec. 31, 1906.....	\$68,300,702.11		
Net debt, Dec. 31, 1905.....	66,770,207.81		
Increase	<u>\$1,530,494.30</u>		
	Gross Debt.	Sinking Funds.	Net Debt.
City debt	\$50,550,256.00	\$26,479,010.77	\$54,071,245.23
County debt	3,414,000.00	1,025,579.69	2,388,420.31
Cochituate water debt.....	4,562,500.00	3,658,153.53	904,346.47
	<u>\$88,526,756.00</u>	<u>\$31,162,743.99</u>	<u>\$57,364,012.01</u>
Rapid transit debt	11,990,700.00	1,054,009.90	10,936,690.10
Total	<u>\$100,517,456.00</u>	<u>\$32,216,753.89</u>	<u>\$68,300,702.11</u>

I feel warranted in calling special attention to the fact that while the city government of 1906 had the right under the law prescribing our limit of indebtedness to borrow \$2,315,019, loans were only actually authorized for \$1,428,000, leaving \$887,019 of the borrowing capacity unused. This compares with the amounts of borrowing capacity left unused in recent years as follows: In 1902, \$206,246; in 1903, \$684,640; in 1904, \$682,400, and in 1905, \$37,518.

In view of the fact that projects, many of them of much merit, were strongly urged which would have required several times the amount of the unused borrowing capacity, I think that the present administration is entitled to no small financial credit for leaving unused this large balance within the authority to borrow. No administration can successfully refute vague and general charges of extravagance; there is no better test of a desire to keep the financial expenditures of the city within moderate limits than the deliberate and intentional abstention from the authorizing of loans which are within the borrowing capacity of the city.

In making the above comparison, it should also be noted that the unused balances for the years 1903 and 1904 are accounted for by the fact that the Corporation Counsel ruled that loans could not be authorized out of these balances owing to the fact that a large unsettled contract obligation of the city constituted a claim upon them.

The gross debt on Dec. 31, as shown above, was \$100,517,456. Of this amount about one-half is outside of the debt limit. The city has no power to borrow outside of the limit except with the

sanction of the Legislature. For the \$50,000,000 so borrowed which does not include water or county debt, the State Government is primarily responsible—and it is solely responsible for one-half of it, for the reason that the acts calling for these loans were mandatory and did not require acceptance by the City Council. For the indebtedness which the Legislature thus forced upon us without our consent the State must take the full responsibility; for that portion which required concurrent action on the part of the City Council the State must assume its share of the responsibility.

Of our net debt of \$68,300,702.11, \$10,936,690.10 is Rapid Transit debt; this imposes no tax upon our citizens in any respect, for the reason that the rentals paid by the corporation leasing the subway and tunnel have been so arranged as to provide for the interest and sinking fund requirements.

The net debt also includes, as the above table shows, a net county debt of \$2,388,420.31. The iniquitous system which the state has imposed upon this city, requiring Boston to assume the entire debt of a county, which includes one other city and two towns, with a large and increasing population, has been forcibly criticized by at least one of my predecessors. That all who have the interests of the city of Boston at heart are opposed to such an unjust scheme of taxation cannot be questioned. Thus far the Legislature has refused to give this city any relief, but I feel it my duty again to bring our grievances before them.

I desire also in behalf of the people of Boston, to protest against the pay-

ment by them of the total running expenses of the county of Suffolk. Year after year the expenses of the county have increased, and there is no power of control or supervision vested in the mayor. Last year the various departments of the county of Suffolk exceeded the county appropriation, and it was necessary to make a transfer to that appropriation in order to pay the bills. That a repetition of such a condition might be avoided the appropriation bill for 1906-1907 provided an amount exceeding by \$30,000 the appropriation of 1905-1906. But we are now met with the condition that on the first day of February, the end of the fiscal year, the county of Suffolk will again have exceeded its appropriation, this time by about \$26,000.

It is certainly entirely wrong that the Board of Aldermen acting as County Commissioners, and therefore not subject to the veto power of the Mayor, should have the right to authorize additional expenditures by county officials, and that the Mayor should be compelled to find the money to meet the deficit out of funds appropriated or intended for other purposes. This situation of affairs demands a change, and I propose to petition the present Legislature for some proper remedial legislation.

As shown by Appendix VIII., the present administration in the fiscal year 1906-1907 has borrowed less money than any administration in any year save one for a period of 12 years.

The increase in the net debt for 1906-1907 has been materially less than in any year since 1893, save in the years 1901 and 1902, when there was a decrease, brought about by the cancellation of debt with funds received from the state in payment for the taking of the Boston water works.

It will probably be instructive for the public to know that with a net debt of \$68,300,702.11, it is estimated by a United States Census publication of 1904 that our saleable assets in that year were \$237 for every human being within the city. This is greatly in excess of our debt per capita, which at the same date was \$102.21. This fact affords striking evidence that the City of Boston has received large value for its outstanding debt, and that it does not represent expenditures without a full return.

RATE OF TAXATION.

The tax rate for the year 1906 was \$15.90, which was 10 cents lower than the rate for 1905. This reduction was made possible through the fact that the city council, in accordance with my recommendation, appropriated \$390,000 less than the total amount available within the tax limit, as established by law—something that has occurred only twice before during the last 20 years. Had the full amount allowed by law been appropriated the tax rate would have been \$16.20, or 30 cents higher.

This reduction in the tax rate was accomplished in the face of the fact that the expenditures of the city, for purposes over which the law gives it no control, have increased considerably in this financial year. Although the regular state tax was somewhat less than the year before, the amount of special assessments levied upon the city by the commonwealth increased materially. Our assessment for 1906 on account of metropolitan parks was \$259,765 more than for the previous year, and that for metropolitan water works was \$63,921 more, a total increase in these two items of \$323,686. Of course the Mayor and the City Council have no control over these assessments. If they had remained as they were in 1905, our tax rate could have been 25 cents lower than

it was, or \$15.65. In view of the public interest which is now being aroused in the finances of the city, it is of interest to note that our tax rate of \$15.90 is \$1.35 lower than the average tax rate of all the cities and towns in the state for the year 1905, although the cities and towns outside of the metropolitan district expend but little in comparison with Boston for parks, sewers, streets, school-houses and other public buildings, and have little in the way of such facilities in comparison with what our citizens enjoy.

I desire also to call attention to the fact that this year for the first time the interest on the loan for laying out and construction of highways has been paid out of taxes. For some years bonds have been issued annually to raise part of the interest and sinking-fund requirements on this loan—a proceeding which was of course wholly wrong from the standpoint of sound finance. On my petition the last Legislature provided by Chapter 214 of the Acts of 1906 that hereafter the interest and any deficiency in the sinking funds on this loan should be raised wholly by taxation, and the sum of \$377,500 was included in the tax levy for this purpose. If this amount had been raised by the issue of additional bonds, as in former years, the tax rate would have been 30 cents less than it was, or \$15.60.

In any consideration of the finances of the city and of the powers and responsibilities of the Mayor and of the City Council in respect to keeping down appropriations, it should constantly be borne in mind that a large part of the city's expenses are practically beyond the control of City Hall. This is true of the six following classes of expenditures, the figures being the appropriations for 1906:

School Department	\$3,744,200 00
Interest on city debt	2,975,000 00
Police Department	1,945,000 00
Sinking-fund requirements ..	1,512,515 00
County expenses (paid by city)	1,317,705 00
State tax and assessments ..	2,415,172 90

Total\$13,909,592 90

The total of these appropriations is 68½ per cent. of the total amount of the tax levy of 1906. In other words, we see at once that the city government has no real financial voice save as to 31½ per cent. of the amount raised this year by taxation; but even this does not tell the whole story.

An examination of the appropriations for certain other departments, printed upon every tax bill, will show at a glance that there is no real opportunity for reducing appropriations aggregating \$3,278,700 additional. These are the appropriations for Fire Department, \$1,425,550; Public Institutions, \$608,600; Hospital Department, \$485,000; Library Department, \$324,550, and Parks and Public Grounds, \$435,000. With the exception of the Fire Department—in which I do not believe that our business men would consider that any reduction of expenses could safely be made—these expenditures are all necessary unless a radical curtailment is to be made of activities of the city now considered of the greatest importance and utility; and with the exception of the expenditures for penal institutions and for public grounds those above named are under the charge of unpaid boards consisting of representative citizens who command the confidence of the public.

I desire to call attention to one fact which throws some light upon the financial policy of the present administration, and which may serve to correct an impression that has been sedulously cultivated in certain quarters for partisan purposes. The only conclusive

test of the disposition of any administration as to increasing or reducing pay rolls is afforded by the actual figures of the payments made by the treasurer's office on account of pay-roll drafts. These figures for the calendar year 1906 show that the total disbursements for pay rolls, excepting those of the School Committee, the Police Department and the Licensing Board, which are wholly independent of the control of the Mayor, and of the Fire Department—whose pay roll increase this year is due wholly to the granting of one day off in five to its employees—were \$18,000 less than for the preceding calendar year. While it is true that the above enumerated departments expended for pay rolls in 1906 \$254,806 in excess of their pay rolls for 1905, all of the other departments of the city taken together, in spite of the constant public pressure for increased service from them, actually showed the above named decrease.

FINANCE COMMISSION.

The subject of the finances of the city has recently attracted so much public interest, and has received so much discussion in the press, that it has seemed to me that the time was now opportune for the creation of a finance commission by authority of the City Government. I accordingly recommended to the last City Council the passage of an order providing for the appointment of such a commission upon a representative basis, one member to be designated by each of the following bodies, namely: The Associated Board of Trade, the Chamber of Commerce, the Merchants' Association, the Clearing House Committee, the Real Estate Exchange, the Central Labor Union and a committee composed of the presidents of the several local improvement organizations in the different sections of the city. Such inquiry should certainly be undertaken by authority of the City Government itself, and I can see no occasion for the exercise of the legislative power of the State to secure such investigation, either through a legislative committee or a commission; but I have recommended that if thought advisable the City Government should apply to the Legislature to give to our commission the power to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and papers. It is, of course, of prime importance that such a commission should be constituted in such a manner as to insure an impartial and competent membership. I intend today to renew to the City Council of 1907 my recommendation for the passage of an order constituting such a finance commission, and I trust that authority may speedily be given for its appointment.

THE CORPORATION TAX.

In my inaugural address I called attention to the injury unjustly inflicted on Boston, as well as on the other chief industrial cities and towns of the Commonwealth, by certain provisions in our corporation laws. Legislative hearings were held last spring on a remedial bill proposed by me, and a special recess committee was appointed to consider this measure and other questions affecting taxation. The report of this committee will soon be made to the Legislature. The evils complained of have grown during the last year through the continued incorporation of Boston mercantile establishments which formerly paid the city a large direct tax upon their stocks of merchandise.

It should be clearly understood that

in this matter the city suffers from two distinct forms of injustice. The first is the evasion of taxes on personal property by corporations which take advantage of various loopholes in the law. The second is the distribution by the state of the portion of the tax not retained by it according to an antiquated and irrational formula. By the first injustice, not only are city and state deprived of needed revenue, but competing merchants who do not do business under a state charter are unfairly handicapped. By the second, the chief benefit of a fund, amounting in recent years to about \$3,500,000, is concentrated upon a small group of unimportant cities and towns. About 40 per cent. of the corporation tax now goes to ten cities largely of a residential character, and to twenty-nine towns wholly residential, while the other twenty-three cities (including Boston), and 291 towns must be content with what remains.

It is patent to every fair-minded man that mercantile corporations should not be favored at the expense of individuals and partnerships; nor is it seriously denied that under a just distribution the corporation tax would be returned pro rata to the cities and towns in which the industries are located, and in which the various municipal burdens imposed by the operation of those industries must be borne.

I recognize the light that has been shed upon this subject in the various legislative discussions, and I am now prepared to submit a solution which seems to me fair to every interest concerned. To this end I shall continue my advocacy of the bill permitting local assessors to tax tangible personal property belonging to corporations, but with three additional provisions. The first of these exempts manufacturing corporations from the operation of the law; the second exempts shares owned by foreign stockholders; the third provides that the remainder of the corporation tax shall be retained by the state and applied to the reduction of the state tax.

The first exemption is obviously in the interest of the manufacturing industries of the Commonwealth. With their real estate and machinery now taxed to the full value, and with heavy tariff imposts and freight charges to bear as additional burdens, these industries need relief, rather than discouragement in the form of increased taxes. The mercantile corporations, as a class, labor under no such disadvantages and meet no such stress of competition from without the state. No doubt the distinction between the two classes of corporations is at times not clear. But in the case of corporations engaged both in the manufacture and the sale of goods, the Tax Commissioner might well be given the right to determine the proportion of the capital employed in each branch of the business.

The second exemption preserves intact a considerable item of revenue to the Commonwealth, any reduction of which would necessarily be followed by an increase of the state tax.

The third provision is equivalent to a distribution of the remainder of the tax among the cities and towns on the basis of valuations. If the present method of distribution, based on the residences of stockholders, were retained, the objections now urged against this basis for the entire tax would continue to apply to this substantial remainder.

There can be no doubt that the merchandise bill presented by me last year, so guarded and extended, will substantially increase the revenues of the industrial cities and towns. The net result of such a measure should be an increase of nearly \$250,000 in the revenues of Boston, and substantial gains will

also result to all the large industrial centres, such as Fall River, New Bedford, Lowell, Lawrence, Cambridge, Holyoke, Lynn and Quincy.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT.

The past year has been one of great business activity throughout the country, and Boston has shared in this to a gratifying extent; labor generally has found remunerative employment, and where increases in wages have been granted there has been no apparent handicap upon business.

The preliminary work of our Publicity Bureau inaugurated this year affords encouragement as to its future usefulness. Although we cannot for some time expect large results from the work, enough has been actually accomplished to more than justify its establishment and to give every assurance that we shall be able through this agency to bring to Boston new industries in sufficient numbers to materially increase the prosperity of the community.

I regret that more has not been accomplished, as suggested by me in my inaugural address, in the improvement of our water front, our railroad and terminal facilities and our heavy traffic streets. I desire again to call to your attention to the importance of these facilities to our commercial development, not only for the development of our local business but for that of our foreign commerce, which is so fundamentally important to our future growth and prosperity.

I especially call your attention to the fact that our railroad transportation facilities seem to be entirely inadequate for existing business, the delays and irregularity both of freight and passenger service being a constant source of inconvenience and loss. I cannot speak more strongly on this subject than I did last year in saying that Boston is so peculiarly dependent upon its railroad facilities that every possible agency and influence, public and private, should be brought to bear to secure the best possible recognition of our interests.

In this connection I take pleasure in announcing that a recent adjustment of differences between the railroad and other interests in the South Bay District opens the way for a railroad and terminal development which should be of great benefit to Roxbury, South Boston and Dorchester. I have been assured that adequate facilities will be provided, and my suggestion that the City Engineer be consulted before plans are adopted, in order that they may accord to the best advantage with present and prospective street improvements and with the convenience of the community, has been favorably received.

The problem of disposing of the old Boston & Providence Railroad terminals remains unsolved, and this important property still lies idle, to the great injury of adjoining real estate, notwithstanding the fact that the question has been constantly brought before the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, both by public and private interests. If some action is not taken by the railroad company to develop or dispose of this property in the near future, some decisive action should be taken by some public authority to compel it to do so.

TRANSIT FACILITIES.

The transit facilities of the city of Boston at the present time are utterly inadequate for the population they serve. Construction work is now pro-

gressing which will give increased facilities, but it is essential that public opinion be ever in evidence, in order that the people may get the consideration to which they are entitled. At the present time I am negotiating with the Boston Elevated Railway Company with a view to having the tunnel to East Boston kept in service all night. It seems unwarrantable that this great artery of travel should be closed for six hours after midnight, and I think that the efforts now being made to keep it open continuously will be successful.

The transit facilities to Dorchester, with its population of over one hundred and twenty-five thousand people, are in great need of improvement. I have consulted with the officials of the Boston Elevated Railway Company with a view to securing additional facilities for rapid transit to Dorchester, and I hope before the end of the year to be able to announce a definite plan which will give this district the service it requires in the matter of street railway transportation.

I have been in conference with the officials of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company at various times during the past year in relation to improved steam railway accommodations. I think that I can safely say that the electrification of the lines of road which serve the suburban traffic will take place within a couple of years, thus giving a very necessary improvement in the steam railway service.

The bad service of the Boston & Albany railroad has been a subject of complaint among all classes of citizens, and I am of the opinion that radical measures should be taken to compel that road to furnish proper accommodations to the public.

STREET CONGESTION.

The problem of relieving the congestion of traffic in the important business thoroughfares of the city, particularly between the Charlestown and South Boston sections, has for some time been recognized as a pressing one. The increased teaming traffic of the city, arising from the present conditions of prosperity and business activity, has aggravated the conditions complained of. While it is difficult to find a solution without the expenditure of very large sums of money for the widening of certain down town streets, I believe that some earnest study of this problem should at once be undertaken. I trust that the City Government will make a special effort during the coming year to formulate some practical plans for dealing with this matter.

BUILDING OPERATIONS.

For the year 1905 the value of our building operations amounted to the sum of \$12,364,747, which was the lowest figure since 1884, with the exception of the years 1889 and 1894, the figures for the latter year being about the same as for 1905. Last year I emphasized the importance of new buildings as a source of revenue to the city, and as a gauge of its prosperity. I take great satisfaction in being able to state that the value of the building operations within the city for the year 1906 amounted to \$23,064,741, showing an increase of 86½ per cent over 1905. These figures demonstrate in a gratifying manner that new life has been infused into the building industry, and everything possible should be done to encourage its continued growth. While the building operations for 1906 were the largest in the history of the city, a still higher

figure ought to be reached during the current year. But in order to accomplish this result all available agencies should be brought to bear. For many years the building accommodations of the city were in excess of the demands of the population; at the present time these conditions fortunately seem to be reversed and our existing population demands further housing accommodations. In order that these may be provided as rapidly as possible, I believe that our savings banks should co-operate more liberally than they do at the present time in facilitating safe and legitimate building operations. I find a general complaint in most sections of the city that the savings banks now pursue a narrow policy in respect to making loans upon real estate. While building loan associations render important services in facilitating the building and ownership of small houses by wage earners, I believe that the much larger funds of the savings banks should be made more fully available than at present in connection with building operations. While the security of the savings of the people deposited in these institutions should always be the first consideration, I believe that savings banks should endeavor to loan these funds as largely as possible to owners of real estate rather than to facilitate the carrying of stocks. I intend to call this matter to the attention of the commissioner of savings banks, and to request him to investigate the subject fully.

In accordance with my recommendation that the matter of revising our buildings laws should receive attention, in order to make them more liberal in their provisions and better suited to the conditions now existing in the various sections of the city, the Legislature passed Chapter 340 of the Acts of 1906 affecting important amendments of this character. I also appointed a representative commission of seven members to prepare a new draft of our building laws. This commission has devoted a great deal of labor to this important task, and now has its report nearly completed. I intend to petition the Legislature to revise the building laws of Boston in accordance with the recommendations contained in their report.

WATER FRONT COMMISSION.

A year ago I announced my intention to constitute some proper body to investigate the whole subject of our water front and maritime facilities, with a view to the taking of such action in connection with our harbor and its commerce as may properly fall within the province of our municipal authority. I am glad to be able to state that a preliminary Water Front Commission of seven members has now been appointed to consider this subject and has been engaged in its work for several months. The maritime interests of Boston must always be of the greatest importance in connection with the general welfare and prosperity of the city, and I trust that during the coming year some substantial results of advantage to the community may be achieved from the work of this commission which it has been my privilege to initiate.

HIGH SCHOOL OF COMMERCE.

In my inaugural address I earnestly urged upon the new School Board the immediate establishment of a High School of Commerce, and called attention to the fact that while the financial condition of the city might not permit the erection of a new school building for the purposes of such a school,

accommodations might be found in the English High School. This, however, was found impracticable, and early in September the school was opened in temporary quarters on Winthrop street, Roxbury, with the accommodation for one hundred and sixty pupils. It soon became clear, however, that the idea of a high school of commerce had taken such a hold on the public generally, and on the merchants of Boston in particular, that larger accommodations would soon have to be provided; and shortly after the beginning of the school year it was decided to erect the Model school in the Girls' Latin and Normal group in the Back Bay and to use this temporarily for the purpose of the High School of Commerce. This school will be finished next September and will have accommodations for about eight hundred pupils, and thus the work of the school will not be hampered by lack of room, and the idea will be given the best possible chance for development.

The merchants of Boston have from the outset taken a keen interest in this school, and have from time to time addressed the pupils on the conduct of business and the development of commerce. They have assumed a kind of trusteeship over the work of the school, and have been a powerful support to the school authorities in their effort to produce results which may challenge comparison with those secured in New York or Philadelphia, or in any of the great commercial schools of Germany. This school fills a gap which has long existed in the educational system of the city of Boston, and at a time when the commercial interests of our city are taking a stronger hold on the public mind it will certainly be an effective means of giving young men a scientific and at the same time a practical training for business life. The age in which we live is commercial. Boston for years has seemed to lag behind. But she is now determined to go forward to meet the future and to renew her old-time supremacy in commerce; and in bringing about this result there is no stronger influence than the new High School of Commerce, which in a short time has passed beyond the experimental stage and become a marked feature of our school system.

The old order in education is rapidly changing to meet modern demands. The learning of the shop and the counting-house is going hand in hand with the learning of the study. The tremendous impetus given to industrial and commercial education everywhere cannot be resisted; and in the new order Boston should take a leading position.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTIVES.

In my inaugural address I called attention to the urgent need of establishing a Municipal Hospital for the treatment of cases of consumption, and recommended the passage of an ordinance providing for a special Board of Trustees to have charge of such an institution. I called attention to the fact that the City Council had in 1902 made a loan appropriation of \$150,000 as a first step towards establishing such a hospital. Early in the year the City Council took action in accordance with this recommendation, and I appointed a Board of Trustees consisting of five men and two women, who assumed office on the 1st of May.

After full consultation with the leading medical specialists and with the representatives of charitable and philanthropic organizations especially familiar with the problem as it exists in Boston, these Trustees decided that the most pressing need was for the erection of a hospital for the reception of advanced

cases. This decision was reached chiefly because of the fact that the state has provided at Rutland for incipient cases, and because the advanced cases—including under this heading not only the incurable ones, but those which may be curable although they have passed beyond the incipient stage—are particularly dangerous as sources of infection. There has existed no provision in the past for this class of cases, which are not only dangerous to the community but particularly burdensome to the families of those afflicted, except the pauper hospitals at Long Island and Tewksbury, and the hospital at Long Island is overcrowded.

With this policy in view the Trustees invited proposals for the sale to the city of a tract of land suitable for a hospital site, and, after a thorough investigation of all available locations within the city limits, they were fortunate enough to secure an estate which has been pronounced by the best authorities to be almost an ideal location for the purpose. This is the Conness estate in Mattapan, consisting of over 50 acres, and it was purchased with the approval of Mr. Laurence Minot, acting as real estate expert on behalf of the Trustees, for the sum of \$65,000. While the balance of the present appropriation only amounts to \$85,000, the Trustees deemed it best to cause plans to be prepared providing for a hospital, in the form of a number of independent but connected buildings, adequate to accommodate 300 patients. I have given my hearty approval to the policy of proceeding at once to build such portion of the whole group as can be erected without exceeding the existing appropriation. The Trustees also desire me to ask the City Council to provide an additional loan appropriation, so that the work may be carried out on a larger scale as soon as possible, and I expect to give my support to their request at the proper time. Three hundred beds would be immediately filled as soon as such a hospital could be opened, as it would take 100 cases from Long Island alone.

While humanitarian motives would alone be amply sufficient to warrant the erection of such a hospital, such investment of the city's money is also amply justifiable on economic grounds. Reliable figures show that in Boston at least 1200 persons die annually from consumption, and that there are at least 3000 cases of the disease at all times. Figuring the economic value of an average human life at \$1500, which is a low figure for this country, and the loss of wages for each case at only \$400 a year, and the cost of care and attendance at \$300 a year, we reach the startling result that the financial loss to the people of Boston through this disease amounts to nearly \$4,000,000 annually; and this takes no account of the direct expense now incurred by the city in treating cases at Long Island, Tewksbury and Rutland.

Boston last year appropriated for the City Hospital \$45,000, and I believe that there is no object of public expenditure for which the taxpayer more cheerfully contributes. If the city would annually devote a reasonable fraction of this amount toward the maintenance of a properly equipped hospital for consumptives, it would save a considerable proportion of the huge waste which the community now suffers through the ravages of this disease. It must be borne in mind, also, that expenditures for the treatment of consumption should not be regarded as a continuing or a growing burden upon the city, but as a diminishing one; for it is now an accepted fact that consumption is preventable, and that through the adoption of proper measures it can be

greatly diminished and ultimately reduced to the level of other infectious diseases. While many large cities are awakening to the importance of the subject and starting to deal with it in various ways, Boston, through the work of this board, is in a fair way to take the lead in this country in the adoption of adequate and scientific measures for the treatment of this dread disease without going outside city limits.

While the provision of hospital accommodations is of pressing importance, the work of educating the people to understand the best methods of preventing and caring for consumptives is also of vital necessity, and under my direction the trustees are now disseminating the requisite information broadcast throughout the city; within the last few days they have sent out to every one of our 112,000 registered voters a booklet containing full directions on this matter. This work is sure to bear excellent fruit in the immediate future, and it should lead to a decrease in the death rate from this cause.

A pressing and immediate need is the establishment of a clinic for consumptives, to which persons may go for diagnosis and for medical advice and assistance. Such a clinic has already been established in New York and in a few other cities, and it serves as a valuable educational centre from which to disseminate to the people a larger knowledge of this subject, relieving that portion of the suffering which is now occasioned merely by ignorance.

During the past year, under legislative authority granted for the purpose, the City Council made an appropriation of \$10,000 to enable the trustees to care temporarily for consumptive patients in private hospitals. In view of the fact that such private hospitals in Boston as were willing to receive consumptive patients were already filled to overflowing, only six beds were found available for this purpose. Through the efforts of a private charity a ward was made available in the Holy Ghost Hospital in Cambridge, and a portion of the cost of maintenance was contributed. About thirty patients are now being cared for by the Trustees, which at least makes a small beginning in this important work.

Experience has shown that there is a deep-seated objection among consumptive patients, no matter how necessitous their cases, to become inmates of hospitals that bear the name incurable or consumptive. This sentiment should be respected, and I am in favor of giving our hospitals for consumptives, when established, some appropriate name associated with Boston, which will in no way indicate the special character of the institution.

The Governor in his recent inaugural address suggested that the time must come when the Commonwealth should assume the general charge of those suffering from tuberculosis, and that the expense of their maintenance should not be borne by the state treasury, but should be assessed back proportionately upon the cities and towns from which the patients come. If such a policy should be adopted, Boston should still provide for its own consumptives, as a local institution situated within the city limits would always fill an important want.

STREET FRANCHISES.

The recent attempt to secure the right to introduce an independent telephone system into Boston has called renewed attention to the unfortunate lack of power in the city government to require proper compensation for such

franchises, or to impose proper terms and conditions upon their exercise. While the subject is not a new one, I believe that public opinion is more strongly opposed than at any time in the past to the free gift of franchises which become more valuable merely from the growth of population to the corporations possessing them. The modern idea, now applied in the most progressive cities of the country, is that no franchise should be perpetual, and that it should be granted only upon carefully considered terms and conditions, embodied in a binding contract, which fully preserve the rights of the public and secure for the people as large a share of the future profits of the business as possible. I intend to ask the Legislature to grant to the city of Boston, or to all of the cities and towns of the Commonwealth, adequate legal powers, to be exercised under proper safeguards, to deal with this important matter upon a proper business basis. It is particularly urgent that the length of franchises hereafter to be granted should be limited by law to a reasonable term of years.

STREET LIGHTING.

The present contract for the maintenance of the Welsbach gas lamps in the streets, now about 10,259 in number, expired on the first day of June, and during the last year the Superintendent of Lamps and myself have given a great deal of study to the question of the best policy for the city to pursue in this matter. Owing to reductions in the price of gas since this contract was made, of which under its provisions the city obtains the benefit, the annual cost which was formerly \$30 is now \$23.20 per lamp. While various other companies have made tentative offers to the city to install and maintain similar lamps at lower prices, if awarded a contract similar to that now in force, I have not been convinced of their ability to maintain at such lower prices a street lighting service equal to the satisfactory standard maintained by the present company, unless through a material reduction in the wages now paid to the lamplighters. While the broad question of municipal ownership of the lighting business was before the City Council, with action possible which would have resulted in the immediate submission of the question to the people, I did not think it proper for me to take any action upon this important contract, and it was therefore extended to Jan. 1. In my inaugural address I expressed my sympathy with the sentiment which favored the operation of gas lamps by the city, and I have now concluded to put this policy into effect. I have given the company now holding the contract an extension of three months, and the city will then discontinue the present arrangement and will arrange directly with the gas company for the supply of gas for the street lamps, and will employ its own lamplighters.

Under the provisions of its contract with the Edison Electric Illuminating Company the city has the right every two and one-half years to have the question determined by arbitration whether, under the provisions of the contract it is entitled to a reduction in rates. This right on the part of the city again became operative last August, and I notified the company of my desire to have the prices charged by it to the city for electric street lamps so revised. Under the provisions of this contract the net return to the company upon the portion of its capital engaged in furnishing lights to the

city is limited to 6 per cent.; under the arbitration clause an expert investigation is now provided for to determine whether at the present rates the company is earning more than this return.

TELEPHONE RATES.

In returning without my approval an order recently passed by the Board of Aldermen undertaking to grant locations throughout the city to the Metropolitan Home Telephone Company, I called attention to the provisions of Chapter 433 of the Acts of 1906, giving the Massachusetts Highway Commission certain powers over telephone companies and their rates and service. Under Section 5 of this act it is provided that "upon complaint in writing relative to the service or charges for service in, to or from any city or town in the Commonwealth as rendered or made by any company engaged therein in the transmission of intelligence by electricity, signed by the Mayor of the city or the Selectmen of the town or by twenty customers of the company, the commission shall . . . give a public hearing . . . and after the hearing may make such recommendations concerning the reduction, modification or continuation of such charges for service, or concerning improvements in the quality of the service or concerning such other matters in the premises as the commission shall deem just and proper." This is at least an important step toward applying the power of the state to the regulation of the telephone business, as it has been long applied toward the regulation of the business of railroads, street railways, gas and electric light companies. While the power of the commission is confined at present to the making of recommendations, it is given the full legal powers necessary for thorough investigation; and experience with the supervision of railroads in this state by the Railroad Commission has shown that the power of recommendation is nearly always sufficient to protect the rights of the public. The city will, therefore, be represented at any hearings before the Highway Commission, and will endeavor to secure such reductions of telephone rates or improvements in service as thorough and impartial inquiry may show can justly be expected.

METROPOLITAN WATER ASSESSMENT.

In my inaugural address I called attention to the injustice done to Boston through compelling this city to pay an assessment toward the metropolitan water loans and expenses of maintenance, based wholly upon valuation, whereas, beginning with the year 1906 the other cities and towns in the metropolitan water district were to be assessed on a basis of one-third for valuation and two-thirds for water consumption. Under such a basis of assessment as has existed this city had no inducement to economize in its consumption of water, as this bore no relation to the basis of its payment. I am glad to be able to state that after considerable effort on my part the Legislature was induced near the close of its last session to remedy this injustice. Under the provisions of Chapter 457 of the Acts of 1906 this city now pays upon precisely the same basis as the other municipalities in the district, namely, one-third in proportion to valuation and two-thirds in proportion to water consumption.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL.

During the past year it was my privilege, acting upon the suggestion of Mr. Osborne Howes, to take the initial steps toward bringing together the executive authorities of the various cities and towns in the metropolitan district for the purpose of conference and common action upon questions affecting the district. The officials of the other cities and towns of the district showed a disposition to co-operate in opposing the imposition of further financial burdens by the Legislature at the present time upon the taxpayers, and our conferences exercised, I believe, an important influence in this direction. A bill for giving some official standing to such a metropolitan council was unfortunately rejected by the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs, but the effort should be continued—and it must ultimately be successful—to induce the Legislature to give some recognition to the just right of the people of the metropolitan district to be given some formal and official voice as to the expenditure of their money for metropolitan purposes.

NEW CITY HALL.

In my inaugural address I discussed the question of a new City Hall and urged its importance. My experience for the past year in the office of Mayor has still further emphasized in my mind the urgency and the economy to the city of action of this character. The Governor, in his recent inaugural, has recommended the erection by the State of a special office building, to house the State departments which are unable to find room within the extension of the State House, although this was only finished about ten years ago, stating that the State is now under a rental expense of \$30,000 a year for such departments. This merely emphasizes the much stronger case for the erection by the city of Boston, which is now paying rentals to the amount of about \$50,000 a year, of a new City Hall, to take the place of the present antiquated structure, finished in 1865. I hope to be able to secure some preliminary action, at least, on this matter during the coming year.

SUNDAY LAWS.

The recent activities of the Police, Commissioner and of the District Attorney, and their animated discussions in the press as to their respective duties, have brought forcibly before our people the fact that the present laws in relation to what can legally be done on Sunday are uncertain in their meaning, and, even if reasonably interpreted by the courts, are not in harmony with the accepted conditions of life in a large city. While I fully recognize the importance of protecting the laborer in the enjoyment of one day of rest out of every seven, and that this day of rest should fall upon Sunday whenever possible, there are certain kinds of labor which cannot be dispensed with upon Sunday without serious loss and inconvenience to the public. The community should not be left wholly dependent upon judicial interpretation of what comes under the legal phrase of "works of necessity and charity," and I believe that the Legislature should be asked to take up this whole subject in a comprehensive way, and to pass a statute which will at least define in part what may lawfully be done upon the Lord's Day.

The present uncertain state of the law, particularly when the officials concerned in its enforcement are publicly quarreling as to its meaning and as to

the proper action to be taken under it, is an injustice to the people of Boston which ought to be remedied at once.

In this connection I may call attention to the fact that the police officers themselves, who are now summoning other people into court for performing labor on Sunday, are obliged to work continuously for 365 days in the year, with the exception of a two weeks' vacation. If Sunday labor is to be put under the ban of the law, I do not know why police officers are not entitled to ask that some arrangement should be made by which they may be given one day in seven off duty, and I should heartily favor such a provision.

TWELVE O'CLOCK LAW.

Last year I called attention to the handicap imposed upon our business interests, as well as on the whole community, through the law which required that even first-class hotels should suspend the sale of wines and liquors to their guests at 11 P. M. The administration and representative business organizations joined in urging upon the Legislature the desirability of a change in the law to make it possible for liquors to be sold by at least some hotels, under proper restrictions, up to midnight; and an act was finally passed, Chapter 395 of the Acts of 1906, submitting the question to the voters of Boston. The fact that public sentiment was strongly favorable to the proposed change was strikingly demonstrated by the fact that every ward in the city voted in favor of the acceptance of the act.

PAY OF LABORERS.

The justice of increasing the wages of city laborers to \$2.25 per day has lately been strongly urged upon me. I believe that an investigation will show that the expense of making such increase would be much less than is generally supposed, as a large number of laborers now receive more than \$2 a day, which is commonly supposed to be the standard wage rate of the city. I intend to have the actual cost of this proposed increase closely estimated as soon as possible, and if this can be met within the financial resources of the city I am disposed to have it go into effect some time during the current year. While the financial condition of the city treasury requires economy, it does not compel the city to be any less just to the labor in its employ than the great private corporations, most of which have within the last few months given increased pay to their employees. The justification for such an increase is found not only in the business prosperity now existing and in the active demand for labor, but in the fact that the cost of living has risen in such a marked degree that the actual purchasing power of a dollar has materially declined.

Recent figures compiled by Bradstreet's have shown that a representative list of staple commodities has actually risen in price an average of 20 per cent. within the last year. Whether the general rise in prices which has been in progress is due mainly, as is generally believed, to the marked increase in the world's production of gold, or to some other economic cause, all fair employers of labor should recognize to the extent of their ability the change in conditions which has taken place.

SCHOOL PROPERTY.

By Chapter 259 of the Acts of 1906 it is now made possible for the city,

through the joint action of the Mayor, the Schoolhouse Commissioners and the School Committee, to sell any land or buildings held for school purposes which the School Committee deems it advisable to dispose of, the proceeds of such sale to be expended for the purchase of land and the erection of new buildings for school purposes. Under the provisions of this act it has now been determined by these authorities that the Winthrop School on Tremont St. and the office building of the School Committee on Mason St. shall be sold as soon as fair prices can be obtained. As these are valuable pieces of property, and no longer suited for their respective uses, these sales when consummated will be of decided advantage to the city.

COMPARATIVE MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES.

In the criticism of financial methods and conditions pertaining to the administration of the affairs of the city of Boston, reference is rarely made to what the city has to show in the way of salable possessions resulting from its expenditures of the people's money. These assets, as listed by the United States Census, include public trust funds, water works, subways, cemeteries, markets, wharves and landings, municipal buildings, fire and police department equipment, asylums and almshouses, jails and reformatories, schools, libraries, parks and gardens, bath-houses and beaches. They are each and all the collective property of the citizens of Boston. The list does not include streets and sewers, with their costly paving and equipment.

To know how economically a city is governed, we must know not merely what it spends but what its citizens receive in return for their money. The per capita expenditure is affected by many considerations, such as size and character of population and geographical position. It must readily be seen by any just critic that it is unfair to compare the expenditures of an isolated city with those of an urban centre of the same population, surrounded by a chain of suburban cities so closely impinging on the central municipality as to increase materially the cost of government therein. Especially is this true in the case of Boston. We are compelled not only to bear the burdens naturally resulting from our peculiar position and environment, but in addition to submit to a further imposition through metropolitan plans of improvement in some of which we have little interest. Boston is placed in a position somewhat analogous to that which would arise should the inner, or business, city of London be compelled to bear a large part of the expense for the entire administrative county consisting of 28 semi-independent boroughs.

Despite these facts it is pointed out as an evidence of poor financial methods or extravagance in Boston that the per capita net debt of Baltimore, a city of the isolated class, with very limited municipal services, amounts to but 40 per cent. of that of Boston. The corresponding fact that the per capita assets of Boston are 320 per cent. greater than those of Baltimore is entirely overlooked. Nor are we told that Baltimore's assets are but 21 per cent. in excess of her net debt, while the assets of Boston show an excess of 119 per cent. over indebtedness.

Nor, apart from debt, is any mention made of the fact that Baltimore has practically no underground sewerage system, the entire surface drainage owing off along the streets, while Boston had the first complete sewerage system in the United States, and to-

day can justly claim the most perfect one. Nor is it noted that even with a sewer system as complete as that of Boston, Baltimore would be concerned only with the cost within her own territory of thirty square miles, while Boston, in addition to providing sewer service for an area of forty-three square miles in the city proper, must pay the larger part of the sewerage expenses in a metropolitan district covering one hundred and twenty-one square miles. Aside from any question of cheapness or extravagance, would our taxpayers be willing at any price to exchange Boston's five hundred and fifty miles of first-class sewers for Baltimore's embryonic system?

The per capita expenditures for sanitation in Boston during 1904 amounted to \$4.02, while for the same period Baltimore's per capita expenditures for this purpose were only 11 cents. Surely this difference is not an indication of reckless extravagance, but rather proves that our standards of public sanitation are wholly different from those of Baltimore, and of necessity vastly more costly.

Boston has long been accustomed to hearing certain taxpayers protest at the growth of our debt, the increased tax rate or the high assessed valuation of property and at the same time demand expensive improvements, perhaps boulevards and fine streets in their own immediate neighborhood. These critics, however, do not tell us that on the authority of well-informed travelers Boston ranks second only to Washington in the quality of its street surfaces, while Baltimore ranks next to Chicago as the worst paved city in the United States. To quote Prof. Zueblin of the University of Chicago: "Baltimore holds the distinction of being notorious by virtue of the extent of its streets paved with cobbles' ones." Almost 80 per cent of its total mileage of streets is paved with this material, as against less than 1 per cent in Boston; naturally our streets are vastly more expensive, but public opinion would not for a moment permit us to reduce the standards of our street department to the Baltimore level.

Then, again, in making comparisons of cost of construction, care and maintenance of streets, no reference is made by the same critics to the fact that, as the second commercial city in the United States, Boston must provide traffic facilities for the immense teaming business that results. In New York and in most western cities the bulk of freight transshipments are handled directly by rail, ferries or barges, while in Boston the greater portion of this freight must be carted across the city. Nor is any reference made to the immensely greater wear and tear upon pavements due to the narrow streets of Boston and to our enormous street railway mileage, which tends to crowd street traffic.

Nor is it alone in the matter of cost of paving, but still more strikingly in the proportion of this cost paid by benefited parties that Boston is at a great disadvantage. In almost every large city in this country the cost of paving is charged to the abutters or to the property benefited. So much the better off is St. Louis in this respect that she pays nothing whatever from the city treasury for street opening or paving. This expense apparently is not considered as an item to be included in the cost of her government, inasmuch as the city assumes no liability as to payment. The authorities simply order the work done and let the contractor collect from the property owners on vouchers.

It is true that there are on the statute books a number of laws empowering the city of Boston to levy special as-

for education, while Baltimore paid but \$2.94 during the same period; each city gets such quantity and quality of public instruction as it chooses to pay for. For charities and correction during the same year Boston spent \$3.01 per capita as against 90 cents in Baltimore. For the care of poor children during 1904 Boston spent \$178,725; Baltimore only one-sixth as much. Baltimore expends only 55 cents per capita for baths, gymnasia and other recreational purposes; Boston nearly \$2.25. We could not reduce our expenses for these purposes to anything like the Baltimore standard without an abandonment or radical curtailment of branches of municipal service regarded by all classes of our citizens as vitally important.

The criticism is sometimes made that Boston maintains a Fire Department larger as to the number of men, horses and engines in proportion to her population than New York. But is this not because our special conditions imperatively require it? Philadelphia with twice the population of Boston has no larger Fire Department, probably because, under her wholly different conditions she does not need it. Boston's per capita payment for the maintenance of its Police Department during 1904 amounted to \$3.22; Baltimore provided such inferior police protection as satisfied her citizens during the same period at a per capita cost of \$2.01. New York maintains a police force equal to 20 for every 10,000 population; Baltimore finds 17 for each 10,000 sufficient to preserve order. Boston, however, because of local conditions, finds it necessary to maintain a force equal to 22 for each 10,000 of population, and our citizens do not seem to feel that the present force is any too large.

If I have made some comparisons between conditions in Baltimore and Boston, it is with no intention of disparaging Baltimore. The city was selected because its population is about

equal to that of Boston and because of its occupying the lowest place on the list given below showing the assets of the twelve largest cities of the country, while on the list showing expenditures it occupies tenth place, as against Boston's first place on the list of assets and second on that of per capita expenditures. It is further cited as showing the utter fallacy of comparing expenditures in different cities without a corresponding explanation of the local conditions in each city. However, despite Baltimore's comparative position on the lists and all that may be said in regard to the character of her municipal service, it is interesting to note that her tax rate for 1904, if reduced to a basis of 100 per cent. valuation, would amount to \$16.29, as against \$14.47 for Boston, sinking-fund payments not being included in either case.

In the natural order of things it is not at all surprising to find the citizens of Boston demanding features of municipal service copied from the finest cities in the world, and requiring that their parks and public grounds should be equal to the best in Europe. It is not strange that they should demand a school system of which the Paul Revere School, often pointed to as the most completely equipped school building in the world, is a type; nor that they should ask for well paved streets and the best water and sewer systems. Neither is it astonishing that they should call for the erection of magnificent public buildings, and that their great Public Library should be decorated by artists of the highest rank; nor that they should want a host of other things equally well worth having. But it would be surprising if after having secured all these things they should be vexed and annoyed to discover that they have had to pay for them.

The following table brings out in figures some of the points above referred to:

Assets, Salable Possessions, Productive and Unproductive, Exclusive of Sinking Fund Assets, 1904, according to United Census.

City.	Total Value of Assets.	Value Per Capita.	Position on List Showing Expenditures Per Capita.
Boston	\$139,520,225	\$237.08	2
New York	683,359,355	176.51	9
Cincinnati	58,442,543	171.16	8
Philadelphia	229,036,631	164.50	7
Cleveland	48,731,772	114.49	9
Detroit	39,837,847	97.10	12
St. Louis	57,032,696	91.31	3
Pittsburg	30,451,741	86.30	6
Chicago	164,781,339	85.27	4
Milwaukee	22,075,951	71.60	5
Buffalo	26,222,069	70.48	11
Baltimore	30,365,687	56.36	10

Productive assets include public trust funds, water works, electric light works, gas works, markets and public scales, docks, wharves, landings, cemeteries, subways, etc.

Unproductive assets include municipal buildings, police and fire department equipment, asylums and almshouses, jails and reformatories, schools, libraries and art galleries, parks and gardens, bath-houses and beaches, etc.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Quite a number of other matters of importance have been dealt with by the City Government of last year in one way or another which I cannot describe in detail, but a few of them may be briefly mentioned.

Through an additional appropriation made by the City Council adequate funds are now provided for the erection by the Hospital Department of a Relief Station for East Boston, for which there has been for some time an urgent demand.

Through the munificent bequest of the late Lamont G. Burnham, a well-known Boston merchant, who was a most valuable member of the Board of Trustees of the Hospital Department at the time of his death, the sum of \$150,000 provided by him for the building of a new ward at the City Hospital will shortly be utilized by the erection of a suitable building.

The policy of medical inspection, under the direction of the Board of Health, in connection with our public schools, has proved so successful that last year it was considerably extended through the appointment of 30 additional medical inspectors.

An agreement was arrived at with the United States Government for the transfer to it of the portion of Deer Island required for purposes of fortification, and the price of this land was fixed at \$250,000.

Through the expenditure of a loan appropriation of \$500,000 for new streets it has been possible for the first time for several years to take some action toward meeting the wants of the outlying sections of the city in this direction.

The prompt and important part which Boston took toward alleviating the distress occasioned by the great disaster at San Francisco, and the liberal donations given by our citizens for that purpose ought not to be allowed to pass without special mention. Boston can claim the credit of being the first city in the country to recognize the need of immediate relief and to take action to provide it.

At the last municipal election, voting machines, as authorized by law, were acquired, and put into operation in two precincts with satisfactory results.

The long delayed action necessary to enable Boston to enjoy the benefits which Benjamin Franklin intended should be realized from his interesting bequests to the city of his birth has at last been taken, as a suitable site for the Franklin Union has been purchased and plans for the building have been adopted by the Board of Managers of the fund.

Under the provisions of Chapter 389 of the Acts of 1906, the Children's Institutions Trustees have secured a building for the detention of truant girls.

In accordance with the policy explained in my inaugural address, a reorganization of the Street Department was effected early in the year. In place of the old Street Department, with its multifarious duties, we now have a Street Department having charge only of street construction and of ferries, and five new departments having charge respectively of sewers, street cleaning and watering, sanitary service, bridges and the purchase of supplies. I believe that this change of administrative organization has worked well, and it has certainly brought these new de-

partments, formerly classed as divisions of the Street Department, more directly under the control of the Mayor, and enabled him to take a larger part in personally directing their operations.

I am happy to state that for the first time the Bridge Department has been able to secure substantial contributions from street railway companies toward the expense of strengthening and repairing various bridges crossed by their tracks. The Boston Elevated Railway Company has authorized the city to execute work upon five bridges at an estimated expense of \$42,000 to be defrayed by it, and the Old Colony Street Railway Company has agreed to pay 30 per cent. of the cost of repairs necessary to strengthen the Neponset bridge.

CONCLUSION.

I have endeavored to summarize some of the questions in which our citizens are vitally interested. The government of a great, progressive city, such as Boston has grown to be, concerned as it is not only with municipal but with metropolitan problems, has come to be such a complex affair that scarcely any one can fully master it, and that few can really become acquainted with more than a small number of its activities. Results can only be accomplished by hard, persistent and intelligent work. During the last year I have endeavored to bring to the difficult and varied duties which the citizens of Boston impose upon their chief executive all of the thought and energy which I could command. Strengthened by the experience of a year's service in the office of Mayor, a service which I feel has at least accomplished something toward stimulating an active interest among all classes of our citizens in the problems of municipal government, I again pledge myself to devote to the city of Boston during the coming year the best efforts within my power. In the performance of the duties imposed upon me as chief executive of the city I have the right to expect, and I now earnestly invite, the fullest co-operation on the part of all members of the City Council, and of all citizens interested in the continued progress of our historic municipality.

APPENDIX I.

RIGHT TO BORROW IN 1907.

Total debt, City and County,		
January	\$100,517,456.00	
Less special loans (outside of limit)	\$50,013,600.00	
Cochituate water debt	4,562,500.00	
County debt (outside of limit)	2,921,000.00	
		57,497,100.00
Sinking funds...	\$30,802,216.34	\$43,020,356.00
Less:		
Special Loans sinking funds..	\$11,310,108.70	
Cochituate water sinking fund..	3,658,153.53	
County Court House sinking fund..	1,025,579.69	
		15,993,841.92
		14,808,374.42

Debt, excluding debts outside of limit and deducting sinking funds for said debt....	\$28,211,981.58
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Two and one-half per cent, on \$1,252,810,110 (average valuation for three years), less abatements	\$31,320,252.75
Debt, as above	28,211,981.58
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January 1, 1907, interest on investments	123,263.00
April 1, 1907, interest on investments	105,503.00
May 30, 1907, interest on investments	4,470.00
June 1, 1907, interest on investments	2,625.00
July 1, 1907, interest on investments	123,363.00

October 1, 1907, interest on investments	105,503.00
October 1, 1907, debt paid from appropriation	17,000.00
November 1, 1907, appropriation for debt	982,151.00
November 30, 1907, interest on investments	4,470.00
December 1, 1907, interest on investments	2,625.00
January 1, 1908, interest on investments	123,363.00
January 1, 1908, interest on bank deposit	30,000.00
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	\$4,732,607.17
Less loans authorized, but not issued (inside limit)....	1,729,650.00
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Right to borrow	\$3,002,957.17

APPENDIX II.

METROPOLITAN PARK ASSESSMENTS.

		Total Assessment.	Boston's Share.	Per-cent.
Paid in	1900	\$517,923.17	\$258,961.59	.50
	1901	570,897.13	285,448.59	.50
	1902	619,418.96	309,709.50	.50
	Interest on Deferred payments.....	48,668.43	24,334.22	.50
		\$1,756,907.69	\$878,453.90	.50
	1903	629,076.58	314,538.27	.50
	1904	693,163.32	346,581.67	.50
	1905	720,559.46	360,279.74	.50
1906.	Parks	\$717,629.63	*\$499,353.31	.697
	Boulevard	157,898.55	*69,149.65	.46716
	Nantasket	55,699.06	*40,292.00	.62009
	Wellington Bridge	18,076.04	11,249.99	.62237
		\$949,303.28	\$620,044.95	

*Under Chapter 457, Acts of 1905, the assessments made by the state in 1905 were computed on the basis of the old apportionment, and the difference has been adjusted in the 1906 assessments, and in the 1906 assessments for "Parks" a credit is allowed the city on account of errors in previous assessments. If the amount assessed in 1905 had been on the basis of the new apportionment, and no error had been made in levying the assessment for parks, the amounts paid this year would have been: Parks, \$446,631.29; boulevard, \$73,763.88; Nantasket, \$34,533.43.

APPENDIX III.

METROPOLITAN SEWER ASSESSMENTS.

	Total Assessments.	Boston's Share.	Per-cent.
1892	\$55,244.50	\$12,625.73	.2285
1893	99,795.16	21,905.63	.2195
1894	214,093.44	46,517.66	.2173
1895	277,586.69	59,702.19	.2151
1896*			
1897	683,334.75	146,601.30	.2145
1898	348,072.95	75,421.14	.2167
1899	536,841.79	95,753.81	.1784
1900	464,362.65	129,773.27	.2795
1901	466,077.94	126,662.23	.2718
1902	441,011.05	110,330.35	.2500
1903	520,762.52	139,178.30	.2672
1904	725,646.13	218,933.59	.3017
1905	820,074.07	254,745.53	.3106
1906	752,861.17	226,355.57	.3007

*Assessment for 1896 included in 1897.
Note.—The proportions which the several cities and towns shall annually pay are figured at different rates for the north

and south sewerage systems, and also for the cost of construction and maintenance; but for the purposes of this table the assessments have been added together and the percentage of the whole given. The premium received on bonds sold is credited by the State to the interest account, which is also one of the causes of the variation in the percentages.

APPENDIX IV.

METROPOLITAN WATER ASSESSMENTS.

	Total Assessments.	Boston's Share.	Per-centage.
1898	\$335,807.48	\$285,600.50	.8505
1899	489,102.32	411,861.54	.8421
1900	694,968.04	578,696.96	.83291
1901	1,415,209.41	1,169,105.62	.8261
1902	1,546,081.23	1,274,105.31	.8241
1903	1,368,561.08	1,510,857.46	.8086
1904	2,100,800.37	1,700,274.07	.8093
1905	2,177,586.39	1,758,635.00	.8077
1906	2,262,657.20	1,822,556.33	.8055

APPENDIX V.
STATE TAX AND ASSESSMENTS.

	Armories.	Metro-politan Sewer.	Abolition of Grade Crossings.	Metro-politan Water.	Highways.	Metro-politan Park.	Charles River Dam.	Total Assessments.	State Tax.	Total Tax and Assessments.
1880-90	\$21,498.29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$21,498.29	\$738,020.00	\$759,518.29
1890-91	28,056.27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28,056.27	645,767.50	673,823.77
1891-92	28,056.27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28,056.27	553,515.00	581,571.27
1892-93	28,056.27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28,056.27	640,052.50	668,108.77
1893-94	28,056.27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28,056.27	914,375.00	942,431.27
1894-95	28,056.27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28,056.27	731,500.00	759,556.27
1895-96	28,056.27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28,056.27	538,920.00	566,976.27
1896-97	28,056.27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28,056.27	628,740.00	656,796.27
1897-98	32,423.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32,423.15	628,740.00	661,163.15
1898-99	34,223.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34,223.15	536,670.00	570,893.15
1899-1900	34,223.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34,223.15	536,670.00	570,893.15
1900-01	34,223.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34,223.15	652,240.00	686,463.15
1901-02	34,223.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34,223.15	641,920.00	676,143.15
1902-03	34,223.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34,223.15	903,200.00	937,423.15
1903-04	34,704.06	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34,704.06	900,125.00	934,829.06
1904-05	32,880.17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32,880.17	1,440,200.00	1,473,080.17
1905-06	32,885.19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32,885.19	1,260,175.00	1,293,060.19
1906-07	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	\$566,173.65	\$1,064,506.30	\$1,526,173.11	\$10,511,692.83	\$20,892.40	\$2,519,898.53	\$27,789.42	\$16,827,126.24	.....	.....

*Includes assessments for 1900 and 1901. **Includes Wellington bridge, \$11,249.99.

APPENDIX VI.

TAX RATE.

	State Tax.	County Tax.	City Tax.	Total.
1885
1886
1887
1888
1889
1890
1891
1892
1893
1894
1895
1896
1897
1898
1899
1900
1901
1902
1903
1904
1905
1906

APPENDIX VII.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT DEBTS.

December 31, 1906.

	Gross Debt.	Boston's Share by Present Apportionments.
Water Loan.....	\$40,193,000.00	\$32,375,461.00
Parks	8,089,000.00	5,034,350.00
Boulevard	2,392,500.00	1,117,680.00
Nantasket	700,000.00	434,063.00
Wellington Bridge	200,000.00	62,237.00
Sewer—North	6,150,000.00	1,011,675.00
Sewer—South	7,856,912.00	3,141,193.00
	\$65,581,412.00	\$43,176,659.00

*District part, being one-half of total issue.

APPENDIX VIII.

	LOANS ISSUED IN CALENDAR						
	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.
Abolition of grade crossing, Dorchester avenue							
City Buildings			\$123,500	\$72,000	\$118,000	\$116,500.00	
Court House	\$40,000						
Fire Department	65,000		35,000	82,000	7,500	11,200.86	
Franklin Union site							
Police Department			58,500				
Institutions	610,000	\$435,000	238,600	100,000	213,000	231,831.60	\$10,000
Parks and playgrounds.....	1,849,000	1,296,500	234,300	804,500	952,000	774,260.98	891,000
Streets	958,500	300,000	1,151,100	1,600,700	417,480	815,589.90	1,000
Bridges	56,300	68,100	136,500	528,000	378,500	440,216.66	600,000
Ferries	17,000	8,000	25,000	23,000	128,800	331,200.00	
Sewer and sewerage works...	100,000	108,050	184,500	2,000	2,025,500	1,000,000.00	1,000,000
Charles River basin							
Stony brook improvement			100,000	300,000	100,000	350,000.00	
Laying-out and construction of highways	500,000	500,000	850,000	650,000	1,561,000	960,450.00	1,307,550
Blue Hill and other avenues		1,000,000	1,000,000	500,000	892,000		
South Union station				1,300,000	400,000		300,000
Library Department	155,000	230,000	44,000	5,000	100,000		
Schools	688,000	773,500	500,000	1,062,000	688,000	325,000.00	770,000
Rapid transit	50,000	1,000,000	2,250,000	1,000,000	400,000		50,000
Boston tunnel and subway					616,000		
Mkt. or oth'r public purposes					350,000	435,000.00	
Water Department	710,000	565,000			138,000	100,200.00	
Miscellaneous	10,000		75,000	70,600			
Pr'de ground, etc., for mit'a			125,000				
New gen'l register of voters			90,000	10,000			
Rep'ym't of sidew'k ass'm'ts			100,000				
Rep'ym't of sewer ass'm'ts						400,000.00	15,000
Garb'ge plant, Spect'le Isl'nd.							
Metrop'l't'n park assessment							
Totals	\$5,808,800	\$6,284,150	\$7,321,000	\$8,109,800	\$9,485,780	\$6,291,450.00	\$4,944,550

YEARS 1894 TO 1906, INCLUSIVE.

1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
.....	.....	.....	.....	\$757,000	.....
\$325,500.50	\$399,000	\$304,000	.....	5,000	.....
.....	.....	10,000	.....	.....	.....
129,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$100,000
.....
581,500.00	560,000	609,200	\$124,000	.....	180,000
231,000.00	445,550	390,000	275,000	176,500	213,000
225,380.21	292,000	546,000	1,335,800	237,500	854,350
266,300.00	455,000	270,000	369,000	168,000	166,000
.....	100,000	.....	.....	32,000	5,000
1,258,719.79	1,000,000	1,003,000	1,786,000	2,191,500	1,376,000
.....	.....	.....	800,000	.....	.....
.....
1,770,000.00	1,954,001	505,000	700,000	532,000	501,000
.....
25,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
30,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1,355,000.00	1,700,000	.....	1,500,000	2,063,000	.....
250,000.00	701,000	1,600,000	133,000	100,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	1,000,000	1,956,700	1,500,000
.....
.....	.....	.....	300,000	330,000	300,000
15,000.00	.....	107,500	.....	2,500	.....
25,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....
.....
5,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
40,000.00	100,000	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	544,400	.....	.....	.....
\$6,559,400.00	\$7,706,551	\$5,889,100	\$8,392,800	\$8,551,700	\$5,195,350

At the conclusion of the Mayor's address he was given hearty applause.

The Mayor and suite retired, the convention dissolved, and the Aldermen returned to their Chamber leaving the Council Chamber at 11.46 A. M.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The Board of Aldermen reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber at 11:48 A. M., and Ald. BERWIN, the senior member, took the chair.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Board of Aldermen proceed to the election of a chairman for the current municipal year, under the provisions of Section 7 of Chapter 26 of the Revised Laws.

The order was passed.

The roll was called with the following result:

For John E. Baldwin—Ald. Baldwin, Curley Flanagan, Leary, Woods—5.

For Tilton S. Bell—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Clark—3.

For William Berwin—Ald. Battis—1.

For Louis M. Clark—Ald. Draper—1.

For Michael J. Leary—Ald. Finigan—1.

For Charles M. Draper—Ald. Berwin—1.

For Frederick A. Finigan—Ald. Whelton—1.

The Chair announced the vote, as given above, and declared that there was no choice.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. CURLEY, to proceed to another ballot, with the following result:

For John E. Baldwin—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—5.

For Tilton S. Bell—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Clark—3.

For William Berwin—Ald. Battis—1.

For Louis M. Clark—Ald. Draper—1.

For Charles M. Draper—Ald. Berwin—1.

For Frederick A. Finigan—Ald. Whelton—1.

For Michael J. Leary—Ald. Finigan—1.

The CHAIR announced the vote, as given above, and declared that there was no choice.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. LEARY, to proceed to another ballot, with the following result:

For John E. Baldwin—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—5.

For Tilton S. Bell—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Clark—3.

For Charles M. Draper—Ald. Battis, Berwin, Draper—3.

For Frederick A. Finigan—Ald. Finigan, Whelton—2.

The CHAIR announced the vote, as given above, and declared that there was no choice.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. CURLEY, to proceed to another ballot, with the following result:

For John E. Baldwin—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—5.

For Francis R. Bangs—Ald. Draper—1.

For Tilton S. Bell—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Clark—3.

For Louis M. Clark—Ald. Battis—1.

For Charles M. Draper—Ald. Berwin—1.

For Frederick A. Finigan—Ald. Whelton—1.

For Daniel L. Flanagan—Ald. Finigan—1.

The Chair announced the vote, as given above, and declared that there was no choice.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. CURLEY, to proceed to another ballot, with the following result:

For John E. Baldwin—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—5.

For Tilton S. Bell—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Clark—3.

For Charles M. Draper—Ald. Battis, Berwin, Draper—3.

For Frederick A. Finigan—Ald. Finigan, Whelton—2.

The Chair announced the vote, as given above, and declared that there was no choice.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. CURLEY, to proceed to another ballot, with the following result:

For John E. Baldwin—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—5.

For Tilton S. Bell—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper—5.

For William Berwin—Ald. Battis—1.

For Frederick A. Finigan—Ald. Whelton—1.

For Michael J. Leary—Ald. Finigan—1.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. WOODS, to proceed to another ballot, with the following result:

For John E. Baldwin, Ald. Berwin, Curley, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—5.

For Tilton S. Bell—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper—6.

For Frederick A. Finigan—Ald. Finigan, Whelton—2.

On motion of Ald. WOODS, it was voted to proceed to the election of a City Messenger for the ensuing year, and the City Clerk called the roll, with the following result:

For Edward J. Leary—Ald. Baldwin, Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Curley, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—13.

Mr. Edward J. Leary was accordingly declared elected City Messenger, on the part of the Board of Aldermen. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Ald. BATTIS, it was voted to proceed to the election of a Clerk of Committees for the ensuing year, and the City Clerk called the roll, with the following result:

For John F. Dever—Ald. Baldwin, Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—12 (Ald. Curley not voting).

Ald. DRAPER offered an order—That the rules and orders of the Board of Aldermen of 1906, except Rule 32, be adopted as the rules and orders of the present Board, until otherwise ordered; and that a special committee of five members of this Board be appointed to prepare rules and orders for the present year.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I move you, sir, when the vote is taken on giving the order a second reading that it be by a roll call.

The motion was carried.

The order was ordered to a second reading, yeas 7, nays 6, the vote being as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper, Whelton—7.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—6.

The order was passed.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That Monday of each week, at 3 o'clock P. M., be the day and hour on which regular meetings of this Board shall be held, until otherwise ordered.

Passed.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office,
City of Boston, Jan. 7, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to confirmation by your Board I hereby appoint William L. Simmons (44 Cobden St., Wd. 21) a Constable of the city of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1907. Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.
Laid over under the law.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office,
City of Boston, Jan. 7, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:
Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby make the following appointments:

(1) Alfred R. Leavitt (376 Adams St., Wd. 24) a Weigher of Boilers and Heavy Machinery for the term ending April 30, 1907.

(2) William M. DUNN (874 Broadway, Wd. 14) an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw for the term ending April 30, 1907.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

At this point the City Messenger announced Councilman Noyes of Wd. 11 as a Committee of the Common Council.

The Councilman stated that he had been delegated to notify the Board of Aldermen that the Common Council had organized, with the choice of William J. Barrett as President and Joseph O'Kane as Clerk.

The CHAIR—The message is received and the Board of Aldermen congratulates the Common Council upon its organization.

Councilman NOYES—Mr. Chairman, we thank you.

Notices were received from the Common Council of its choice of Edward J. Leary as City Messenger and John F. Dever as Clerk of Committees.

Several placed on file.
Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That so much of the order of the Board of Aldermen approved Jan. 30, 1903, as levied an assessment for sidewalk construction amounting to \$32.71 against the estate of James J. Lanigan, 43 Woodward Ave., Wd. 17, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY the rule was suspended and the order was declared passed.

Ald. BELL doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I rise to furnish information to the member from Dorchester (Ald. Bell). An excess assessment has been levied on this property and the Street Department is agreeable to the rescission of this excess assessment.

The order was passed, yeas 8, nays 4, the vote being:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Berwin, Curley, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—8.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Clark—4.

The Board approved, at the suggestion of the Chair, minors' licenses for 300 newsboys, 19 bootblacks and 1 vendor.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That a committee of two be appointed to procure suitable badges for the members of the Board of Aldermen; the expense incurred to be charged to the Contingent Fund, Board of Aldermen. Passed.

Fifteen traverse jurors were drawn for the Superior Civil Court, fourth session, to appear Jan. 16, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 515, Acts of 1894, viz.:

John B. Donovan, Wd. 22; Ambrose T. Ward, Wd. 22; Patrick O'Shea, Wd. 15; George W. Snall, Wd. 23; Charles W. Durgin, Wd. 20; Alston W. Hotchkiss, Wd. 18; Harry G. Blanchard, Wd. 12; Charles L. Edgerly, Wd. 9; William E. Barnes, Wd. 1; James D. Doherty, Wd. 5; James Williamson, Wd. 12; Patrick A. Daley, Wd. 8; Timothy E. McCarthy, Wd. 17; Edwin A. Kerr, Wd. 16; William O'Keefe, Wd. 17.

Adjourned at 12:24 o'clock, P. M., on motion of Ald. WHELTON, to meet on Monday, Jan. 14, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

After the retirement of the members of the Board of Aldermen, the Council was called to order at 11:46 A. M. by Mr. Sullivan of Wd. 15, senior member.

The CHAIR—The Council will be in order. The Chair awaits the pleasure of the body.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3 offered an order:—

That the Council now proceed to elect a president; that the roll be called by the Clerk; that each member, as his name is called, announce aloud for whom he votes; that the same be recorded by the Clerk, and that the person receiving a majority of the votes be declared elected President of the Common Council for the present municipal year.

The order was passed.

Pursuant to the order, the Clerk called the roll, and the members responded, announcing their choice for President, with the following result:

William J. Barrett—Barrett, Buckley, Colpoys, Costello, Daly (17), Daly (12), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, D'Isco, Ducey, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hanrahan, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Santosuosso, Sheenan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth—47.

Myron E. Pierce—Anderson, Brown, Carruth, Clark (20), Clark (24), Cose, Davidson, Ferguson, George, Green, Hackett, Harding, McGregor, McLennan, Montague, Morgan, Noyes, Penhorn, Pierce, Roberts, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—24.

Michael F. O'Brien—Cronin—1.

Daniel F. Cronin—O'Brien (18)—1.

On motion of Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11 it was voted that the election of Mr. William J. Barrett of Wd. 18 as President of the Common Council of 1907 be made unanimous. (Applause.)

The CHAIR appointed, as a committee to escort the President-elect to the Chair, Messrs. Troy of Wd. 15 and McGovern of Wd. 16, and the committee performed that duty.

The CHAIR—Gentlemen, I have the honor to introduce to you William J. Barrett, President of the Common Council of 1907. (Applause.)

President BARRETT—Fellow-members of the Common Council, I thank you most sincerely for the honor you have conferred upon me in electing me as your presiding officer for the ensuing year, an honor which I greatly appreciate. I will endeavor to show my appreciation in a substantial form, by giving to every member fair and impartial treatment during the year. (Applause.)

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the Council now proceed, in accordance with the provisions of the Revised Laws, Chapter 26, Section 7, to the election of a Clerk of the Common Council.

The order was passed, and the roll was called, with the following result:

For Joseph O'Kane—Anderson, Barrett, Brown, Buckley, Carruth, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, George, Green, Hackett, Hanrahan, Harding, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McGregor, McLennan, Mealey, Montague, Morgan, Murphy, Noonan,

Noyes, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Peshorn, Pierce, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Rosenberg, Sacks, Santosuosso, Sheenan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—73.

The PRESIDENT—Mr. Joseph O'Kane having received 73 votes, the Chair will declare him unanimously elected clerk of the Common Council for the year 1907.

Corporation Counsel Babson administered the oath of office to Joseph O'Kane as Clerk of the Common Council of 1907.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Council now proceed, in accordance with the provisions of the Revised Laws, Chapter 26, Section 7, to the election of a city messenger.

Passed, and the Clerk called the roll with the following result:

For Edward J. Leary—Anderson, Barrett, Brown, Buckley, Carruth, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, George, Green, Hackett, Harding, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McGregor, McLennan, Mealey, Montague, Morgan, Murphy, Noonan, Noyes, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Peshorn, Pierce, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Rosenberg, Sacks, Santosuosso, Sheenan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—72.

Absent or not voting—Hanrahan—1.
The PRESIDENT—Seventy-two members having voted for Edward J. Leary for City Messenger, he is elected by the Council City Messenger for 1907. Notice sent up.

Mr. HAYES of Wd. 4 offered an order—That the Council now proceed, in the election of a Clerk of Committees, ter 26, Section 7, to the election of a Clerk of Committees.

Passed, and the clerk called the roll, with the following result:

For John F. Deyer—Anderson, Bagley, Barrett, Brown, Buckley, Carruth, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (3), Foley, George, Howard, Hackett, Hanrahan, Harding, Hatton, Hayes, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McGregor, McLennan, Mealey, Montague, Morgan, Murphy, Noonan, Noyes, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Peshorn, Pierce, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—68.

Absent or not voting—Daly (17), Fitzgerald (14), Green, Joyce, Santosuosso, Sheenan—6.

Just before the above roll call a notice was received from John T. Priest, Assistant City Clerk, of the qualification as a member of the Common Council of 1907 of Edward C. R. Bagley of Wd. 1. Placed on file.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, Jan. 7, 1907.

To the City Council:—

I think it proper to call to your immediate attention the importance of favorable action by the City Council upon the accompanying order providing for the appointment of a Finance Commission, which is substantially the

same as one which I sent to the Board of Aldermen on Dec. 13. Since this proposition has been made public, it has received a large amount of support from business men and taxpayers, and the general sentiment of our citizens is certainly in favor of some action of this character by the City Government. I now repeat to the City Council of 1907 substantially the same message on this subject which I sent to your predecessors.

A comprehensive inquiry into the finances of the city has been under serious discussion for some time, and I have given a great deal of consideration to this subject. Early in November I publicly announced my intention of instituting an inquiry into the finances of the city and the conduct of its affairs, believing that the citizens of Boston were in favor of such an undertaking, if entrusted to a competent and impartial body. I am of the same opinion now.

The only proper authority to institute an investigation of the condition of its finances is the city itself. What is required is a business examination of the subject by a body of such representative, able and impartial citizens of Boston that our taxpayers will have full confidence in the soundness of any conclusions which they may reach. A political investigation by a legislative committee or by a commission constituted by the state could not conform to these requirements. A state commission, aside from the political character, either partisan or bi-partisan, which it would necessarily have, would be open to the further important objection that the state instead of itself providing the considerable sum required for a thorough investigation would merely order the city of Boston to do so. The proposed inquiry should therefore be authorized by the City Government, as the city will in any case have to pay the bills, and not until conclusions have been reached should the Legislature be asked to take any action, unless it were to give to a municipal finance commission powers below referred to which the city cannot itself give. At the conclusion of the inquiry legislative action would doubtless be necessary, as our present financial conditions are in a large measure the outcome, not of the free action of the City Government, but of laws which have been passed from time to time by the Legislature.

While it would be within the general powers of the Mayor to constitute a commission for such a purpose and to select its members without action by the City Council, I deem it advisable, in view of the great importance of the subject, to bring the matter before your body and to recommend that it give its sanction to the creation of a Finance Commission. The making of appropriations and the authorizing of loans is a function of the City Council, in which the Mayor has power to participate, aside from the making of recommendations, only by the exercise of the veto power. It therefore seems to me proper that any investigation of the finances of the city should be expressly provided for by the City Council, and that an adequate appropriation for that purpose should also be made by it in advance.

While, as I pointed out in my inaugural address, the tax rate of Boston is not a high one, compared with those of the other cities of the Commonwealth—only one of which in the year 1905 had a lower rate—it is claimed that our assessments upon real estate, particularly real estate of a residential character, are generally higher than in other cities in relation to selling values. Our debt is admittedly a large one, and under our long-established financial system the regu-

lar debt of the city increases from year to year with the growth of its valuation, to say nothing of the additions which are made to it from time to time by the loans outside the debt limit.

In estimating the real weight of our indebtedness, however, it must be borne in mind that debt incurred for the purpose of subway and tunnel construction stands upon a special footing and should not be counted as an additional burden upon the taxpayers. These loans, now amounting to a total sum of \$10,936,690 in excess of sinking funds—which figure will, under existing legislation, be increased by several millions of dollars within the next year or two—are, of course, especially secured by the ownership of the subways and tunnels constructed by the city, and as these are leased, with the exception of the East Boston tunnel, upon a basis which takes care of all interest and sinking fund requirements, they represent a safe and profitable investment of city funds. But even after making this proper deduction, the remaining direct net debt of Boston, now amounting, without including the county debt, to \$54,975,592, is a very large one; and the indirect debt for which we are liable, through the share of the state loans for metropolitan purposes which is assessed upon us, is estimated to amount to the large additional sum of \$43,176,659.

I fully realize that in order to accomplish the objects of the proposed inquiry a Finance Commission constituted by the city government must not only be, in fact, wholly free from partisan bias, but must be known to be so constituted that it cannot be affected by any personal or political influences. I, therefore, recognize that to meet the special conditions of this case a departure should be made from the usual method of appointment by the Mayor. After full consideration of the matter, I believe that the largest influence can be exerted and the best results secured by a commission whose members are selected with entire freedom of choice by the most representative bodies of the city.

I, therefore, recommend that the proposed Finance Commission consist of seven citizens of Boston to be chosen one each by the following bodies, namely: The Associated Board of Trade, the Chamber of Commerce, the Boston Merchants' Association, the Clearing House Committee, the Real Estate Exchange, the Central Labor Union, and a committee made up of the presidents of the several citizens' or local improvement associations in the various sections of the city. The financial, commercial, real estate, labor and local improvement interests of the city will thus be represented upon the commission, and any results which it may arrive at should command such general public support as to render it possible to carry them into effect.

The only objection urged against the proposed commission which seems entitled to any consideration is based upon its lack of power to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and papers. Those who urge this objection seem to overlook the fact that the Mayor as the chief executive officer of the city has full authority under the charter to order any official or employee of any of the executive departments to appear before the commission and assist its investigations in every possible manner. It would certainly be the height of folly for any Mayor to recommend the establishment of such a body unless he were prepared at its request to use his full official authority in furtherance of its work, and the fullest co-operation on the part of the Mayor and all other city officials

must certainly be assumed. While I myself doubt whether any further powers are needed, yet if the City Council believes that this Finance Commission should be given full legal authority to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and papers, I shall be glad to petition the Legislature, which is the only body competent to grant such powers, to vest them in the commission. My whole object is to make the proposed inquiry as searching and thorough as possible, and the constitution of the proposed commission should be enough to convince any fair-minded man that the Mayor would be wholly unable to control the action of such a body, even if he were disposed to do so.

I, therefore, recommend the speedy passage by the City Council of the accompanying order. I believe it to be desirable while leaving the scope of the proposed inquiry practically unlimited, that certainly obviously important branches of the investigation should be specified in the order.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.
Jan. 7, 1907.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to appoint a Finance Commission, to consist of seven citizens of Boston, recommended to him for such appointment, one each respectively by the Associated Board of Trade, the Chamber of Commerce, the Boston Merchants' Association, the Clearing House Committee, the Real Estate Exchange, the Central Labor Union and a committee made up of the presidents of the several citizens' or local improvement associations in the various sections of the city. Such commission may by vote, approved by the Mayor, add to its own membership, if it deem such action advisable.

Such Finance Commission shall examine into all matters pertaining to the finances of the city, including debt, taxation and expenditures, shall give public hearings and shall in particular inquire:

(1) Whether, under the present practice of the city, its objects of expenditure are rightly divided between those which may properly be provided for by loan and those which should be met by taxation, and whether its loans are now issued for proper periods;

(2) Whether the present distinctions between loans inside and outside the debt limit are based upon sound financial principles;

(3) Whether any change should be made in the present system of accumulating sinking funds and issuing new loans annually;

(4) Whether debt, taxation or assessments upon property are now excessive, and, if so, in what manner the same can be reduced;

(5) Whether present systems of book-keeping, auditing and administration afford sufficient protection to the city treasury;

(6) Whether the cost of any municipal works or services now paid for from the city treasury, should be raised by special assessment, or whether any changes should be made in existing provisions for the laying and collecting of special assessments;

(7) Whether the financial burden imposed upon the city in connection with the expenditures for the construction and maintenance of metropolitan works are excessive or unfair, and, if so, how the same can be reduced or made equitable;

(8) Whether any changes should be made in the present distribution of powers relative to appropriations, loans and expenditures;

(9) Whether the general taxation laws of the state, and particularly those relating to the taxation of the property

of corporations, operate fairly in respect to the interests of Boston, and, if not, what changes should be made in them;

(10) Whether appropriations and loans for the several departments of the city are larger than necessary;

(11) Whether the limit of municipal indebtedness should be fixed by constitutional amendment, or the present statute fixing the limit should be repealed or amended.

Such commission may make partial reports from time to time, and shall make its final report to the City Council of 1907. The members shall serve without pay, and shall be authorized to employ such experts, counsel and other assistants, and to incur such other expenses, as they may deem necessary or proper, not exceeding the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in the aggregate, the same to be charged to the appropriation for "Mayor, Office Expenses, etc." All officers and employees of the city shall furnish to such commission all information or assistance which it may require in the discharge of its duties.

Before the reading was completed further reading was dispensed with, and the matter was assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11 offered an order—That a message be sent to the Board of Aldermen to inform that body that the Common Council has organized by the choice of William J. Barrett, as President, and Joseph O'Kane, as Clerk.

The order was passed, and the President appointed as a committee, Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11, who retired at 12:10 P. M., and presently reported that he had performed the duty assigned.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to furnish for publication a copy of the address delivered by him before the City Council this day.

Passed. Sent up.

Mr. LILL of Wd. 8 offered an order—That a committee of three be appointed to procure suitable badges for the members of the Common Council, the amount of same not to exceed \$750.

Laid over for second reading to the next meeting.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2 offered an order—That beginning with February 1st, current year, all laborers employed by the city shall be paid at the rate of \$2.25 per day.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, further consideration of the order was assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the seats of the members of the Council be allotted in the usual manner and that a choice of seats be given to the two senior members and Mr. Montague.

Assigned to the next meeting.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1 offered an order—That, when this Council adjourns, it be to meet on Thursday next, at 7:45 o'clock P. M., and that the same be the day and hour for meeting thereafter, until otherwise provided.

Passed.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the municipal register be printed by the Superintendent of Printing, under the direction of the Joint Committee on Rules and Orders, when appointed, and that said committee also prepare a pocket edition of the rules and orders and a list of the members and committees, the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for printing.

Passed. Sent up.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the City Treasurer be authorized to invest and reinvest, with the approval of the Board of Managers

of the Franklin Fund, in city of Boston bonds at par, or in other securities, such funds as he may from time to time hold for the benefit of the proposed Franklin Union, or of which the managers of the Franklin Fund may have control.

Passed. Sent up.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3 offered the following:

Resolved, That in the opinion of the City Council the police officers in the employ of the city should be given from duty one day off in seven, without loss of pay, and His Honor the Mayor is hereby requested to petition or request the proper authority to make such provision.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the Armory Commissioners of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts be requested to erect an armory in the Charlestown District, of the City of Boston, at an expense not exceeding \$200,000 in accordance with the provisions of and for the purposes as stated, in Section 112 of Chapter 465 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1905.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. DONOVAN.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to include in the first loan order a loan of \$100,000 for a municipal building and an all-year-round bath in Charlestown.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

Mr. MONTAGUE of Wd. 10 offered an order—That a joint special committee, to consist of eight members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to consider and report what disposition should be made of the topics of the address delivered by His Honor the Mayor at the inauguration of this City Council.

Passed. Sent up.

Mr. COLPOYS of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, include in the first loan bill a sum sufficient for the completion of the public bath house on East Ninth St., Wd. 15.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

Mr. MEALEY of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, include in the first loan bill the sum of \$150,000 for a municipal building in South Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11 offered an order—That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island \$40,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Street Department on account of Copley Sq. Betterment and Relocation of, under plans approved by the Art Commission of the city of Boston.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. NOYES.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the several standing and special committees of the Common Council, when appointed, be authorized to resume the unfinished business referred to this Common Council by the last Common Council.

Passed.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the several joint standing and special committees, when appointed, be authorized to resume the unfinished business referred to this city government by the last City Council.

Passed. Sent up.

Mr. McGIVERN of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the sum of \$5000 be and hereby is appropriated to be expended

by the Bath Trustees for a bathhouse on McKenzie's Beach, Wd. 16.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. McGIVERN.

Mr. MCGREGOR of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the rules and orders of the Common Council of 1906, with the exception of Rule 44, be adopted as the rules and orders of the present Common Council, until otherwise provided, and that a committee of five members be appointed to report what changes in the rules may be necessary or expedient.

Passed.

Mr. FERGUSON of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the rules and orders of the last City Council, except Rule 20, be

adopted as the rules and orders of the present City Council, until otherwise ordered, and that eight members of the Common Council with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to draft a set of rules for the government of the present City Council.

Passed. Sent up.

Mr. McGIVERN moved to adjourn.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair has been requested to announce to the members of the Council that the Mayor extends a cordial invitation to the members to join him at lunch at the Quincy House immediately after the meeting.

Adjourned at 12.22 P. M., to meet on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 7.45 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, Jan. 10, 1906.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 P. M., President BARRITT in the chair.

QUALIFICATION OF COUNCILMAN
BRAMHALL.

The following was received:—

City of Boston.

City Messenger Department.

City Hall, Jan. 10, 1907.

To the Common Council of the City of Boston.

Gentlemen:—This is to certify that William S. Bramhall of Wd. 20 appeared before me this day and was duly qualified as a member of the Common Council of the city of Boston.

Attest:

Charles E. Silloway,
Justice of the Peace.

Placed on file.

CONVENIENCE STATION—COMMON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Jan. 10, 1907.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Bath Department in reference to the discontinuance of the convenience station on Boston Common at the corner of Tremont St. and Boylston St., and I recommend the passage of the accompanying order directing the removal of the said station.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Department of Baths.

64 Pemberton Sq., Boston, Dec. 28, 1906.
Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of the City of Boston.

Dear Sir:—Replying to your letter of the 22nd instant regarding the removal of the convenience station on the Common at the corner of Boylston St. and Tremont St., I would say that this Board has always been in favor of the discontinuance of this station. I understand that a vote of the City Council would be necessary before it could be removed, and I trust that this will be passed.

In this connection I call your attention to the great need of proper convenience stations in the different parts of the city, and I desire to urge the construction of such stations underground when there is money available for that purpose.

Respectfully yours,

Leonard D. Ahl,
Chairman, Bath Trustees.

City of Boston,

In Common Council, Jan. 10, 1907.

Ordered, That the Bath Trustees be and hereby are directed to forthwith remove the convenience station at the corner of Tremont St. and Boylston St. on Boston Common.

The message was sent up. The order was passed. Sent up.

LOAN FOR EXECUTIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, Jan. 10, 1907.

To the City Council:—

Executions from court have been paid from the city treasury aggregating \$43,500. These payments were made from money appropriated for the general purposes of the various departments, and as the fiscal year is drawing to a close it is essential that provision be made at once to meet the deficit caused by the payment of these executions. I, therefore, recommend the passage of the accompanying loan order.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to the amount of four hundred ninety-three thousand and five hundred dollars (\$493,500); and the proceeds thereof to said amount are hereby appropriated, to be expended by the City Auditor to meet deficits caused by the payment of executions of court, viz.:

Abolition of Dorchester Ave. grade crossing	\$80,000
Bowdoin St. grade damages, Chapter 543, Acts of 1902	61,000
Copley Sq., damages by reason of act limiting height of buildings on and near	347,000
Strandway, purchase of land and construction of	3,500
Dorchester St.	2,000
	\$493,500

The communication was sent up.

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24 moved the assignment of the order to the next meeting.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I move as amendment that the order be assigned to 8:30 o'clock.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the longer time takes precedence. The question is on Mr. Willcutt's motion.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, as I understand it, the message and the order call for the expenditure of money by loan to meet executions of court. Now, Mr. President, this is no new matter to the members of the body. It is practically the same loan order that was introduced at the last meeting of last year's Council, with possibly the exception of an additional amount of money that must be met in connection with the Westminster Chambers case. I don't think any member of this body desires to hold it up without giving some good reason, and, in order that we may have a fair discussion of it, I have moved that it be assigned to half-past eight.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state, for the benefit of the new members, that this order is a loan order to cover executions of court—something over which the city has no say whatever. The amount must be paid—in fact, has already been paid, I believe—and the Chair sees no reason for assignment.

Mr. WILLCUTT withdrew his motion.

Mr. McCULLOUGH'S motion, to assign to 8:30 P. M., was carried.

Later in the session the President called up the order and the question came on its passage.

The order was passed, yeas 62, nays 2: Yeas—Anderson, Barrett, Brown, Buckley, Carruth, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (2), Davidson, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Green, Hackett, Hard-

ing, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, Montague, Morgan, Murphy, Noonan, Noyes, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Penhorn, Pierce, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Rosenberg, Sacks, Santososso, Sheehan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Zetterman—62.

Nays—Doherty, Woodside—2.

Absent or not voting—Bagley, Bramhall, Cose, Costello, George, Hanrahan, Lill, McGregor, McLennan, O'Brien (18), Sullivan (5)—11.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Certificate of the election of John F. Dever, as Clerk of Committees.
 2. Certificate of the election of Edward J. Leary as City Messenger.
- Several placed on file.

BETTERMENT OF COPLEY SQ.

The PRESIDENT called up No. 7, assignment, viz.:

7. Ordered, That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Street Department on account of "Copley Sq., Betterment and Relocation of," under plans approved by the Art Commission of the city of Boston.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I presume by this time that you, certainly all the old members of the Council, and perhaps some of the new members, know of the interest which I have in correcting this error in Copley Sq. So far, I know of no public disapproval. I know of only public approval of the scheme. I think every paper that makes a point of commenting editorially on such matters has approved the scheme, which will probably be officially approved by the art commission of the city of Boston. I think that I am not betraying any confidence when I say, Mr. President, that the Mayor of Boston was present last June at a luncheon which was given by the Executive Committee of the Metropolitan Improvement League, which league includes in its membership members of the Copley Society, the Boston Society of Architects, the Civic Federation, and various other bodies which make for public improvement and for the betterment in a proper way of the city; and at that time the mayor saw the force of their arguments and practically said that at some future date he would do what he could to further this plan. Copley Square has been neglected, Mr. President, for over 15 years, and the error should be corrected. I don't think, perhaps, that most of you realize, Mr. President and members of the Council, that the Public Library building, which is perhaps one of the noblest public buildings in America, represents an expenditure of about \$2,368,000. Now certainly that building, opposed on the other side by Trinity Church, should have a proper setting. A sum of \$40,000 for this purpose seems meagre. I will rehearse a little the statement of Mr. Walker, which is short, and which tells the story of the efforts which have been made to bring about an accomplishment of the betterment of Copley Sq. This will later be incorporated in a public document: "In the year 1892 there was a rumor

that a design for the embellishment of Copley square was contemplated, in which would be incorporated a number of equestrian statues. The Boston Society of Architects considered that any such contemplated scheme should receive careful attention, and instituted a competition amongst its members and other architects for this project, and appointed Prof. F. W. Chandler and Mr. E. M. Wheelwright as judges. There were a number of designs submitted, and the preliminary design by Mr. C. Howard Walker was in all important respects the one now under consideration.

"There was a design by Mr. Arthur Rotch placed second, in which a sunken garden occupied the centre of the square, which was extremely attractive, but in the opinion of the judges interfered with the direct lines of traffic across the square. The character of this design, however, so commended itself to the Society of Architects that they desired a sort of referendum in regard to the merits of the designs and all were placed on exhibition in the Art Club gallery and visitors expressed their choice by ballot. By this popular vote Mr. Rotch's design was placed first and Mr. Walker's second, and both architects were instructed to collaborate and produce a design incorporating, if possible, the best ideas of each, an extremely difficult task, as the two designs were of absolutely different character. Various attempts were made both before and after the death of Mr. Rotch and finally the sunken garden was abandoned because of the original objection, i. e., that it interrupted circulation, and the first design reappeared with slight changes. The entire conception of this design was influenced by the desire to make the square symmetrical in plan, with its axis coincident with those of the Library and the Museum of Fine Arts, and to provide planted areas which should indicate this intention, at the same time that they created direct avenues for traffic, both around and across the square. The idea of paving the entire square was abandoned on account of radiation of heat, and the annoyance from dust from so large a surface, and also that so large an area without islands for the protection of pedestrians from vehicles crossing in all directions is inadvisable. The paving of the avenues proposed across the square may be made in patterns to further increase the effect of the surface."

Now, Mr. President and gentlemen, that is perhaps the most conspicuous "show place" in Boston. I am sure that visitors to this city make it a point to visit the Public Library, almost the first of all the things which they visit; and now that the Trinity Court station, the Back Bay station, and the Huntington Ave. station have been established near Copley Square, the number of people who cross and recross that square in the course of a year run up into the millions. The idea of this plan, if carried out, is to have four plots, having more green than there is at present in the lop-sided triangle that now exists. There will be planted in those plots perennial shrubs—that is, shrubs not too high to dwarf to the eye of the public the Public Library. It will be a delight to the eye, and, as I have said to many of my friends, it will be a joy forever. I believe that in carrying out this plan we will be doing a great public improvement. I have talked with many taxpayers in relation to the matter, and to men who represent many taxpayers, and, as I say here publicly, I have not heard one dissenting voice. I hope that we may provide the Boston Public Library with a proper setting. Let us

begin the new municipal year with a deed which will redound to the credit of the Common Council of 1907. Every vote for this order is a vote for a better and more beautiful Boston. I hope that we will make Copley Square, neglected, Copley Square, corrected. Mr. President, I hope that we will suspend the rules in order that this order may go upon its passage tonight.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that there is no need of suspending the rule, as the order has had one reading already, and the question now comes on giving it a second reading.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2.—Mr. President, as a matter of information, I would like to ask how many votes are required for the purpose of making this transfer?

The PRESIDENT—A majority vote.
Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, I dislike to oppose anything which my friend Noyes is interested in; but if this transfer is to be but a forerunner of many others here this evening, which will in the finish eat up the entire \$200,000 that has been obtained by the city from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, then I am afraid that I will have to be against the passage of this order. I dislike very much, as I say, to oppose anything that my friend Noyes is interested in; but I know that at the last meeting of the Common Council, at the time when Mr. Noyes received that order from the Mayor's office, various other orders calling for the transfer of appropriations for the benefit of various sections of the city were sent into this chamber, and the total amount of those transfers would have ate up the entire \$200,000 obtained by the city. If this is to be all, I will vote for the order; but if His Honor the Mayor contemplates running through here tonight orders calling for the transfer of all the money received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, then I say that it is the duty of the members here this evening to scrutinize this matter very carefully. There is no doubt that the Back Bay is entitled to \$40,000 for the purpose of making Copley Sq. more beautiful than it now is, but I say to the members of the Council that there are sections in their districts which will require improvements. There are various districts which require improvements that are of more value to their districts and to their constituents than the beautifying of spots which can only appeal to the eye. There are many sections of our city that are in need of gymnasiums and other improvements of that description, and I say that it is the duty of the members here tonight to watch carefully and be sure what this matter means. There are \$200,000 there, and we can use it in a manner that will be advantageous to our districts, to our constituents, and to the entire community of the city of Boston.

Mr. NOYES—Mr. President, I ought to thank the gentleman in the second division for his speech in favor of beautifying Copley square. I do not understand that this is a forerunner of a raid on the Deer Island money. So far as I know, this is the only order on the calendar transferring any part of that money. Mr. President, I am putting this order in absolutely and entirely on its merits. On those it either stands or falls. I have said, Mr. President and members of the Council, that the tax-paying interests are in favor of this transfer. If any member of the Council will get up here and show me definitely that various societies and various organizations, splendid bodies which are always interested in public and civic improvement and achievement, who represent great tax-paying bodies, demand any other certain thing, I will

vote for that. Of course, as I said when I arose, I have been personally and selfishly interested in this thing, because I believe it should be done. Many other citizens, and many bodies of citizens, have said to me that it should be done. No one was more enthusiastic in regard to this improvement than Gen. Collins. He talked this matter over with me several times during my first year in the City Council. I thought at that time, Mr. President, that it would be rather a fresh and unusual thing for a new member, coming from Wd. 11, to attempt to put through anything of this sort. Mr. President, this matter is nothing new. It has been exploited over and over again. I think almost every publication in the city of Boston, with the possible exception of the Record and the Traveler, have published illustrations of this plan. There has been nothing hidden from the public. This simply means a transfer of that land from one department to another, the rearrangement and beautifying of it, and then the transfer of it back again. There is no chance for land deals, and no chance for excessive charges of any sort. It stands, as I say, on its merits, or it falls.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 5.—Mr. President, may I ask the gentleman of Wd. 11 if he has any objections to assigning this order until the next meeting. Being a new member, and not being acquainted with just what is proposed, I shall consider it a favor if I were given a week in which to obtain some information in relation to it. It will not do the order any harm to assign it one week. It may help it some.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19.—Mr. President, I would favor Mr. Sullivan's suggestion that this matter be assigned to the next meeting. I see that this order says:

"Ordered, That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, \$40,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Street Department on account 'Copley Square, betterment and relocation of' under plans approved by the Art Commission of the city of Boston."

That Art Commission part is the part of the order which interests me particularly. I am in favor of assignment, in order that I may perhaps be able to find the Art Commission during the next week, and see if they really do approve of this. I had an order passed in this board last year, asking the Superintendent of Streets to set aside a certain location for a watering trough in a square in Roxbury. That order was sent to the Board of Aldermen, and was sent by the Board of Aldermen to the Art Commissioners. Since that time I have not heard anything from the Art Commission, and I have been unable to find them—if they are in this city. I should hope, Mr. President, that this order would be assigned to the next meeting.

The PRESIDENT—Does the gentlemen make that as a motion?

Mr. MURPHY—I make that motion, Mr. President.

Mr. NOYES—Mr. President, I feel it my duty to reply to the gentleman in the third division, in regard to the Art Commission. I can say "Yes," that the Art Commission of the city of Boston has semi-officially approved of this plan just as previous Art Commissions away back to the time of Josiah Quincy have approved of this particular plan for the betterment of Copley Square, as being the most practical, from every point of view, and the least expensive. I hope that is a definite answer. I have received a communication in writing from the Chairman of the Art Commission, Mr. Samuel D. Warren, in which he approves this plan.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, I am in hopes that the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Noyes) will favor an assignment of this order for another week. Not that I am opposed to it—I gave my friend Noyes my word that I would vote for it, and I will vote for it as a matter of courtesy to Mr. Noyes; but that is all. I think we should have an opinion from the Corporation Counsel as to whether this money can be legally expended in such a manner. There is no doubt but that our distinguished Mayor has got an opinion from that source, but I think it would be wise for the City Council to also receive an opinion as to whether this money can be expended in such a manner, and as to what the proper legal status of this fund is. If the gentleman from Wd. 11 will allow this matter to go over a week, I will endeavor to furnish this body with an opinion from our distinguished Corporation Counsel as to what the true legal status is of the fund obtained from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, and how we can legally dispose of it here in the Council, without having it disposed of by His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. NOYES—Mr. President, I think that is a very wise suggestion of my friend in the second division (Mr. Doherty). I have not the slightest objection to having the matter assigned so that Mr. Sullivan, in the third division, may receive all the information which he desires in regard to it, and so that the Council may receive an opinion from the Corporation Counsel. I think that is very important. If, by any chance my friends, who are willing to pass this matter upon its merits, were to vote for this appropriation tonight, and we should afterwards find that it is illegal, we would feel the matter very much more keenly than we would losing it on its merits. I hope that Mr. Doherty or some other member will incorporate his suggestion in an order asking the opinion of the Corporation Counsel. I see no objection to all.

The motion to assign the matter to the next meeting was carried.

BADGES FOR COUNCILMEN.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 3, unfinished business, viz:

3. Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed to procure suitable badges for the members of the Common Council, the amount of same not to exceed \$750.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I have no intention of taking up a great deal of the time of the Council on this matter. It amounts to only \$750, but there is a principle involved which I have seen fit to fight for ever since I have been here in this Council. That is, that no money should be expended except for a public purpose, for a purpose which serves the public, and it seems to me that the badges do not serve any public purpose. For that reason, I think we ought not to appropriate money for the badges. They are simply objects of personal adornment, they are not useful, and it seems to me that it would be greatly to the credit of this Council if we refused to spend money in this way. I think it does more harm to the prestige of the Council than any other order which we pass during the year. There is more talk about it, it creates more unfavorable criticism than any other order; and I hope that for once we will forego the badges.

Mr. MCCARTHY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I hope this order will be assigned

for one week or more, inasmuch as Mr. Lill is out of town and will not be here this evening. I feel as Mr. Pierce does, myself. I have always voted against this order, but as Mr. Lill, who offered the order, comes from the same ward that I do, I hope the order will be assigned to the next meeting.

The order was assigned to the next meeting.

EXAMINATION OF CITY FINANCES.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 4, assignment, viz:

4. Mayor's message relative to the appointment of a Finance Commission, in which he recommends the speedy passage of the following order:

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to appoint a Finance Commission, to consist of seven citizens of Boston, recommended to him for such appointment, one each respectively by the Associated Board of Trade, the Chamber of Commerce, the Boston Merchants' Association, the Clearing House Committee, the Real Estate Exchange, the Central Labor Union and a committee made up of the presidents of the several citizens' or local improvement associations in the various sections of the city. Such commission may by vote, approved by the Mayor, add to its own membership, if it deem such action advisable.

Such Finance Commission shall examine into all matters pertaining to the finances of the city, including debt, taxation and expenditures, shall give public hearings, and shall in particular inquire:

1. Whether under the present practice of the city its objects of expenditure are rightly divided between those which may properly be provided for by loan and those which should be met by taxation, and whether its loans are now issued for proper periods.

2. Whether the present distinctions between loans inside and outside the debt limit are based upon sound financial principles.

3. Whether any change should be made in the present system of accumulating sinking funds and issuing new loans annually.

4. Whether debt, taxation or assessments upon property are now excessive, and, if so, in what manner the same can be reduced.

5. Whether present systems of book-keeping, auditing and administration afford sufficient protection to the city treasury.

6. Whether the cost of any municipal works or services now paid for from the city treasury, should be raised by special assessment, or whether any changes should be made in existing provisions for the laying and collecting of special assessments.

7. Whether the financial burden imposed upon the city in connection with the expenditures for the construction and maintenance of metropolitan works are excessive or unfair, and, if so, how the same can be reduced or made equitable.

8. Whether any changes should be made in the present distribution of powers relative to appropriations, loans and expenditures.

9. Whether the general taxation laws of the state, and particularly those relating to the taxation of the property of corporations, operate fairly in respect to the interests of Boston, and, if not, what changes should be made in them.

10. Whether appropriations and loans for the several departments of the city are larger than necessary.

11. Whether the limit of municipal indebtedness should be fixed by constitutional amendment, or the present stat-

ute, fixing the limit, should be repealed or amended.

Such commission may make partial reports from time to time and shall make its final report to the City Council of 1907.

The members shall serve without pay, and shall be authorized to employ such experts, counsel and other assistants, and to incur such other expenses, as they may deem necessary or proper, not exceeding the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in the aggregate, the same to be charged to the appropriation for "Mayor, Office Expenses," etc. All officers and employees of the city shall furnish to such commission all information or assistance which it may require in the discharge of its duties.

The message was ordered sent up. The order was read a second time and the question came on its passage.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. II.—Mr. President, this order or a similar one was before the Council of last year and was overwhelmingly defeated, and I think properly defeated. I have had more time to consider the matter since, and I feel even more strongly now than I did then. The city of Boston is sadly in need of a non-partisan Mayor—a fearless, aggressively honest Mayor, who does not know the meaning of the word "spoils," a man who will do exact justice, both to the city employees and to the people, a man with a conscience like that of John Bright, who will keep constantly before himself the fact that every cent unnecessarily expended is a breach of public trust. If we had such a Mayor at the present time, there would be no need whatever of such a comprehensive investigation as this that is proposed tonight. A more careful analysis of the order will show that, if we had what I define as the right kind of a Mayor, this order would be unnecessary. Take, for instance, Article 1:

"1. Whether under the present practice of the city its objects of expenditure are rightly divided between those which may properly be provided for by loan and those which should be met by taxation, and whether its loans are now issued for proper periods."

This raises the question of borrowing money for current expenses. It appears in its most acute form with us in the form of loans for street improvements. As you may know, street improvement loan money is used for the paving of our streets. Up to the time of Mayor Matthews, the term of these bonds was limited to ten years, but during his term of office he went to the Legislature and received permission to extend the term of such bonds, and since then we have been borrowing money for street improvements on loans whose terms were twenty years. Mr. President, the maximum life of the ordinary paving is only five years, and more often it is less than that. It is not necessary to have an investigation to remedy the evil suggested in Article 1. The right kind of a Mayor would simply declare this as one of his policies—that no money should be raised for street improvements by loans, but that that work should be done with money raised from the tax levy. So much of Article 1. I may say, however, in addition, that the present Mayor has violated this principle to a greater extent than most of his predecessors—I think to a greater extent than any of his predecessors, because in 1905 only \$220,000 were borrowed for street improvements, while last year \$900,000 were borrowed for this purpose. Article 2 is as follows:

"2. Whether the present distinctions between loans inside and outside the debt limit are based upon sound financial principles."

That may well be considered with No. 11, which is as follows:

"11. Whether the limit of municipal indebtedness should be fixed by constitutional amendment, or the present statute, fixing the limit, should be repealed or amended."

If we had the right kind of Mayor, Mr. President, there would be no necessity for investigating this subject. As you know, the limit is now 2½ per cent. of the average valuation for three years. I think that no one would advocate increasing that limit, considering the fact that we now have a debt which amounts to about 1-12 of the valuation of the city. So that, if we had the right kind of Mayor, no action would be necessary on this article. In fact, if we had the right kind of Mayor he would go to the Legislature and ask to have all authority for borrowing money outside the debt limit revoked. That would apply only to the sewer acts. Mr. President, His Honor the Mayor criticised the Legislature in his inaugural for authorizing the city of Boston to borrow money outside the debt limit, forgetting that that money had been authorized only upon the petition of the various mayors of the city of Boston and that the Legislature in granting this request assume that the Mayor in asking for this authority represented the people of the city. These sewer acts present a very good illustration of the situation and show that it did not lie in the mouth of the present Mayor to criticise the Legislature for authorizing the city to borrow money outside the debt limit. I went to the Legislature last year and asked that a portion of this authority for borrowing money for sewers be revoked. What did the Mayor of Boston do? Did he go up there and hold up my hands and say, "The Legislature originally made a mistake; it ought not to have done it, and therefore we ask you to revoke that authority"? No. He went up there and said to the Legislature, "We don't want you to revoke that authority." And now in his inaugural he criticises the Legislature for not doing that very thing which he asked them not to do. Mr. President, I say that the right kind of Mayor would go up there and ask the Legislature to revoke these two acts, or at least a portion of them. Article No. 3 is as follows:

"3. Whether any change should be made in the present system of accumulating sinking funds and issuing new loans annually."

There is nothing in this article which requires an investigation by so comprehensive a commission as that suggested. It raises the question whether the sinking fund of the city should be succeeded or replaced by the serial bond issue plan. The right kind of a Mayor, Mr. President, would request his Auditor to investigate the subject. He would probably find, after weighing the pros and cons, that the serial bond issue plan was the better one, and then he would find all the authority on the statute books necessary to put into operation that plan. So it is evident that, with the right kind of a Mayor in the Chair, no investigation would be necessary by a commission. I will skip No. 4 and come to No. 5, which reads as follows:

"5. Whether present systems of book-keeping, auditing and administration afford sufficient protection to the city treasury."

I think, Mr. President, that the book-keeping of the city of Boston is of the very highest order. I know that expert accountants who are establishing systems in other cities use our city as a model. So on that score there is no need of an investigation. But if there were need, the right kind

of Mayor would ask his Auditor to look into the matter or would call in an expert and investigate the matter and put it into operation himself. It also raises the question whether additional powers should be given the Auditor or not. Now, I think that if additional powers were given, even then the safety of the city and the efficiency of the scheme would depend upon the Mayor. It comes back to the Mayor again. It also raises the question whether or not it would be wise to give some outside authority the power of audit over the city of Boston—some such body as the local government board in England. The local government board in England exercises supervisory powers over the various cities of the kingdom, and it is conceivable that we might wish to extend the powers of the Civil Service Commissioners to cover matters of this kind. But, Mr. President, even if we did wish to do that it would not require a commission for the purpose. No. 6 reads as follows:

"6. Whether the cost of any municipal works or services, now paid for from the city treasury, should be raised by special assessment, or whether any changes should be made in existing provisions for the levying and collecting of special assessments."

This opens up a large subject, and I will not tire the members by going into it; but I think it is safe to say that the proper kind of mayor could investigate the matter, perhaps through his secretary, and discover whether any legislation was necessary. If so, he could petition the Legislature and instruct his Corporation Counsel to appear in its behalf. I think the only assessments at present are the sewer assessments, which are \$4 a foot, \$2 on a side, the edgestone and sidewalk assessments, which are not more than 50 per cent. of the real benefit, and the laying out and widening of streets assessments, which are not more than 50 per cent. of the real benefits. I think there is nothing in that article which would require a commission of this kind. No. 7 is as follows:

"7. Whether the financial burden imposed upon the city in connection with the expenditures for the construction and maintenance of metropolitan works are excessive or unfair, and, if so, how the same can be reduced or made equitable."

Mr. President, it seems to me that there is sufficient machinery already in operation to remedy any defects, and that they are being remedied at a rapid pace. In fact, I think that the only injustice which now appears is in the Metropolitan Park assessments. I think the injustice in the water assessments has been remedied. We now pay simply on the basis of consumption. I think there can be no complaint if we pay for what we consume; and by the same process that this injustice was remedied, the injustice in the park assessments can be remedied. I think if it were done through the Legislature the Corporation Counsel could attend to that, if we had the right kind of a Mayor. No. 8 is as follows:

"8. Whether any changes should be made in the present distribution of powers relative to appropriations, loans and expenditures."

This opens up the whole question of the distribution of the powers of government in the city of Boston. It raises the question of whether we want to go back to a Board of Apportionment or not. In fact, it raises the question of an entire renovation and revision of the charter of the city of Boston. That being so, Mr. President, I should say that it was the subject for consideration by a special commission, a special char-

ter commission, and I think that the condition in which the amendments to the charter are would justify the appointment of such a special commission. They are certainly in a most tangled condition, so much so that it often difficult to discover what the law really is. No. 9 is as follows:

"9. Whether the general taxation laws of the state, and particularly those relating to the taxation of the property of corporations, operate fairly in respect to the interests of Boston, and, if not, what changes should be made in them."

This raises the question which His Honor the Mayor has discussed very often in public, and it seems to me that there is considerable to be said in favor of his view of the matter. But, Mr. President, it is a subject which affects the whole state and is, therefore, a subject not for a commission appointed by the Mayor, but for a commission appointed by the Governor, or for the Taxation Committee of the Legislature. It offers no justification for such a commission as is here proposed. This brings me to the two articles which I omitted. No. 4 is as follows:

"4. Whether debt, taxation or assessments upon property are now excessive, and, if so, in what manner the same can be reduced."

No. 10 is as follows:

"10. Whether appropriations and loans for the several departments of the city are larger than necessary."

After reading the inaugural address I wonder that His Honor the Mayor has not been persuaded by its eloquence that the debt of the city is diminutive and that the annual appropriations for the different departments are too small to be considered. But, Mr. President, perhaps there were some people who were not persuaded by that eloquent document. I can certainly say that I was not, and I am still impressed by the size of the debt and by the extravagant appropriations of the city. The right kind of a Mayor would not have to have a commission to put him right on these subjects. No investigation is necessary. He would simply go through the departments, one after the other, take out all the unnecessary timber and put the city on a sound basis. I have shown you, Mr. President, I think, that with the right kind of Mayor in the city of Boston such an investigation as is proposed would be entirely unnecessary. It is now proposed that the Mayor whose deficiencies make it necessary that an investigation should be had, appoint the commission. Does not the mere statement of the question show its absurdity? We are simply asking the Mayor to appoint his own judges. We are told that the order is sufficiently guarded so that the Mayor cannot exercise his will in the matter. I venture to disagree with the people who take that view. I said at the last meeting that I felt that the commission was already selected and that, through social influence or political connections, or political and financial connections, the whole matter has already been arranged and that the personnel of the commission was probably already known to the Mayor. You will be surprised to know, perhaps that that statement was, at least to a large extent, justified. I am now able to announce the Chairman of the Mayor's commission—Mr. Nathan Matthews. Mr. Nathan Matthews has been selected as the Chairman of this non-partisan commission, to investigate the finances of the city of Boston. Mr. President, I ask any fair-minded man, I don't care who he is—whether he be Mr. Noxon or any other man—if he can expect a non-partisan investigation with Mr. Nathan Matthews as the dominant

ing figure on the commission? It is perfectly absurd. Mr. Matthews has many admirable qualities, but no one would ever accuse him of being a non-partisan. In fact, as you know, he is an ultra partisan of partisans. Mr. President, there is an additional reason why it would be most unfitting that he should head this commission, and that is the fact that he was for four years Mayor of this city, and that he would have constantly in mind the inclination to protect himself, to protect the record of the four years during which he was in office. Several financial measures were started during his administration. I have already mentioned one—the matter of the term of the bonds for street improvements. Up to his time they had been limited to ten years. He extended that time by going to the Legislature and having them act in the matter. That will be one of the subjects of investigation, the result of that move on his part. That matter ought to be considered by an impartial judge, and certainly the man who inaugurated the scheme is not an impartial judge. I also think of the making of highways' act, which carried with it an assessment idea which proved a failure. Whether that was due to lack of foresight on Mr. Matthews' part or not, I am not prepared to say; but the fact is that that will be one of the subjects of the investigation. The fact is that to the failure of that act is due, if not to a large extent to some degree, the condition in which we now find ourselves. That being so, it seems to me it would be most unfitting that Mr. Matthews should head that commission; and yet I understand that he is already selected as its head. Several of the other gentlemen I know, but am not at liberty to mention. Several of them are unusually good men for the position, and I hope that the Governor will appoint them on his commission. Mr. President, I am sorry to have taken so much time of the Council, but this is a serious matter and I have had a strong feeling from the first that this was not a genuine order. I realize that the history of it shows that it was introduced simply to forestall a genuine investigation, and I have done what I could to euvre the scheme. Mr. President, I hope that the members of the Council will support me.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair wishes to call the attention of the members generally, and of the gentleman from Wd. 11 particularly, to the fact that it is unparliamentary to refer discourteously to His Honor the Mayor or a member of the Board of Aldermen.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, may I rise to a point of personal privilege?

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman may state his point of personal privilege.

Mr. PIERCE—Simply, with regard to the statement of the Chair, that I feel that it is very important that the right of free speech should be preserved in the city of Boston; and I feel, Mr. President, that respectful criticism of the Mayor is an advantage to the city of Boston which should not be lost.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that when the gentleman said: "If we had the proper kind of Mayor," that was a direct reflection on His Honor the Mayor. The Chair will not permit it again.

Mr. SHEENAN of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I dislike strongly to take an active part so early in my term in the deliberations of the Council, but I feel abundantly justified by the importance of this order, and by some of the remarks of the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Pierce). It is true that a similar

order was defeated at the last meeting of last year's Council, and it is true that it was properly defeated, because it is the purpose of this order to have a report made to the Council of 1907, and the Council of 1907 should take the initiative. I have questioned the sincerity of the activity of the Legislature in the proposed investigation of the finances of this city, and my suspicions have been confirmed by the gentleman from Wd. 11, who has repeatedly criticised our Mayor and referred to the fact that it is essential that we should have the right kind of Mayor. He has referred to the necessity of having a Non-Partisan Mayor. I would suggest to him that he means that we should have a Republican Mayor, masquerading under the name of "Non-Partisan." It is generally understood and believed by the people of this city, particularly those interested in the financial condition of the city, that we should have an investigation of the city's finances. The only question is, whether the City Council, in the exercise of its authority, should authorize that investigation, or whether the Massachusetts Legislature should authorize it. I respectfully submit that the City Council of Boston should take charge and should authorize an investigation of the financial conditions and affairs of its own city. The City Council has little authority. It has authority on loan and appropriation bills. Aside from that, it has authority to make requests for things, an authority that is thoroughly enjoyed by every debating society and every social club in this city. But in real authority this body is restricted, and when it should exercise it, not suffering the Legislature to exercise authority for it. Let us investigate the financial conditions of the city, with a view to readjusting the present system, so that we may perhaps reduce the tax rate and in some other way increase the revenue—or, at any rate, so readjust the conditions of the finances of the city that we may lessen the burdens now resting upon us. This agitation emanated from a Republican municipal convention. It has been carried to the State House, and the bill introduced there contemplates the appointment of a commission by the Governor of the state. What kind of a commission is the Governor of the state to appoint? Nominally, a Non-Partisan commission. I cannot conceive of his appointing a Non-Partisan commission. (Applause.)

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will request spectators to refrain from demonstrations.

Mr. SHEENAN—Mr. President, it will be composed of three Republicans and two Democrats, no matter by what name you may term them. The Governor of the state will appoint such men as the Republican machine of this city wishes him to appoint. He will appoint men resident in and citizens of the city of Boston. But the Mayor of this city also is willing to appoint residents and citizens of Boston, and goes farther. He is willing to appoint men who may be suggested by such representative bodies as the Associated Board of Trade, the Chamber of Commerce, the Boston Merchants' Association, the Clearing House Committee, the Real Estate Exchange, the Central Labor Union and a committee made up of presidents of the several citizens or local improvement associations in the various sections of the city. It has been suggested that, by reason of influence and social connections, the Mayor of the city will be able to control the men picked out of those bodies. I wish to suggest to the member from Wd. 11

that those organizations are not in the control of the Mayor of Boston, but are more likely to be in the control of the Republican machine of this city. Those organizations have always been with the Republican candidate for Mayor in this city and never have been with the Democratic candidate for Mayor in this city. So, when the Mayor goes into the home of the enemy to pick out the men who shall investigate the finances of the city, he thereby evinces his sincerity in this matter, Mr. President. I trust that no members of this body will be moved by such a fallacious argument as was presented by the member from Wd. 11 when he referred to non-partisanship. If the matter before the Legislature is sincere, it proposes an inquiry into the finances of the city, with a view to lessening the financial burden upon the city; but there may be an ulterior purpose, and I sincerely believe that the Republican machine of this city is moved by the ulterior motive of getting information that will be of benefit to the Republican party in the next mayoralty election. If a commission appointed by the Governor makes an investigation with a view to getting information that will be of benefit to the Republican party in the next mayoralty election, you can see that the purpose that is prompting the City Council and the Mayor of this city will fail. An item found by a commission prompted by purely political motives may be of great benefit in a mayoralty campaign by reason of its sensational character, but, so far as having any influence or benefit such as would be produced by a legitimate, sincere, honest investigation, with a view to lessening the financial burdens upon the citizens of this city, it would be utterly worthless. On the other hand, an item that might be of great importance and benefit in accomplishing the purposes of a legitimate, sincere and honest inquiry, might be of little benefit in a political campaign. I am opposed to the state of Massachusetts and the Massachusetts Legislature encroaching upon the principles of home rule. I say that the Legislature has interfered too much with the affairs of the city of Boston, and that in view of the fact that the City Council has little authority left, it should exercise the authority vested in it when the opportunity is afforded it to do so. If the City Council will not exercise its proper authority, then the city of Boston should forever hold her tongue when the Legislature interferes with the affairs of this city. I believe the Mayor of Boston is sincere; I believe the Mayor of Boston sincerely and honestly invites an investigation of the financial conditions of the city. I believe it because I think, judging by his message, it has been a great many years since the city has been in such a good condition as it is today, under his administration. I believe that the Mayor has shown his competency. I don't believe that he will fear an investigation, and I believe that, if a commission is appointed along the lines that he suggests, it will redound to the credit of the city, that good results will be accomplished, and that this Council will have done its work faithfully and well.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Ward 15—Mr. President, I would like to have a word to say before this order passes. I trust that it will pass. There are a number of items in the order which need serious consideration, and the only way to properly investigate conditions is under this order proposed by the Mayor and not by an act of the Legislature. Now, \$25,000 is quite a little item to spend, but if the investigation is made by the Legislature it will cost twice as much, and then the city of Boston will be taxed for the amount.

Now, we have no fear at all, as Democrats, about this investigation. If the members of the Legislature will only go back to the administrations of Mayors Hart and Curtis, and investigate what was done during their administrations, and will then compare their administrations with Democratic administrations, they will see that we have no reason for having any fear at all as to the conclusions. There is one item here, though, where it says that they shall consider whether the cost of improvements made by the city should be raised by special tax levied on the abutters, for instance, where a highway is constructed and improved. That is an item that sort of catches me. Dorchester St. was improved recently, and a special tax has been levied upon the abutters there—which I do not think is fair or just, because that street was widened and constructed for the development of land in Dorchester and Roxbury and in other sections of the city of Boston. The abutters on Dorchester St. never asked to have that street widened.

That item should, I think, be rectified, either by the Legislature or the Mayor if he has the power to do it. We many of us remember the facts about the reconstruction of Rutherford Ave., in Charlestown. That avenue was widened and constructed at the request of the railroads and the teamsters, and sometime later the abutters were assessed. Of course, the only people who have the power to assess are the Street Commissioners, and when they make an assessment, all that they can levy is 50 per cent. of the amount the improvement has cost. I do not think that that item is a fair one, but if the body should vote to rectify that item, I would be satisfied to vote for the order; and I will vote for it, anyway.

The order was declared passed. Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11 doubted the vote and asked for a verification by a rising vote.

The President appointed as temporary tellers, Messrs. Pierce of Wd. 11 and McGovern of Wd. 16 in the first division; Noonan of Wd. 16 and Woodside of Wd. 1, in the second division; Donovan of Wd. 4 and Ferguson of Wd. 21, in the third division, and Noyes of Wd. 11 and McCarthy of Wd. 8, in the fourth division.

A rising vote was taken, and the order was declared passed, 30 members voting in the affirmative, 26 in the negative.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11 still further doubted the vote and asked for a verification by a roll call. The Council ordered the yeas and nays, and the orders were passed. Yeas 36, nays 26.

Yeas—Barrett, Buckley, Clark (24), Colpoys, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Green, Hanrahan, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Leonard, McCullough, McGovern, Mealey, Noonan, O'Brien (14), Purcell, Rachkowsky, Sacks, Santosuosso, Sheenan, Spellman, Sullivan (15), Troy—36.

Nays—Anderson, Brown, Carruth, Clark (20), Davidson, Doherty, Ferguson, Hackett, Harding, Kohler, Madden, McCarthy, McLennan, Montague, Morgan, Murphy, Noyes, Peshorn, Pierce, Roberts, Rosenberg, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—26.

Absent or not voting—Bagley, Bramhall, Cose, George, Lill, McCabe, McCormack, McGregor, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), Pengergast, Sorenson, Sullivan (5)—13.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

ARMORY, CHARLESTOWN DISTRICT.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 5, assignment, viz.:

5. Ordered, That the Armory Commissioners of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts be requested to erect an armory in the Charlestown district of the city of Boston at an expense not exceeding \$200,000, in accordance with the provisions of, and for the purposes as stated in, Section 112 of Chapter 465 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1905.

The order was read a second time and the question came upon its passage.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3—Mr. President, at the last moment, I find that the law referred to in this order has been recently amended. The amendment is known as Chapter 504 of the Acts of 1906. For the purpose of giving the members of the body an opportunity to familiarize themselves with that chapter, I move that further consideration of the order be assigned to the next meeting.

The motion to assign was carried.

DAY OFF FOR POLICEMEN.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 6, assignment, viz.:

6. Resolved, That, in the opinion of the City Council, the police officers in the employ of the city should be given from duty one day off in seven without loss of pay; and His Honor the Mayor is hereby requested to petition or request the proper authority to make such provision.

Further assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3.

BATH-HOUSE, M'KENZIE BEACH.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 8, assignment, viz.:

8. Ordered, That the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5000) be, and hereby is, apportioned to a bath house on McKenzie Beach, Wd. 16.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, on motion of Mr. MCGIVERN of Wd. 16.

INCREASE OF PAY FOR CITY LABORERS.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 9, assignment, viz.:

9. Ordered, That beginning with Feb. 1, current year, all laborers employed by the city shall be paid at the rate of two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) per day.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2.

SEATS FOR MEMBERS.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 10, assignment, viz.:

10. Ordered, That the seats of the members of the Common Council be allotted in the usual manner, and that a choice of seats be given to the two senior members and Mr. Montague.

The Council voted, on motion of Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17, to amend the order by adding after the last word in the last line the words "and Mr. Foley."

The order as amended was passed. The President announced that the seats would be drawn at the next meeting.

IMPROVEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE SQ.

Mr. TROY of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public

Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to submit to the Common Council an estimate of the expense of concreting the walks in Independence Sq., Wd. 14.

Referred to the Mayor.

CONDITION OF MARINE PARK.

Mr. TROY of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Board of Health be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to examine and report on the sanitary condition of Marine Park, South Boston.

Referred to the Mayor.

DRINKING FOUNTAIN, FLOOD SQ.

Mr. TROY of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Water Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a drinking fountain in Flood sq., Wd. 14.

Referred to the Mayor.

APPARATUS, M ST. PLAYGROUND.

Mr. TROY of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the sum of \$4500 be appropriated, to be expended by the Board of Park Commissioners for gymnastic apparatus and lockers for the M St. playground; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount.

The question came on ordering the order to a second reading.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, it seems to me as if more consideration should be given to a matter of this kind than we have given it.

The PRESIDENT—If the Council orders the order to a second reading it will go over to the next meeting of the Council, and have its second reading at that time.

The order was ordered to a second reading, and further consideration of the matter went over to the next meeting.

OPINION REQUESTED FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Corporation Counsel furnish this body at its next meeting with an opinion as to the legal status of the \$200,000 obtained by the city from the sale of a portion of Deer Island and as to how the same may be legally expended or appropriated.

The PRESIDENT—The order will be referred to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President that order should be sent directly from this body to the Corporation Counsel. The wording of the order contemplates that, and I believe that is within our province, I would like to have it go in the manner in which its wording contemplates.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—My point of order is this, Mr. President, that the Chair very properly, under a rule which I cannot find just now, referred that order to His Honor the Mayor; and until a reconsideration of that reference is had, the order remains where it was referred.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that, technically, the gentleman from Wd. 13 is correct; but as a matter of courtesy, the Chair was willing to withdraw the reference. However, as the gentleman from Wd. 2 arose, the Chair presumes he desires to move

a suspension of the rules, and the Chair is willing to recognize the gentleman for the purpose of making such a motion, in order that the order may go upon its passage.

Mr. DOHERTY—I desire to move a suspension of the rules, Mr. President, and thank you for your courtesy.

The question came on suspending the rules.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I would like to have the gentleman give to members of this body some reason why this order should be passed. (After a pause.) If, Mr. President, the gentleman from Wd. 2 does not see fit to do so, I want to say to the members of this body that in my opinion the only reason why that order is introduced here tonight is that, in the event of any member of this body introducing an order calling for the transfer of money from that fund to pay for local improvements, for instance, the gentleman from Wd. 2, might be in a position to readily ask that the same be assigned until the next meeting, until we have before us an opinion from the Corporation Counsel. Now, if the gentleman from Wd. 2 believes that any money cannot be legally transferred from this fund, or if there is any doubt in the minds of any other of the members here, there might be some justification for the passage of that order, and I would be the last one, Mr. President, to arise and protest against common courtesy being shown to the member; but the gentleman, in the discussion against the passage of the order offered by the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Noyes) led me to believe that he is going to oppose every loan order here tonight.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, I do not know as the gentleman's remarks call for any reply from me. I believe that it was perfectly understood during the first part of this evening, and that it was agreed to by the members present, that we should get an opinion from the Corporation Counsel. All the members of the Council agreed with me at that time, and Mr. Noyes' order was laid over to the next meeting, so that we could get a legal opinion from the Corporation Counsel. At that time, I said that I would introduce an order to that effect, and this is the result of what I said earlier in the evening. This action was also taken as he suggested, or at least with the full approval of Mr. Noyes, who is more interested, no doubt, in obtaining a transfer of a portion of this fund, than any other member present.

The motion to suspend the rules was declared carried. Mr. McCULLOUGH doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote, and the motion to suspend the rules was carried, 34 members voting in the affirmative, 6 in the negative.

The order was passed.

INCREASE IN PAY OF LABORERS.

Mr. DOHERTY offered an order—That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island \$100,000 be and the same hereby is appropriated to be expended by the various departments in increasing the pay of laborers employed by said departments from \$2 to \$2.25 per day.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. DOHERTY.

LABOR DAY.

Mr. COSTELLO of Wd. 16 offered an order—That a joint special committee, to consist of eight members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed

to make arrangements for the celebration of Labor day.

Passed. Sent up.

PLAYGROUND, WD. 16.

Mr. COSTELLO offered an order—That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to provide in the first loan bill the sum of \$25,000 for the purchase of land bounded by Howard Ave., Wayland St. and Balfour St., Wd. 16, for playground purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

REPAVING OF WASHINGTON ST., WD. 21.

Mr. FERGUSON of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Committee on Appropriations, when appointed, be requested to include in the appropriation bill a sum sufficient to repave Washington St., from Dudley St. to Westminster Ave., Wd. 21.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, when appointed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR EMPLOYEES.

Mr. DUCEY of Wd. 4 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the heads of departments to grant leave of absence without loss of pay and in part compensation for their services to the city of Boston to all city employees who are delegates to the state convention, United Spanish War Veterans, to be held in Boston on Feb. 21, 22 and 23, 1907.

Passed. Sent up.

WIDENING OF CHELSEA STREET.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 5 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the Great and General Court for authority to borrow \$600,000 outside of the debt limit for the widening of Chelsea St., Charlestown, to Bainbridge St., in accordance with the plans now in possession of the Board of Street Commissioners.

Passed. Sent up.

CONVENIENCE STATION, CITY SQ.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 5 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to include in the first loan bill the sum of \$10,000 for a convenience station in City Sq., Wd. 5.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

CROSSWALK, ORLEANS ST.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to replace the crosswalk on Orleans St., corner of Bennington St., Wd. 1.

Referred to the Mayor.

LIGHTS, STRANDWAY.

Mr. MEALEY of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place lights on the Strandway playgrounds for the use of skaters.

Referred to the Mayor.

BALL GROUND, STRANDWAY.

Mr. MEALEY offered an order—That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island \$3000 be and the same hereby is appropriated to be expended by the Park Department for "Strandway, Enlargement of Ball Grounds."

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. Mealey.

FOURTH OF JULY.

Mr. WOODSIDE of Wd 1 offered an order—That a joint special committee, to consist of one member of the Common Council from each ward, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the Fourth of July. Passed. Sent up.

WOODEN ADDITION.

Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17 offered an order—That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to David Whiting & Sons to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on Rutherford Ave., Wd. 4, in excess of the size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall, as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied for storage purposes; main building occupied for the same purpose.

The order was read a second time, and the question came upon its passage.

Mr. WOODSIDE of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I most respectfully ask that that be referred to the Building Committee when appointed.

Mr. JOYCE—Mr. President, I sincerely hope that this order will not be referred to the Building Committee. I want to say that this order was passed at the last meeting of the outgoing council, and it was sent down to be signed by His Honor the Mayor. It was passed by both branches of the City Council, but in some way it did not reach His Honor the Mayor in time for him to sign it. For that reason, I have again introduced it tonight. The outgoing council passed it, and I sincerely hope that this council will do the same.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that he understood the matter exactly as the gentleman from W. 17 has stated it. The Chair understands that so much time had elapsed between the time when it had passed both branches of the City Council and the time when it reached His Honor the Mayor, that the order was rendered void. Through a slight technicality, the order was rendered void.

Mr. WOODSIDE—Mr. President, if that is the state of affairs, and if that order has already been passed by the Council, then I most respectfully beg permission to withdraw my motion.

There being no objection, Mr. Woodside's motion to refer the order to the Building Committee was considered withdrawn, and the order was passed. Sent up.

PLAYGROUND, WD. 19.

Mr. KOHLER of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Finance Committee be requested to include in their first loan bill \$50,000 for a playground for Wd. 19. Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

QUALIFICATION OF MR. BRAMHALL.

Mr. CLARK of Wd. 20 offered an order—That a message be sent to the Board of Aldermen to inform that body that William S. Bramhall has been duly qualified as a member of the Common Council from Wd. 20. Passed. Sent up.

LIST OF FIRE BOXES.

Mr. CLARK of Wd. 20 offered an order—That the Joint Committee on Rules and Orders of the City Council be requested to include in the pocket manual of 1907 a corrected list of numbers and locations of the fire alarm boxes as recently issued by the Fire Commissioner. Passed. Sent up.

BUILDING, FRANKLIN FIELD.

Mr. CLARK of Wd. 20 offered an order—That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island \$25,000 be and the same hereby is appropriated to be expended by the Park Department for "Franklin Field, Sanitary and Locker Building." Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. CLARK.

WOODEN ADDITION.

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the Boston Elevated Railway Company to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on 2272 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24, in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for a car house; main building occupied for the same purpose.

The order was read a second time, and the question came upon its passage.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I move at this time that further consideration of that matter be assigned to the next meeting.

Mr. WILLCUTT—Mr. President, I would like to ask Mr. Murphy why he asks for assignment.

Mr. MURPHY—Mr. President, I feel that I would like to know a little more about the order. There has not been any explanation given about the order.

Mr. WILLCUTT—I should be very glad to give the gentleman any information he wants about the order. The building has not been built. This is simply a request for authority to connect two buildings, and this the order gives. If there is any particular thing the gentleman would like to know about, I would be glad to give information to him about it.

Mr. MURPHY—Well, should not such a matter as that be referred to the Building Committee, Mr. President?

The PRESIDENT—It comes within their scope; yes.

Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I would like to ask Mr. Willcutt if that is the building out in Dorchester where they have built an addition to an old car barn?

Mr. WILLCUTT—Yes, sir.
Mr. JOYCE—Well, if that is the building, that is the one which was favorably reported upon in my last report of last year's building committee. I have investigated matters relating to that building. They have built a new

addition to an old car barn out there, and they have not connected the two buildings. According to the building laws, they are required to build a brick wall in between the two buildings. They have therefore built the new addition, and have left a space between it and the other building for a brick wall, which they propose to erect in case they do not get permission to build without the brick wall. This matter is one of great advantage to the people of Dorchester, because it gives the Boston Elevated Railway Company the right to run tracks from the old building into the new building, and to put in turntables, and other apparatus whereby they can store more cars there. It is a very needed improvement there, and I believe it would be a good thing to let the Boston Elevated Railway Company connect these buildings without a brick wall for the benefit of the people of Dorchester.

Mr. MURPHY—Mr. President, as I understand it, this is an order which we refused to pass in last year's body.

Mr. JOYCE—Mr. President, the reason that this body did not want to pass the order at the last meeting was that I had not been out to the building and had not a chance to look the situation over. Mr. Williams arose at that time and asked if the building had been finished, I could not answer the question. But I say now that the building is not finished and that they have left this open space, and if we refuse to grant their request for the passage of this order, they will be forced to build a brick wall. It will be a great inconvenience, both to them and to the people of Dorchester, and I sincerely hope that Mr. Murphy will withdraw his motion.

Mr. McCARTHY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I hope that this body will not grant permission to the Boston Elevated Railway Company, or to any other big corporation, to build a building outside the building limits without the construction of the usual brick wall. We have been doing that right along. I hope that this thing will be assigned until we have a chance to investigate it ourselves. I do not believe in granting permission of this kind to everybody that comes in here.

Mr. MURPHY—Mr. President, I have no feeling against the Boston Elevated Railway Company, or against the gentleman from Dorchester, but if the Building Committee of last year considered this matter, and refused to pass the order, then I think that the Building Committee of this year should have a chance to investigate it and let us know the exact situation. I hope, now, Mr. President, that this order will be assigned.

Mr. WILLCUTT—Mr. President, I have no objection to assignment, except that the people in Wd. 24 do not object to these two car barns being connected, and I do not see any reason, under the circumstances, why people in other wards should find fault. Now, I know Mr. McCarthy has a little feeling against the Boston Elevated Railway Company. Of course, I cannot blame him for that; but I do not see why he should use it against us out in our ward. I have no objection to an assignment of the order, but I hardly think it is right and fair. This is simply a question of connecting two buildings, that is all it is. Now, they have to use them separately.

Mr. MURPHY—Mr. President, Mr. Willcutt surely does not want this body to go ahead without investigating such a matter as this. If the ordinances say that these buildings should not be built unless a brick wall is placed between them—which, I suppose, carried with it that they are allowed to have a door connection—if the ordinances say that,

and we over-ride the ordinances without investigating the matter, I do not think that is a fair way in which to transact the business of this body. Let this order be assigned and then when our committees are made up, let us refer it to the committee. The members of the committee can investigate the matters properly, and they will bring back a report to this body. Then, if the order is all right, we can pass it; but we do not want to take anything from hearsay.

Mr. FERGUSON of Wd. 21—Mr. President, I certainly favor assignment of this order until the next meeting. As I understand it, this building is built in excess of the size which the ordinances permit to be built without a brick wall. I do not believe that we have any right at this time, not knowing any more than we do about the matter at present, to pass this order. If I understand the ordinances aright, a building of this kind is allowed to be constructed for so many feet, and then there must be a brick wall; and then there are so many feet more, and then a brick wall, and so on. You can only build so many feet before you can build a brick wall. If we grant the Boston Elevated Railway Company the right to build outside the building limits, why not grant any private individual who wants to build a house or any building, the same permission? Perhaps at the next meeting some one may want to come in here and build a house to be set on cedar posts instead of a brick wall. It would be just as right for us to grant the privilege to build on posts as it would be to give the Boston Elevated Railway Company permission to connect these buildings without the construction of a party wall. I hope that this matter will be assigned until the next meeting, so that we may have some chance to look the matter up.

Mr. ROSENBERG of Wd. 8—Mr. President, this seems very strange to me, for I remember that at the last meeting of the Council of last year, Mr. Joyce objected to the passage of this order, on some ground or other. Tonight he brings in a recommendation favoring the granting of this permission. For the benefit of the gentlemen here who do not know very well the situation as to these laws, I desire to state that we have a Building Department, which cost the City of Boston \$110,000. I believe that the Building Department is well supplied with able and competent officials, whose duty it is to look after all buildings which are being erected or remodeled. We know that contractors of large and small sizes, whenever they are to build or remodel any structure, are obliged to go to the Building Commissioner and comply with all the requirements laid down by the Building Commission; and never as yet have I seen a private individual or contractor come to this Council and ask for special privileges. I do not see why, in this case, these corporations, or any kind of a company such as David Whiting & Sons, or the Boston Elevated Railway Company, or the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, should be given any more privileges than would be given to any individual contractor, large or small, in this city. I believe that the Building Commissioner of Boston is abundantly able to manage such an affair as this, and I believe that the City Council should give permission of this kind only when it was necessary for the benefit of the people, and not for the sake of saving this corporation from an expenditure of money.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, as I understand it, as a result of the agitation in Dorchester for better car service, the Boston Elevated Railway

Company tried to join the two car barns. In order to do so, they were obliged to obtain permission from the City Council. They properly presented a petition to the City Council last year. Their petition was properly acted upon by a committee of 13 members of the City Council, and it was unanimously voted by that committee that this corporation, for the benefit of the people of Dorchester, should be allowed to proceed and connect these two buildings. Now, the gentleman from Wd. 17 (Mr. Joyce) very frankly said at the last meeting of the Council last year that he merely presented a unanimous report of a committee consisting of 13 members of this body. When he was asked certain questions by the members of the Council he very frankly said he did not know. Now, this is no more than the ordinary request, and the gentleman from Wd. 17 is entitled to the consideration for his committee of last year that you and I, and other members, may ask for our committees this year. The order has gone through the proper channels, and certainly it ought to be passed tonight.

The motion to assign was declared lost. Mr. McCARTHY of Wd. 8 doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and the motion to assign was lost, 26 members voting in the affirmative, 31 in the negative.

The order was passed. Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17 made a motion to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

BATHING FACILITIES AT WOOD ISLAND PARK.

Mr. PENDERGAST of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Finance Committee be requested to include in their first loan bill the sum of \$10,000 for sufficient bathing facilities at Wood Island Park.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

EAST BOSTON HOSPITAL.

Mr. PENDERGAST offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to inform the Common Council what action has been taken in the establishment of the East Boston Hospital.

Referred to the Mayor.

DEER ISLAND IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. RACHKOWSKY of Wd. 6 offered an order—That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island \$60,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Penal Institutions Commissioner for "Wall between land of United States Government and the City of Boston, and for removal of pigery."

Assigned to the next meeting.

PLAYGROUND, WD. 5.

Mr. BUCKLEY of Wd. 5 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to include in the first loan bill the sum of \$100,000 for a playground in Wd. 5.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

MARINE PARK COMPLETION.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform the Common Council as to why the pier and pier head at Marine Park, South Boston, after hav-

ing the sum of \$65,000 spent upon it, has been left in an unfinished condition for sixteen years, and what appropriation or action by the City Council is necessary to provide for the completion of said pier according to the original plans.

Referred to the Mayor.

PATRIOTS' DAY.

Mr. SANTOSUOSSO of Wd. 6 offered an order—That a Joint Special Committee, to consist of three members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of Patriots' day.

Passed. Sent up.

BATHHOUSE, MCKENZIE BEACH.

Mr. MCGIVERN of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the sum of \$5000 be appropriated to be expended by the Bath Trustees for bathhouse on McKenzie Beach; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. MCGIVERN.

WD. 16 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. KELLY of Wd. 16 offered an order—That a catch basin be placed on Dorset St., Wd. 16.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. KELLY offered an order—That the Street Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, give an estimate to this Council of the cost of extending and laying out the following streets to the Strandway in Wd. 16; Harvest St., Locust St., Bellflower St., Howell St., Washburn St., Rawson St., Kemp St. and Hyde St.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. KELLY offered an order—That the School Committee be requested by the City Council, through His Honor the Mayor, to establish an educational centre in the William E. Russell School on Columbia road, Wd. 16.

Referred to the Mayor.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Mr. COLPOYS of Wd. 15 offered an order—That a joint special committee, to consist of eight members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to consider the application for money for memorial purposes, under the provisions of Chapter 25 of the Revised Laws, and to make an apportionment for said purpose.

Passed. Sent up.

IMPROVEMENT OF M-ST. PLAYGROUND.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the sum of \$10,000 be appropriated to be expended by the Park Department in placing the M-St. Playground in proper condition for public use; and that to meet such appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to the above amount.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. FITZGERALD.

EXPENSES OF CLERK.

Mr. DALY of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the office expenses of the Clerk of the Common Council for printing, stationery and binding, be charged to the general appropriation for printing.

Passed. Sent up.

STREET CLEANING IN BRIGHTON.

Mr. McCABE of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to include in their first loan order a sum sufficient to maintain a division of the Street Cleaning Department in the Brighton District.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

SKATING, CHANDLER'S POND.

Mr. McCABE offered an order—That the sum of \$200 be and hereby is appropriated to be expended by the Park Department for the rental of Chandler's pond for skating; the same to be kept in condition by the aforesaid department.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. McCABE.

PRINTING OF DOCUMENTS.

Mr. WHARTON of Wd. 10 offered an order—That the expense incurred in the printing of city documents ordered by either branch of the City Council, in accordance with the joint rules, be charged to the general appropriation for printing.

Passed. Sent up.

QUALIFICATION OF MR. BAGLEY.

Mr. SORENSON of Wd. 1 offered an order—That a message be sent to the Board of Aldermen to inform that body that Edward C. R. Bagley has been duly qualified as a member of the Common Council from Wd. 1.

Passed.

SHELTERS AT BRIDGES.

Mr. NOONAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Bridges be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to construct proper shelters at the Dover-St., Broadway Extension and Federal-St. bridges.

Referred to the Mayor.

STREET SIGN, WD. 21.

Mr. HACKETT of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be instructed to place a sign marking St. James Terrace, Wd. 21.

Referred to the Mayor.

EVACUATION DAY.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 14 offered an order—That a joint special committee, to consist of ten members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of Evacuation Day.

Passed. Sent up.

FINISHING OF GYMNASIUM, SOUTH BOSTON.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to give an estimate as to the cost of finishing the gymnasium at First St. Playground, South Boston.

Referred to the Mayor.

JUNE SEVENTEENTH.

Mr. HAYES of Wd. 4 offered an order—That a joint special committee, to consist of nine members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the Seventeenth of June.

Passed. Sent up.

TRANSPORTATION FOR EMPLOYEES.

Mr. DRISCOLL of Wd. 9 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Sewers be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide some method of transportation from Dorchester Ave. to the pumping station for those employed by the city in that section, before and after working hours.

Referred to the Mayor.

GAS LAMP, WD. 9.

Mr. DRISCOLL offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to erect a gas lamp at the corner of Albion St. and Compton St., and that the same be maintained by the city of Boston.

Referred to the Mayor.

ELEVATED EXPRESS TRAINS.

Mr. DRISCOLL of Wd. 9 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to run express trains from Park St. to the Dudley St. terminal between the hours of 5 and 7 P. M., and from the Dudley St. terminal to Park St. from 7 to 9 A. M. on every working day.

Referred to the Mayor.

LIQUOR LICENSE RESTRICTIONS.

Mr. DRISCOLL of Wd. 9 offered an order—That the Licensing Board be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to take such action as he may be authorized to take to prevent women from being employed as waitresses or barmaids in any hotel, restaurant or bar-room in the city of Boston where women are not allowed to be served or where intoxicating liquors are sold.

Referred to the Mayor.

BAND CONCERTS, WD 9.

Mr. DRISCOLL offered an order—That the Music Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to give a band concert at each of the following places during the season:

First—At the corner of Shawmut Ave. and Compton St.

Second—At the corner of Wareham St. and Harrison Ave.

Third—At the corner of Lehigh and Albany Sts.

Referred to the Mayor.

DORCHESTER DAY.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1, for Mr. Clark of Wd. 24, offered an order—That nine members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the anniversary of the settlement of Dorchester.

Passed. Sent up.

GRADING OF BALL GROUNDS, COMMON.

Mr. KENNEDY of Wd. 7 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to grade the baseball grounds on the Boston Common.

Referred to the Mayor.

CONVENIENCE STATION, ROXBURY CROSSING.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to include in the first loan bill a sum sufficient for the construction of a public convenience station at Roxbury Crossing in Wd. 19.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

PLAYGROUND, Wd. 19.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to hire for skating purposes the vacant lot of land bounded by Parker, Ruggles and Ward Sts. and Huntington Ave., Wd. 19.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I want to say just a word or two in connection with that order. I have been reading of the way in which they carry on their playground system in Chicago. I find that even outside of the flooding of their regular playgrounds throughout the city they have hired many vacant lots throughout the city and flooded them to allow people to skate during the winter. That work is carried on at very small expense to the city. By the co-operation of the Commission of Public Works, the City Electrician and the Chief of the Fire Department, this work was done, the lots were flooded by the Fire Department and were lighted by the city, and

they secured 200 of these lots, scattered around through different parts of the city. I think this would be a good plan to carry out throughout our city. Of course, I know we have some of our playgrounds flooded at present, but I know of one in particular as to which they have taken no action yet. That is the Marcella-St. Playground. I feel that they ought to flood that playground at this time and have it made ready for skating purposes; and if the city buys this lot of land, which is called Day's Field, in Wd. 19, it would be a very good place for just that purpose.

The order was referred to the Mayor.

LIGHTING OF OBSERVATORY.

Mr. HATTON of Wd. 4 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause the Observatory on Charlestown Heights to be properly lighted.

Referred to the Mayor.

LIGHTING OF PLAYGROUND.

Mr. HATTON offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause the playground at Sullivan Sq., Charlestown, to be lighted for the safety and convenience of skaters.

Referred to the Mayor.

REPAIR OF FENCE, PARK ST.

Mr. HARDING of Wd. 20 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to repair the fence on the north side of Park St., Wd. 20, between Greenbriar and Waldeck Sts.

Referred to the Mayor.

ATHLETIC PARK, BRIGHTON.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, include in the first loan bill the sum of \$1500 in fitting up North Brighton Playground as an athletic park.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

Adjourned at 10:21 o'clock P. M., on motion of Mr. CARRUTH of Wd. 23, to meet on Thursday, Jan. 17, at 7:45 o'clock P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Jan. 14, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock, P. M., Ald. BERWIN, senior member, presiding, and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. BATTIS, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Jan. 14, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to confirmation by your Board I hereby make the following appointments:

(1) Temple A. Winsloe (11 Faxon St., Wd. 20), to be a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1907.

(2) Temple A. Winsloe (11 Faxon St., Wd. 20), to be a Measurer of Wood and Bark for the term ending April 30, 1907. Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Severally laid over under the law.

PRECINCT DIVISION OF WD. 20.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor,

Jan. 10, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Election Department calling attention to the fact that Precinct 9 of Wd. 20 contains 1030 male voters, and stating that it is the duty of your Board to "either divide such precinct into two or more voting precincts or make a new division of the ward into voting precincts so that no precinct shall contain more than one thousand voters."

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Board of Election Commissioners,

Jan. 9, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor

Sir:—According to the registration of the last city election Wd. 20, Prec. 9, contains 1030 male voters.

Section 6 of Chapter 444 of the Acts of 1906, provides that if a voting precinct shall in any year, according to the registration at the preceding city election, contain more than one thousand voters the Aldermen shall either divide such precinct into two or more voting precincts or shall make a new division of the ward into voting precincts, so that no precinct shall contain more than one thousand voters. The word "voter" in said act means, in our opinion, a registered male voter.

We respectfully request that this information be transmitted to the Board of Aldermen.

In our opinion such division should be made at once, in order that the listing of male residents shall be made according to the lines of the new division.

Respectfully,

Board of Election Commissioners,

John M. Minton, Chairman.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, when appointed.

Later in the session the vote whereby the message and communication were referred was reconsidered, on motion of Ald. BELL, and it was voted that a special committee of three be appointed to consider the matter, the communication being referred to said committee on motion of Ald. BELL.

Chairman BERWIN appointed as the committee Ald. Bell, Clark, Flanagan.

PLAN OF RAILWAY CONNECTION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Jan. 8, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith, in order that it may be placed in the files of the City Clerk, blue print (No. 26,193) showing proposed location, form and method of construction of a connection between the present structure of the Boston Elevated Railway Company in Main St., near Dorrance St., Charlestown, with the storage yard of that company on private property bounded by Main St., Beacham St., Arlington Ave. and Dorrance St., Charlestown.

The above plan has been approved by me, under the provisions of Chapter 500 of the Acts of 1897, as to architectural appearance and obstruction to light and air.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

(Annexed was blue print.)

Placed on file.

RESCISSION OF ASSESSMENT VETO

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Jan. 14, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my approval order of your Board rescinding "so much of the order of the Board of Aldermen approved Jan. 30, 1903, as levied an assessment for sidewalk construction against the estate of James J. Lanigan, No. 43 Woodward Ave., Wd. 17" for the reason that the Corporation Counsel is of opinion that the Board of Aldermen of 1907 has no power to rescind orders passed by the Board of Aldermen of 1903. The Corporation Counsel further cites that Mr. Lanigan may appeal to the courts if the assessment was illegal, or if it was too high that there are remedies provided for its abatement.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

(Order enclosed.)

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements when appointed.

BORROWING CAPACITY OF CITY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Jan. 14, 1907.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a certificate signed by the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds, the City Treasurer and the City Auditor, giving their estimate, made in accordance with the statute, of the amount which the city will be able to borrow during the present municipal year, within the debt limit.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Board of Commissioners of Sinking Fund,

City Hall, Jan. 12, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald,

Mayor of the City of Boston:—

Sir:—In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 93 of the Acts of 1891, it is estimated that the amount which the city will be able to borrow during the

RIGHT TO BORROW IN 1907.		
Total debt, City and County, January 1, 1907		\$100,517,456.00
Less special loans (outside of limit).....	\$50,013,600.00	
Cochituate water debt	4,562,500.00	
County debt (outside of limit).....	2,291,000.00	
	57,497,100.00	
Sinking fund	\$30,802,216.34	
Less special loans sinking funds	\$11,310,108.70	
Cochituate water sinking fund	3,658,153.53	
County court house sinking fund	1,025,579.69	
	15,993,841.92	
		\$43,020,356.00
Debt, excluding debts outside of limit and deducting sinking funds for said debt.....		\$28,211,981.58
Two and one half per cent. on \$1,252,810,110 (average valuation for three years) less abatements		\$31,320,252.75
Debt, as above		\$28,211,981.58
		\$3,108,271.17
January 1, 1907, interest on investments		123,263.00
April 1, 1907, interest on investments.....		105,503.00
May 30, 1907, interest on investments.....		4,470.00
June 1, 1907, interest on investments.....		2,625.00
July 1, 1907, interest on investments.....		123,363.00
October 1, 1907, interest on investments		105,503.00
October 1, 1907, debt paid from appropriation		17,000.00
November 1, 1907, appropriation for debt		982,151.00
November 10, 1907, interest on investments		4,470.00
December 1, 1907, interest on investments		2,625.00
January 1, 1908, interest on investments		123,363.00
January 1, 1908, interest on bank deposits		30,000.00
		\$4,732,607.17
Less loans authorized but not issued (inside limit)		1,729,650.00
Right to borrow		\$3,002,957.17
		Sent down.

present municipal year, within the debt limit established by law, is \$3,002,957.17, as per schedule annexed.

Respectfully,

Nathaniel J. Rust,
Frank G. Webster,
Horatio G. Curtis,
James T. Wetherald,

Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds.

Charles H. Slattery,
City Treasurer,
J. Alfred Mitchell,
City Auditor.

Sent down.

TREATMENT FOR MEASLES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Jan. 14, 1907.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Hospital Department calling attention to the necessity for a building in which to locate a ward for the treatment of measles at the south department of the hospital, and I respectfully urge the passage of the accompanying loan order appropriating \$75,000 for this purpose.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Hospital Department, Jan. 11.
Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of Boston.

Sir:—At a meeting of the Trustees held Jan. 9th, the following was placed upon the records of said meeting:

“Resolved, That public necessity requires the erection of a measles ward at the South Department of the Boston City Hospital, the cost of which, in

view of existing high prices for both materials and labor for building, is likely to require \$75,000, and

“Voted, That the President present to His Honor the Mayor a request for an appropriation of \$75,000 for the above purpose, particularly representing to him the urgency of the need and occasion for its excessive cost.”

Your Honor is already familiar with the urgent need that the city of Boston should provide a building for the treatment of measles, both by written reports and by personal interview of the Trustees and members of the visiting staff; but for the information of the Honorable City Council I desire to make the following explanation:

When the plans were made, in 1894, for the buildings for contagious cases, a separate building was planned, intended for the treatment of patients suffering with measles; but for want of funds plan was never carried out. Attention has been repeatedly called to this deficiency, notably in the annual report of the hospital for 1902-3, Page 24; annual report for 1903-4, Page 24; annual report for 1904-5, Page 27, and annual report for 1905-6, Page 24. There has been a rejection of about 200 cases of measles each year. To admit cases of measles and place them in wards where other infectious diseases are treated is dangerous. Measles is the most easily transmissible disease, next to smallpox. To admit measles to wards largely occupied by children is to expose the children who are already in the hospital to an additional infection. It also exposes children admitted on account of measles to some other infectious disease. Cases of measles have occasionally been admitted, and for want of a suitable

building have been placed in the building erected for scarlet fever. Not only does the proximity of the two diseases give a danger of hospital infection, but the space now occupied by measles cases was designed to be used for the accommodation of mixed infections with scarlet fever and diphtheria. Cases of infection with measles have undoubtedly occurred in the hospital, and we do not think that patients should be subjected to such risks. Too much importance cannot be placed upon the necessity of a separate pavilion for measles, and that the danger of treating patients with different infections in the same building is a direct menace to the well being of patients, and of such a nature that the children of the citizens of Boston should not be exposed.

While the necessity for an additional building has been repeatedly called attention to, the Trustees believe that the time has come when they should put the responsibility of the present conditions in this matter upon the City Council. Since 1897, 911 patients seriously ill with measles have been refused admission for want of proper accommodations. It is a fact that there are no accommodations in the city of Boston where persons seriously ill with measles can receive hospital treatment.

As has been mentioned elsewhere, while the children in families of the well-to-do class can, under proper management, be treated in their own home, there are several classes of patients who may be ill with measles and require hospital treatment, for which the city of Boston makes no provision. Among these may be mentioned clerks living in lodging houses, domestics in families or hotels, children whose mothers support the family by day labor, and who cannot send their children to day nurseries if they are ill with measles; patients ill with laryngeal diphtheria and measles; patients who have mastoid inflammation of the ear due to an attack of measles; patients with severe attacks of broncho-pneumonia and measles, and children in large numbers in the various public and private institutions, who cannot be isolated, and who threaten the whole institution with an epidemic.

The Trustees have only to call attention to the condition existing at the present time in and around Boston, with an epidemic of scarlet fever, which is the largest during the last twenty-five years, to recognize the fact that if the epidemic was measles instead of scarlet fever, there is no public or private hospital in Boston that would receive such cases. The Trustees again strongly urge upon the proper authorities the pressing need of the building above alluded to. They recognize the large demands upon the city finances for all public works, but the Trustees believe that it is their duty to call attention to existing conditions, which should no longer be endured, and which should be provided for. The Trustees recommend that immediate action be taken upon their request.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Shuman,
President, Board of Trustees.

Ordered, That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital for the erection of a building to contain a measles ward; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, when appointed.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committee named, when appointed.

viz.:

Claims.

Boston Coal Company, for hearing on its claim against the city, Ferry Division.

Willard Welsh, offering to surrender alleged invalid tax deed of estate 33 Leyland St.

The same, offering to surrender alleged invalid tax deed of estate 428 Columbus Ave.

BAY WINDOWS, ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions for leave to project bay windows, viz:

William F. Lowe, one, 36 Myrtle St. Wd. 11.

Celia Urofsky, one, corner 363 Washington St., and Market St., ward 25.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Monday, Jan. 28, at 3 o'clock, P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

SALE OF OIL, ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petition for license to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, viz:

Metropolitan Automobile Company, 61 Stanhope St.

Weaver & Edgerly, 1606 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 24.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Monday, Feb. 4, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Streets giving cost of construction of gravel sidewalks with granite edgestones on Fuller St., Wd. 24—recommending the passage of an order that the persons named in the schedule be and they hereby are charged and assessed with one-half the sums set to their respective names as their proportional parts of the cost of constructing gravel sidewalks with granite edgestones in front of their estates, on said street, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice given to the parties aforesaid, the amount assessed being \$1837.56.

The order was passed.

CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The City Treasurer, after having duly approved of the same, submitted the constable's bond of William McCarthy. Approved by the Board.

NOTICE OF HEARINGS.

Notice was received from the Harbor and Land Commissioners of a hearing Jan. 16 on petition of City Engineer of Boston for approval of plans for a sea wall on line of Northern Ave. at head of Dock 1 on South Boston flats.

Notice was received from the Harbor and Land Commissioners of hearing Jan. 23 on petition of the Standard Oil Company of New York for license to build pile wharf and fill solid in Chelsea Creek.

Severally placed on file.

COAL AND COKE LICENSES.

A list of coal and coke licenses granted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth was received.
Placed on file.

ACCEPTANCE OF LOCATION, ETC.

A communication was received from the West End Street Railway Company of its preliminary acceptance of 262 location.

A communication was received from the West End Street Railway Company accepting order granting leave to attach wires, etc., to poles of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts and the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston on L St., South Boston.
Severally placed on file.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Railroad Commissioners of hearing Jan. 15, 1907, on petition of the Boston Elevated Railway Company for approval of plan 26193, showing proposed location of tracks, etc., on private property bounded by Main and Beacham Sts., Arlington Ave. and Dorrance St., Charlestown.
Placed on file.

ACCEPTANCE OF FRANCHISE.

President's Office,
Metropolitan Home Telephone Company,
Boston, Mass., 10th January, 1907.
Hon. Edward J. Donovan, City Clerk of the City of Boston.

Dear Sir:—The Metropolitan Home Telephone Company and the directors of the Metropolitan Home Telephone Company hereby accept, subject to and in accordance with all general laws thereto applicable, the franchise entitled "An order authorizing the Metropolitan Home Telephone Company, its successors and assigns, to lay and maintain underground conduits, wires and manholes and to erect and maintain distributing poles," passed in Board of Aldermen, Dec. 13, 1906, and again passed, notwithstanding the objections of the Mayor, in Board of Aldermen Dec. 23, 1906.

Metropolitan Home Telephone Company and Directors of the Metropolitan Home Telephone Company,
By Warren N. Akers, President.
Placed on file.

LEAVE GRANTED ON PETITIONS.

Ald. WOODS presented petition of Fred C. Murray for permit for George Worthington, et al., children under 15 years of age, to appear at the Boston Theatre during the run of "Ben Hur," and asked that the rule be suspended and permit granted.

The Board voted to suspend the rule and grant the permit.

Ald. WHELTON presented the petition of Fanny Tushinsky for leave to project pole for clothing at 19 Salem St., Wd. 6, said pole to be 15 feet above the sidewalk, and asked that the rule be suspended and leave granted.

The Board voted to suspend the rule and grant leave.

LEAVE GRANTED TO PROJECT SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. CURLEY presented the following petitions for leave to project signs, etc., and asked that the rule be suspended

and leave granted on the usual conditions, viz.:

James F. Connor Company, illuminated sign, 123 Dartmouth St., Wd. 10.

George F. Washburn, illuminated sign, 630 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Huyler's, electric sign, 139 Summer St., Wd. 9.

S. J. Cohen, transparent sign, 28 Eliot St., Wd. 7.

McCarthy Bros., electric sign, 394 Tremont St., Wd. 9.

Huyler's, electric sign, 1-5 South St., Wd. 7.

John J. Martin, to construct basement floor of proposed building at 163-73 Huntington Ave., Wd. 10, at grade 8.

W. B. Sproule, illuminated sign, 115 Meridian St., Wd. 2.

Adolph F. Schluter, sign, 101 State St., Wd. 6.

Frank Vellener, one illuminated sign at 1½ Endicott St., and one at corner Endicott and Salem Sts., Wd. 6.

Max Udin, pole for clothing, 302 North St., Wd. 6.

Albert T. Knapp, two gas arc lamps, 729 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Lewis Haner, V-shaped sign, 123 Eliot St., Wd. 7.

Charles G. Norris, illuminated sign, 3 Park Sq., Wd. 7.

Sam Gabelnick, two illuminated signs, 24 Lowell St., Wd. 8.

Joseph Itrito, barber pole, 117 Haverhill St., Wd. 8.

M. B. Hastings, electric sign, 284 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 10.

A. H. O'Neill & Co., gas arc lamp, 26 Heath St., Wd. 22.

The Board voted to suspend the rule, and leave was granted on the usual conditions.

LEAVE GRANTED TO USE FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. WHELTON presented the following petitions for leave to use Faneuil Hall, and asked that the rule be suspended and leave granted on the usual conditions, viz.:

Marketmen's Association, afternoon of Jan. 29.

Max Mitchell, evening of Jan. 20.

John W. Schenck, evening of Jan. 22.

Dr. M. J. Konikow, evening of Jan. 23.

Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters, day and evening of May 22.

Election Commissioners, Sept. 28, 29, 30; Oct. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; Nov. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23; Dec. 14 to 21, inclusive.

The Board voted to suspend the rule and leave was granted on the usual conditions.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the list of allowances hereto annexed, for the month of January, 1907, and payable Feb. 1, 1907, of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families residing in the city of Boston or having a settlement therein, under the provisions of Chapter 79 of the Revised Laws, be hereby approved and paid until otherwise ordered by this Board, unless the person named shall previously become ineligible to receive said aid; the amounts so paid to be charged to the appropriation for Soldiers' Relief Department.
Passed.

MINORS' LICENSES.

Chairman BERWIN presented petitions for minors' licenses of 290 newsboys, 26 bootblacks and 2 vendors, and asked that the same be approved.
Approved by the Board.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

1. Notice of the qualification of Edward C. R. Bagley as a member of the Common Council from Wd. 1.

2. Notice of the qualification of William S. Bramhall as a member of the Common Council from Wd. 20.

Severally placed on file.

3. Message of the Mayor transmitting a communication from the Bath Department in reference to the discontinuance of the convenience station on Boston Common, at the corner of Tremont and Boylston Sts., and recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Bath Trustees be, and hereby are, directed to forthwith remove the convenience station at the corner of Tremont St. and Boylston St., on Boston Common.

Report accepted; order passed in concurrence.

4. Message of the Mayor relative to payments of executions of court, and recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to the amount of four hundred ninety-three thousand five hundred dollars (\$493,500); and the proceeds thereof to said amount are hereby appropriated, to be expended by the City Auditor, to meet deficits caused by the payment of executions of court, viz.:

Abolition of Dorchester Ave. grade crossing,	\$80,000
Bowdoin St. grade damages, Chapter 543, Acts of 1902	61,000
Copley Sq., damages by reason of Act limiting height of buildings on and near	347,000
Strandway, purchase of land and construction of	3,500
Dorchester St.	2,000
	\$493,500

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I move that that matter be assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

The question came on the motion to assign.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I desire to ask the maker of that motion his reason for desiring assignment.

Ald. BANGS—I want further time to look into the matter, Mr. Chairman.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, the only new item in this loan order is the execution of the courts in the case of Copley Square, Westminster Chambers. The balance of the order has been before the Board, in one form or another, for about six weeks. The Westminster Chambers Act was an act passed by the Legislature, I believe, in 1900. The matter has been before the citizens of Boston for about six years, now. The recent decision of the court has been before the citizens of Boston for more than three weeks. I can conceive of no reason why a member of this Board should desire further time on a proposition of this character. An execution of the court has been issued, and it must be paid.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, when the matter first came up there was doubt in the minds of some members of the Board whether these matters were properly taken care of by a loan order. My information, as received from some of the experts who were members of the Board, was that they were. I would like to ask the Alderman from Wd. 11 (Ald. Bangs) whether he considers that these are matters which should properly be paid for by loan?

The CHAIRMAN—The question is on

Ald. Bangs' motion that the matter be assigned to the next meeting.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, my question was asked in entire sincerity. I do not claim to be an expert in finance, like some others. The question is not asked with a particle of malice, but I do desire the information from somebody who claims to be an expert. It seemed to me when it was first introduced into the board that it was a perfectly proper way in which to obtain the money, and I was informed by a member of the present board, at that time that we ought not to borrow money for payment of executions. At that time I did not know any other way of obtaining the money, and at the present time I know of no other way. I also understand that the Alderman who made that suggestion has changed his mind. If I am in the wrong, I wish to be corrected. I wish to pass upon this matter intelligently, and that is the reason for my question.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I wish to state that that is one of the questions I want to investigate, if the Board will give me time to do so. All I ask now is a week's time, the ordinary courtesy of a week in which to look into this matter. I have some doubt as to whether some or all of these matters should be met by loan. I want to clear up my mind on that point. I wish also to look into the whole question, to see the necessity of these things, to see whether or not any or all of them should be provided for in this way. I think it can certainly do no harm. The end of the fiscal year does not come until the end of this month, and if we are to pass this loan order it will be just as well to pass it one week from today as today. I therefore ask the Board to give me one week's time.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I have no desire to ask that the courtesy be taken from any member of this Board which would give him time to look into a matter of this kind. But the Alderman from Wd. 11 (Ald. Bangs) served in the Board of Aldermen last year. The City Auditor was then summoned before the entire Board, meeting in Committee of Public Improvements, and was asked as to the methods of meeting executions of court. The committee was informed that an execution of the court must be paid when presented from any funds that might be on hand in the Treasurer's office. Mr. Chairman, the order before the Board last year was an order to meet executions for grade damages, and the only new item, as I have said before, is that in relation to Copley Square. That has now been before the people of Boston for nearly six years. I cannot conceive of any reason why a man should desire further time. The member from Wd. 11 has had more than ample time, and unless he can advance some good reason why further time should be granted I do not believe in all fairness that it should be granted. It is a peculiar situation, when this Board meets to consider matters that have been before the public for more than six years, things that every member of the Board is familiar with, that one of our members should take this position. We are all familiar with the grade crossing act. We all know that the city must meet its own proportionate part of the damages in connection with the abolition of grade crossings. We know that the state must meet its percentage and that the railroad corporations must meet their proportion of the damage. We know that the Westminster Chambers Act was under consideration in the Legislature in 1900 and that every item included in this

loan is an item that has been before the public of Boston for six years; and yet a member asks for further time and does not state any reasons why he should have further time. It is singular, Mr. Chairman.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I trust that the motion to assign, made by Ald. Bangs, will prevail. Within the last week I was in the City Auditor's office and asked if they had received a draft from Washington for \$200,000, and was told that they had. I asked his assistant—the auditor himself was not there—what they were going to do with the \$200,000. He said he did not know what they would do with it, that it would be turned into the general fund. Now, that amount and other amounts have been paid into the treasury of the city of Boston. The City Treasurer does not yet know whether he will need to borrow money to balance his books. It seems to me that it would be better finance to wait until the end of the year and allow the treasurer to find out how much money he has on hand, left over from various appropriations and coming from various sources, because I understand that there are a number of appropriations that will have balances to turn back into the city treasury. Those amounts, added to the \$200,000, only a very small part of which will be spent for building a retaining wall, will give quite a sum of money to meet these executions of court. I believe, in all fairness, that we should wait and find out what our financial condition is and then, after our bills have all been paid, if we find that we have \$200,000 or more to pay executions of court, in addition to the \$200,000 I have referred to, we may not need to borrow anything. Certainly we would not need to borrow this full amount. We have \$200,000 now on hand, not yet appropriated for any specific purpose. Why cannot we let that go towards this \$495,000? That would leave only \$295,000 that it would be necessary to borrow, anyway, if we had nothing to meet it with but the \$200,000 I have referred to. I understand, in addition, that there are other appropriations from which we can expect balances. I understand that the Mayor's Contingent Fund is not all used up, that there will be \$15,000 or \$20,000 of that to be turned back. Possibly some other heads of departments may have sums to turn over from their appropriations. I think it is unwise for us to borrow money until we have to do so. We do not have to do so today. If the City Auditor explains to me that the \$20,000 must be used for some other purpose and satisfies me that there is no money left in the treasury to meet these executions, I will be one of the first members of the board to vote to borrow money to pay executions of court.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, the Alderman from Dorchester takes rather a peculiar position. He first goes on to explain what the City Auditor informed him was to be done with the \$200,000, and then closes by saying that when the City Auditor informs him what has been done with the \$200,000 he will be prepared to vote. Now, as I understand it, all money received in any such manner is applied to a reduction of the city's debt. I don't know that it is the province of the City Auditor to do the same in this particular, but it always has been customary. Mr. Chairman, if the disposition of the members is to lay this over, until they consult somebody else, rather than to act according to their own judgment in the matter, I suppose we will have to submit. But it is an interesting situation, where 13 Aldermen are elected for the entire city, to represent the

entire community, and are answerable to a certain few people on every financial proposition that comes before the City Government. They do not feel that they have sufficient intelligence to act upon it themselves, and they desire an opportunity to consult with some organization or some individuals before they cast their vote. It is a travesty on the present system of election, Mr. Chairman.

Ald. BANGS' motion to assign the matter to the next meeting was declared lost. Ald. Bangs doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which was taken, and the Board voted to assign the motion to the next meeting, yeas 8, nays 5.

Yeas—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper, Finigan, Leary—3.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Flanagan, Whelton, Woods—5.

5. Mayor's message relative to the appointment of a Finance Commission, in which he recommends the speedy passage of the following order:

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to appoint a Finance Commission, to consist of seven citizens of Boston, recommended to him for such appointment one each respectively by the Associated Board of Trade, the Chamber of Commerce, the Boston Merchants' Association, the Clearing House Committee, the Real Estate Exchange, the Central Labor Union and a committee made up of the presidents of the several citizens' or local improvement associations in the various sections of the city. Such commission may by vote, approved by the Mayor, add to its own membership, if it deem such action advisable.

Such Finance Commission shall examine into all matters pertaining to the finances of the city, including debt, taxation and expenditures, shall give public hearings and shall in particular inquire:

1. Whether under the present practice of the city its objects of expenditure are rightly divided between those which may properly be provided for by loan and those which should be met by taxation, and whether its loans are now issued for proper periods.

2. Whether the present distinctions between loans inside and outside the debt limit are based upon sound financial principles.

3. Whether any change should be made in the present system of accumulating sinking-funds and issuing new loans annually.

4. Whether debt, taxation or assessments upon property are now excessive, and, if so, in what manner the same can be reduced.

5. Whether present systems of book-keeping, auditing and administration afford sufficient protection to the city treasury.

6. Whether the cost of any municipal works or services, now paid for from the city treasury, should be raised by special assessment, or whether any changes should be made in existing provisions for the laying and collecting of special assessments.

7. Whether the financial burden imposed upon the city in connection with the expenditures for the construction and maintenance of metropolitan works are excessive or unfair, and, if so, how the same can be reduced or made equitable.

8. Whether any changes should be made in the present distribution of powers relative to appropriations, loans and expenditures.

9. Whether the general taxation laws of the state, and particularly those relating to the taxation of the property of corporations, operate fairly in respect to the interests of Boston, and, if not, what changes should be made in them.

10. Whether appropriations and loans for the several departments of the city are larger than necessary.

11. Whether the limit of municipal indebtedness should be fixed by constitutional amendment, or the present statute, fixing the limit, should be repealed or amended.

Such commission may make partial reports from time to time and shall make its final report to the City Council of 1907.

The members shall serve without pay, and shall be authorized to employ such experts, counsel and other assistants, and to incur such other expenses, as they may deem necessary or proper, not exceeding the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in the aggregate, the same to be charged to the appropriation for "Mayor, Office Expenses," etc. All officers and employees of the city shall furnish to such commission all information or assistance which it may require in the discharge of its duties.

The question came on concurrence in the passage of the order.

Ald. DRAPER submitted the following amendments:

"(12) Whether it is advisable to create new sources of revenue, and, if so, to suggest the sources and for what purpose the proceeds should be applied.

"(13) To inquire into the present general plan of sewer construction and report whether or not it is the one best adapted to the city, and, if not, to investigate and report a comprehensive scheme for future development of the sewer system, with special reference as to the amount of money the city can annually afford to spend for the completion of work already begun."

The question came on the adoption of Ald. Draper's amendments.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, as to the first amendment, as to new sources of revenue, a question which has arisen in the Board before, I realize that the city of Boston has no authority to create new sources of revenue, but a commission such as this, if the measure is passed, can well recommend legislation in that line, and I believe the Legislature would listen to the recommendation. It has been said that the city of Boston's debt is too large, without any suggestion as to a proper remedy. In regard to that, I have seen a communication from Harvey S. Chase, municipal financial expert, who said that too much stress was laid upon the municipal debt and that too much was said about the theory of "Pay as you go," without an explanation of what that theory was; that the real situation in Boston did not arise from the tremendous debt alone, but from the fact that we had gone ahead in expenditures and need for expenditures in the city of Boston without going ahead with our income. It seems to me that this commission can well pass upon the question which has recently arisen, as to whether or not corporations should pay for franchises, as to whether or not those who ask for the use of streets, as in the case of bay windows, should pay for the privilege for which they ask. I can well appreciate the fact that the member of this commission from the Real Estate Exchange could well decide on the question whether real estate owners now asking for use of the city's property in connection with the projection of bay windows, and now giving nothing in return for the privilege, should pay for it. The same question also arises in connection with the use of the city's property under the streets. Such a commission, it seems to me, would be eminently fitted to pass upon such questions. I believe it would not pass upon anything outside of the general matters

outlined, and therefore I suggest that we include these items I have offered. I ask, also, that an investigation be made relative to the sewer proposition, because I believe that is understood very, very little by the citizens of Boston. We have had people investigating the subject, but since starting the investigation they have given absolutely no report upon it. They have been at work this four, five or six months, as experts. I can obtain no information from them. The only information I have had is as to the proceedings in connection with the large sewer loan, in which case absolutely incorrect information was given by the association in regard to the matter in public. In private I asked for a correction; in private I was promised it. In public it was refused, and it has not been given since. In my humble opinion, we cannot look to an association which is willing to play politics to that extent for any reliable, unbiased information. To a commission such as is suggested here we can look with some degree of assurance that we will get unbiased information. As to the advisability of passing the order, I do not feel so confident. I know there is much diversity of opinion. It has been said by President Eliot recently, however, that the ideal administration of the city of Boston would be by a commission of seven unpaid members, who would have sufficient business sagacity to employ experts for the administration of the departments. Everybody admits that that is an ideal condition. Whether or not it is practical, we cannot say. In that line we have suggested here by the Mayor a commission of seven unpaid men. They are not chosen by His Honor the Mayor, but leading representatives of our leading trade organizations in the city of Boston are recommended by him as proper members of such a commission. Of course, he cannot possibly revise any recommendations they may make. So far we are following out the very idea suggested by President Eliot. This commission, of course, will employ experts, and its findings will be backed up by the opinions of the experts. So far that same idea is carried out. The only difference is this, that this is a commission which is to furnish suggestions, and President Eliot's commission was to be the actual government. Now, this administration will be in duty bound to carry out these suggestions. Many of them will probably be given to the Legislature if this matter goes through. If it is intended to have, not an examination but an investigation, to search for graft or corruption, then, of course, I believe the proper method to adopt is to act by virtue of the statutes. They provide absolutely a sufficient remedy. If it is intended to play politics, and not transact business, then I believe the proper method is to go to the Legislature and have a Republican Governor appoint the commission. I know that some of my own associates, men in my own party, do not believe in calling a thing "politics." I do believe that, if you are going to play politics, that is the way to play it. But the Republican Governor, a man of sound business judgment, a shrewd, able man, of course, would be advised by these very organizations. Don't you suppose that the first persons called in for consultation would be the president of the Real Estate Exchange and the leaders of these other trade organizations, the leading expert business men, who really have the interests of the city of Boston at heart? A criticism has been made to the effect that you must not do this because the chief executive of this city has so much influence and control over these organizations that only those men will be

proposed for membership upon this commission who are in his favor. If that is true in the first case, it would also work in the second case, and we might as well assume—which is an absurd proposition—that when the Governor appointed his commission the same trade organization would be worked upon the other way. It is an absurd proposition. I know that the newspapers often disagree. One paper says, "Advocate it"; another is suspicious of it, because it comes from a certain source, and says, "Beware!" taking the ground that the proper method to pursue is through the Legislature; another says that this is the only proper thing to do. I think it is a matter that needs very careful consideration, and I do not pretend to pass upon it absolutely at this time. But it seems to me that there is no possible chance for anything but benefit to the members of this Board or to those who have to do with the administration of the city in following out the suggestions outlined here, in seeing that this commission is appointed and that suggestions are made to the Legislature wherever necessary. I am speaking more especially of the two amendments I propose—one in regard to providing new sources of revenue, if necessary, and the other in regard to providing information upon the sewer proposition.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, in view of the importance of the order in question, together with the amendments submitted by Ald. Draper, and in view of the fact that I am desirous of securing information that I have not received up to the present time, I most respectfully ask that further consideration, not only of the main question, but also of the amendments, go over for two weeks, until Monday, Jan. 28.

The question came on Ald. Whelton's motion to assign for two weeks.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I believe the strongest argument that could be advanced against the assignment of the Mayor's message with the amendments as offered by Ald. Draper, has not only been furnished at this meeting, but has been furnished and has been in evidence at every meeting of the Board held during the last two months. Perhaps the best educated member of this Board has asked more often for further time for considering even minor propositions than has any other member of the Board. Mr. Chairman, I do not know how it applies in the case of other members of the Board, but I do know how it applies in my own particular case. The greatest possible amount of time that I can give to the consideration of what may properly be considered the real business of the city,—that is, that which may tend to the city's welfare—is less than two hours a day, and I believe that is as much as, if not more than, is given by the average member of the Board. There has been no financial proposition considered by this Board during the past two months in connection with which we have not been confronted with this situation, that some member, usually the best educated member, has arisen and asked that the matter be assigned, that he might have an opportunity to consider it. If the average member of the Board, who does not have time to devote to the study of what is best for the city perhaps more than an hour a day, or two hours at the most, is prepared to act upon this matter, I can conceive of no good reason why we should assign it for two weeks. If the investigation is to be of any value to the city—and I believe it will be of great value—I believe we should act at once. There are various propositions that I have in mind which perhaps might be

of benefit to the city, some of which I have talked over with His Honor the Mayor and with other city officials who are interested. Perhaps the value of their opinions is not great, but they are of some value, and I believe the opinions of such men as it is proposed that this Board shall consist of, and their suggestions, would be of great value, of tremendous importance, to the city of Boston. The city spends today in excess of \$40,000 a year for rentals for outside offices, and I believe that this commission could suggest or recommend that those same offices, particularly those of the Street Department, be located in the various yards, on land now owned by the city. The total cost of construction of a building sufficient to house all branches of the Street Department would not be in excess of \$40,000, and would net a saving to the city annually of \$20,000 to \$30,000 in rentals that are now paid in the Tremont Building, at Pemberton Sq., and elsewhere by the city of Boston. That is only one item, Mr. Chairman. And another item was referred to last year—the excess charge made by the Edison Company for supplying the city with its street lights over that which is charged the city of Somerville, an adjoining city, of nearly \$29 per light. That is, that amount per light less is charged Somerville than is charged the city of Boston. Such a commission might make a recommendation whereby the city of Boston would save considerable on that item. There are various other matters of great moment to the citizens of Boston that it is possible for this commission to investigate and report upon. I believe the amendments offered by the Alderman from Wd. 21 (Ald. Draper) are excellent ones. That in relation to the Sewer Department making a complete plan of its proposed work and of the work already done is a matter that was under consideration by this Board for nearly six months last year. We do not require any additional time on that. The matter of developing new sources of revenue is one that should ever be before the members of this Board; and if the members of the Board up to the present time have failed to discover possible new sources of revenue, then the desire should rather be to hasten this matter than to delay it. I can conceive of no reason other than a desire to play politics that would prompt any man to favor further assignment of this order. Now, then, gentlemen, what is to be gained by the appointment of a commission of this character—a commission of men who have money invested in business enterprises in Boston, a commission composed of men whose desire, aside from their love of the city would prompt them to recommend and to do that which is for the best interests of the city of Boston? Some real benefit can be obtained for the city through the work of a commission of this character. If the desire is to delay matters, so that the Legislature may appoint a committee of a partisan character whose sole purpose will be to discover wrong-doing, a commission whose knowledge of the true condition of affairs will be extremely limited—if any of the members desire to be party to a policy of that character, which is not for the best interests of the city, but is for the best interests of some political party in the city, then I say assignment would be all right; but if the members of this Board are sincere in their desire to benefit the city, then I can conceive of no reason why they should favor delay or assignment.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, it is not my purpose in any sense of the word or in any way to put an obstacle in the way of bringing about what His Honor the Mayor wants. It is

quite true that we have had this matter on the calendar, that we did consider it last year. But it is a matter of considerable importance, and Ald. Draper has put in amendments. A few of the academic gentlemen of Boston and vicinity, if I may use that expression, may look through their own glasses and determine to their own satisfaction just what the city of Boston needs. For President Eliot I have the greatest respect in the world; but he is not in Boston, and he does not know when snow is going to come or when a street has to be paved. He can very well go before the Economic Club or the Twentieth Century Club and spread his views. As I say, it is not my purpose to attempt to harass the Mayor in any way in this matter. I simply believe that full consideration should be given to the matter. Ald. Draper has presented two amendments. I think, in justice not only to the members of the Board, but to the citizens in general, that we should have an opportunity to investigate this matter. If the members of the Board, without such investigation, determine to their own satisfaction that it is desirable to act upon the matter, very well. If they feel that it should be passed today, I am quite agreeable. But I am fully of the opinion that the members of the Board have a right to determine to their own satisfaction whether the amendments to the original order are desirable. I trust that assignment will prevail.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I believe the matter should be assigned for two reasons. One is that the business itself is probably the most important on today's calendar, and the second is that a member of this board has made the request for assignment. We have inaugurated the custom of being courteous and granting an assignment whenever it is requested. I believe, however, that the proposed assignment is somewhat long, and I would move, as an amendment that the matter be assigned for one week to the next meeting of the Board.

The CHAIRMAN—The question comes on Ald. Whelton's motion, that motion providing for the longer time.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I simply desire to state that, if it is impossible to have the matter acted upon today, I shall favor assignment for one week. Personally, I believe the best interests of the city demand that the matter be acted on today. The time for the introduction of new business into the Legislature, I understand, expires on the 19th of this month. New business cannot be introduced after the 19th of January except under a suspension of what is known as the 12th joint rule, which it is sometimes difficult to get. Mr. Chairman, there are some things that this commission could recommend to the Legislature. Personally, I believe that the recommendation of a commission of this character would do much towards the repeal of the present police listing act, an act which is unwarranted, an act which is unnecessary, an act which has proved of no value since its establishment, and an act that costs the city of Boston annually about \$60,000. Since its passage it has cost the city in the vicinity of \$300,000, and has resulted in but one conviction for violation of election laws. Mr. Chairman, I have as much regard for the purity of the ballot as any man, but I don't think that the police listing act has been of any benefit to the city of Boston, and I do know that it has been the cause of the expenditure of more than \$300,000 by the city since its passage. I believe this commission might wisely and well

recommend a change in the present system of election, whereby a saving could be effected to the city of Boston of more than \$125,000 annually, by having the municipal and state primaries on one day and the municipal and state election on one day, dispensing with one primary and one election each year. I believe that, through the improvements that have been made in the telephone service in the last ten years, it is unnecessary to have down-town offices for the various branches of the Street Department. That may have been all right 15 or 20 years ago, when the only means of communication was by word of mouth or by written communication passing through the regular channels, being delivered either by mail or by some individual. But with the improvements that have been made in telephone service I see no necessity now for the maintenance of down town offices in office buildings such as the Tremont building, the building in Pemberton Square and other office buildings now leased and hired by the city of Boston, where the rents are tremendously high, when those offices could be located in the various yards I have referred to and be as easy of access by use of the telephone as they are at the present time. These are only some of the things that suggest themselves to me at this time. But if this commission is going to act in good faith and the real purpose is to benefit the city, it should get to work at once. It is practically an impossibility to have a suspension of the 12th joint rule on matters as important as are these after the time has expired for new business. If there is any real desire to benefit the city, I believe advantage should be taken of this order at this time.

Ald. Whelton's motion, to assign the order and Ald. Draper's proposed amendments to Jan. 23, was declared carried. Ald. CURLEY doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The motion to assign the order and the proposed amendments to the meeting of Jan. 23 was carried, yeas 7, nays 6:

Yeas—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper, Whelton—7.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—6.

6. Ordered, That the rules and orders of the last City Council, except Rule 20, be adopted as the rules and orders of the present City Council, until otherwise ordered, and that eight members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to draft a set of rules for the governing of the present City Council.

7. Ordered, That the several joint standing and special committees, when appointed, be authorized to resume the unfinished business referred to this city government by the last City Council.

8. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to furnish for publication a copy of the address delivered by him before the City Council this day.

9. Ordered, that a joint special committee, to consist of eight members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to consider and report what disposition should be made of the topics of the address delivered by His Honor the Mayor at the inauguration of this City Council.

10. Ordered, That the Municipal Register be printed by the Superintendent of Printing under the direction of the joint committee on rules and orders, when appointed, and that said committee also prepare a pocket edition of

the rules and orders and a list of the members and committees; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for printing.

11. Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized to invest and reinvest, with the approval of the Board of Managers of the Franklin Fund, in city of Boston bonds, at par or in other securities, such funds as he may from time to time hold for the benefit of the proposed Franklin Union, or of which the managers of the Franklin Fund may have control.

12. Ordered, That the joint committee on Rules and Orders of the City Council be requested to include in the Pocket Manual of 1897 a corrected list of numbers and locations of the fire-alarm boxes as recently issued by the Fire Commissioner.

Severally passed in concurrence.

13. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the Great and General Court for authority to borrow \$600,000 outside of the debt limit for the widening of Chelsea St., Charlestown, to Bainbridge St., in accordance with the plans now in possession of the Board of Street Commissioners.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Ald. WHELTON.

14. Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the Boston Elevated Railway Company to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on 272 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24, in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for a car house; main building occupied for the same purpose.

The question came on passing the order in concurrence.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I move that it be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, when appointed.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I believe this matter was acted upon by the Building Committee last year and was reported by them, and I can see no reason why it should be referred to a committee at this time.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, it may be quite true that members of the Building Committee, so-called, have acted upon it in the past. I know nothing about it. Perhaps that is my fault because I have not investigated the case. I would like an opportunity to look into it. I don't know why the Boston Elevated road or anybody else should be given opportunities that poor people do not enjoy, and I don't think this order will suffer much by a week's delay, which will give us an opportunity to look into it intelligently. I sincerely hope and trust that the matter will be either assigned or referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, when appointed.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to say that if my memory serves me right when this matter was considered by the Committee on Building Department last year, the statement was made that this additional space was required as a car barn, and if a brick wall was to be constructed in the centre of the car barn, as the ordinances require, it would put the company to a good deal of disadvantage. As no one appeared in opposition to it, the committee reported favorably on it last year, but it failed to pass in the Council. I see no serious objection to passing it, Mr. Chairman.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I would like to say that it really makes no difference to me whether you refer this to the Committee on Public Improve-

ments or assign it for a week or two weeks. I happen, however, to know the facts in the case. They merely want to enlarge their car barn, and there is no reason why it should not be granted. But if anyone wants delay, I am willing.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I desire to state, in view of what I have heard the members say, that I am quite satisfied that the matter should be passed upon today. I therefore withdraw my motion.

The order was passed in concurrence.

15. Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to David Whiting & Sons to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on Rutherford Ave., Wd. 4, in excess of the size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall, as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied for storage purposes; main building occupied for the same purpose.

The question came on the passage of the order in concurrence.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I will explain this by saying that the matter was considered by the Committee on Building Department last year. They visited the proposed location and saw what was proposed by David Whiting & Sons, milk dealers. They require additional space for storage purposes, for cans. The matter was passed upon by the Board of Aldermen, but was recommended to the committee in the Common Council. If there is no serious objection, I trust that the order will be passed today.

The order was passed in concurrence.

16. Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of ten members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of Evacuation Day.

17. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the heads of departments to grant leave of absence, without loss of pay and in part compensation for their services to the city of Boston, to all city employees who are delegates to the state convention, United Spanish War Veterans, to be held in Boston on Feb. 21, 22, 23, 1907.

18. Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of three members of the Common Council with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of Patriots' Day.

19. Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of eight members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to consider the applications for money for memorial purposes, under the provisions of Chapter 25 of the Revised Laws, and to make an appropriation for said purpose.

Severally passed in concurrence.

20. Ordered, That nine members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the anniversary of the settlement of Dorchester.

The question came on the passage of the order in concurrence.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I do not wish to deprive my Dorchester friends of any enjoyment nor do I wish to pose as a watchdog of the treasury. But here, it seems to me, is an order for the appropriation of money which no sane business man would ever advocate. Yet, it is allowed to go through here without the slightest objection. It means an expenditure of \$5000 or \$10,000, of which, so far as I am aware, the sole purpose is the creation of candidates for

public office in that section of the city. The Aldermen and Councilmen are allowed to parade through Dorchester in their tall hats and their frock coats, and it costs the city anywhere from \$5000 to \$10,000. I can find no other reason for it. I think, before the order is passed, that at least some Dorchester man, some member of this Board, should tell the Board why the city should expend money for such a purpose.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman the Alderman who has just taken his seat has referred to the Dorchester politicians who wear frock coats and tall hats. That does not apply to me, because I never wore a tall hat in my life. The Alderman has also said that no sane business man would ever advocate such an expenditure of money for this celebration in Dorchester. Perhaps no sane business man would, but it was His Honor the Mayor, who insisted that a larger appropriation be expended for the purpose last year than the year before. I think the Alderman forgets the fact that His Honor the Mayor lives in Dorchester and takes a great interest in the Dorchester celebration. I think he was one of the most joyful spirits cut there. His house was decorated most elaborately and I am sure his friends who live in that section of the city were taken care of. I would also tell the gentleman from Roxbury that this was one of the pet orders of his great co-patriarchal friend, Ald. Hennessey, who, with others, has assured us that the citizens of Dorchester desire to perpetuate that event. I wish to say that no one would desire more strongly to get out of the trials and tribulations of Dorchester Day than I would; but I have to help my constituents to have their good time, the same as others have their good times in other sections of the city on holidays. I see no reason why the members from Dorchester should not be entitled to the same consideration that is shown members from other sections of the city; and I know of no reason why we should not allow His Honor the Mayor to decorate and to entertain his friends, on the 10th of June, the same as he did last year. I trust that the order will pass.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the fact that the Aldermen from Dorchester should have a right to celebrate and that the Mayor of Boston should be given an opportunity to decorate his house and furnish some entertainment and amusement. I also appreciate the force of the reason advanced by the Alderman in favor of the passage of the order, that it was introduced by ex-Alderman Hennessey. I neglected to say that there was one benefit that I personally got from the order last year. I had a chance to appoint a part of the committee. I obtained the everlasting friendship of the Republican member whom I appointed as chairman and the everlasting enmity of the Democratic member whom I did not appoint as chairman. Of course, those are things that do not interest the citizens of Boston, and I simply mention them incidentally. As a matter of ordinary common sense, I ask you people who are so careful about protecting the treasury of the city of Boston whether you will advocate a Roxbury Day, a West Roxbury Day, a Brighton Day, an Allston Day, and numerous other days, for which there is exactly as much reason? There is as much reason for a Roxbury Day as for a Dorchester Day. Now, will you Aldermen from Dorchester advocate an order for a Roxbury Day, celebrating the day when Roxbury was founded? Roxbury goes nearly as far back as Dorchester. Roxbury was a city, and Dorchester never was.

Roxbury was much larger than Dorchester ever thought of being.

Ald. BELL—I don't care.

Ald. DRAPER—I ask you in all fairness if you think this is a proper thing for the city government to do, to expend \$5000 or \$10,000 for this purpose? If so, will you vote for a Roxbury Day?

Ald. BELL—Sure.

The order was declared passed in concurrence. Ald. DRAPER doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The order was passed in concurrence: Yeas 12, nays 1. Ald. DRAPER voting nay.

21. Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of nine members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the Seventeenth of June.

22. Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of one member of the Common Council from each ward, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the Fourth of July.

23. Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of eight members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of Labor day.

24. Ordered, That the office expenses of the Clerk of the Common Council for printing, stationery and binding, be charged to the general appropriation for printing.

25. Ordered, That the expense incurred in the printing of city documents, ordered by either branch of the City Council, in accordance with the joint rules, be charged to the general appropriation for printing.

Severally passed in concurrence.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Chairman, there being no objection, called up unfinished business, Nos. 26, 27, 28, viz.:

Action on appointments by the Mayor, viz.:

26. William L. Simmons, to be a Constable.

27. Alfred R. Leavitt, to be a Weigher of Boilers and Heavy Machinery.

28. William M. Dunn, to be an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw.

All for the term ending April 30, 1907.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Leary and Bell. Whole number of ballots cast 13, yes 13, and the several appointments were confirmed.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

On motion of Ald. BELL the Board voted that the Board might sit as a Committee on Public Improvements, with the senior member (Ald. Berwin) as chairman.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of 345 Sumner St., East Boston; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of 395 Market St., Wd. 25, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That

the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of 42 Vineland St., Wd. 25; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Orders severally passed.

LIGHTING OF NAY ST.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to pave Meridian St., East Boston, from the entrance of the tunnel to Central Sq., inclusive, with block pavement.

Passed.

BALLOTS FOR CHAIRMAN.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to cause Nay St., East Boston, to be properly lighted; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

PAVING OF MERIDIAN ST.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY, the Board voted to proceed to ballot for election of a Chairman, under Chapter 26, Section 7, of the Revised Laws.

The Clerk called the roll, and the members voted, with the following result:

For John E. Baldwin—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—6.

For Francis R. Bangs—Ald. Berwin—1.
For Tilton S. Bell—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Clark—3.

For William Berwin—Ald. Battis—1.
For Louis M. Clark—Ald. Draper—1.
For Frederick A. Finigan—Ald. Whelton—1.

The Chair announced that there was no choice.

On motion of Ald. LEARY, the Board proceeded to another ballot with the following result:

For John E. Baldwin—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—6.

For Tilton S. Bell—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Clark—3.

For George H. Battis—Ald. Berwin—1.
For William Berwin—Ald. Battis, Draper—2.

For Frederick A. Finigan—Ald. Whelton—1.

The Chair announced that there was no choice.

On motion of Ald. WOODS, the Board proceeded to another ballot for Chairman, with the following results:

For John E. Baldwin—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—6.

For Francis R. Bangs—Ald. Draper—1.
For Tilton S. Bell—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Berwin, Clark—4.

For Charles M. Draper—Ald. Battis—1.
For Frederick A. Finigan—Ald. Whelton—1.

The Chair announced that there was no choice.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY, the Board voted to proceed to another ballot for Chairman, with the following result:

For John E. Baldwin—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—6.

For William Berwin—Ald. Battis—1.
For Tilton S. Bell—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Clark—3.

For George H. Battis—Ald. Draper—1.
For Louis M. Clark—Ald. Berwin—1.
For Frederick A. Finigan—Ald. Whelton—1.

The Chair announced again that there was no choice.

INFORMATION ASKED CONCERNING CONSUMPTIVES.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Consumptives' Hospital Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to furnish this Board with the following information:

1. The number of applications or cases brought to their attention of persons seeking treatment for tuberculosis.

2. The number of such cases placed in institutions and a list of the institutions.

3. The number of cases refused treatment and the number now receiving treatment through their department.

4. The number of beds available at the expense of the city in private hospitals.

Passed.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Penal Institutions Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform this board as to the number of persons now receiving treatment for tuberculosis at Long Island, and the number of persons seeking admission to the hospital during the past month, and the number admitted and the number refused admission.

Passed.

CAR SERVICE, EAST BOSTON.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to ask the officials of the Boston Elevated Railway Company to place in service all night tunnel cars to East Boston; also to cause a tunnel car to run to the first section, East Boston, so that passengers to that part of East Boston will not have to transfer at the mouth of the tunnel.

Passed.

INFORMATION ASKED FROM FIRE COMMISSIONER.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to send to the Board of Aldermen estimates of the yearly cost of the following:

1st. Cost of increase of \$200 each per annum for captains and lieutenants.

2d. Cost of reserve men at \$2.50 per day until appointed permanent.

3d. Cost of permanent firemen at \$1200 per annum for first five years of service.

4th. Cost of permanent firemen at \$1300 per annum after having served five years.

5th. Cost of permanent firemen at \$1400 per annum after having served ten years.

Passed.

STREET CLEANING DEPARTMENT, BRIGHTON.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Street Cleaning and Watering Department be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to submit to this Board an estimate of the cost of maintaining a branch of the Street Cleaning Department in Wd. 25 for service in said section.

Passed.

ESTIMATE OF LABORERS' SALARY INCREASE.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the various heads of departments having laborers in their employ to submit to this Board an estimate of the cost of raising the salaries of all laborers receiving \$2 per day to \$2.25 per day.

Passed.

INFORMATION ASKED FROM POLICE COMMISSIONER.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Police Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to send to the Board of Aldermen estimates of the yearly cost of the following:

1st. Cost of increase of \$200 each per annum for sergeants and lieutenants.

2nd. Cost of reserve men at \$2.50 per day until appointed permanent.

3rd. Cost of permanent patrolmen at \$1200 per annum for first five years of service.

4th. Cost of permanent patrolmen at \$1300 per annum after having served five years.

5th. Cost of permanent patrolmen at \$1400 per annum after having served 10 years.

Passed.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Police Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to send to the Board of Aldermen an estimate of the yearly cost of one day off in seven for members of the Police Department.

Passed.

COMMITTEE ON SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That a special committee, to consist of three members of this Board, be appointed to determine the amounts of aid to be allowed to soldiers and sailors and their families and other persons, under the provisions of Chapter 79 of the Revised Laws and any acts in addition thereto or amendment thereof; the amounts so paid to be charged to the appropriation for Soldiers' Relief.

Passed.

COASTING ON JULIAN ST.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That coasting be permitted, under such restrictions as may be imposed by the Police Commissioner, on Julian St. from Howard Ave., Wd. 16.

Passed.

LAYING OUT OF HYDE ST.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public way Hyde St., Wd. 16, from Dorchester Ave., to Columbia Rd.

Passed. Sent down.

RESUMPTION OF COMMITTEE BUSINESS.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That the several standing committees of this Board, when appointed, be authorized to resume the unfinished business referred to this Board by the last Board of Aldermen.

Passed.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

The CHAIR—The Chair will announce the standing committees of the Board and will inform the Board that the first member on each committee, as indicated by the Chair, is chairman of the committee.

The committees were read by the Chair as follows:

Rules and Orders—Draper, Curley, Bangs, Baldwin, Whelton.

Badges—Battis, Baldwin.

Armories—Bangs, Bell, Flanagan, Leary, Woods.

County Accounts—Whelton, Clark, Bangs, Baldwin, Finigan.

Electric Wires—Curley, Baldwin, Whelton, Battis, Draper.

Faneuil Hall—Clark, Battis, Woods, Leary, Flanagan.

Lamps—Bell, Battis, Leary, Woods, Clark.

Licenses—Flanagan, Draper, Bell, Leary, Woods.

Markets—Baldwin, Battis, Bangs, Bell, Whelton.

Railroads—Draper, Bangs, Curley, Bell, Finigan.

Adjourned at 4.49 o'clock P. M., on motion of Ald. DRAPER, to meet on Monday, Jan. 21, at 3 o'clock P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, Jan. 17, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Common Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 o'clock P. M., President BARRETT in the chair.

LEGALITY OF EXPENDITURE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Law Department, Jan. 14, 1907.

To the Common Council, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:—I am ordered by your honorable body to furnish it at its next meeting with an opinion as to the legal status of the \$200,000 obtained by the city from the sale of a portion of Deer Island and as to how the same may be legally expended or appropriated.

By agreement with the United States government, it was provided as a condition of this purchase and the payment that the city of Boston should build a stone and concrete wall of certain given dimensions and according to a certain plan, on the boundary between its House of Correction grounds and the land sold to the United States government. It was also provided that the piggery existing upon the land sold to the United States should be taken down and removed to the remaining land of the city of Boston, and that some other similar things should be done.

The \$200,000 received is pledged to the performance of this work, which it is estimated will cost something like \$60,000 to \$70,000. The balance is income of the city. Under the appropriation order for the financial year 1906-1907, income not disposed of until Feb. 1 is to be used by the Auditor, with the approval of the Mayor, for the purpose of closing accounts for the financial year. The balance, if any, is unappropriated income of the city, and can be appropriated for any purpose authorized by law, the same as any other income of the city.

Yours truly,

Thomas M. Babson,
Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

REMONSTRANCE AGAINST NOISE.

A remonstrance was received, signed by John J. Mahoney and others, against noise emanating from laundry at 33 South Eden St., Charlestown.
Sent up.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Mayor's message transmitting a certificate signed by the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds, the City Treasurer and the City Auditor giving their estimate (\$3,002,957.17), made in accordance with the statute, of the amount which the city will be able to borrow during the present municipal year, within the debt limit.
Placed on file.

2. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public way Hyde St., Wd. 16, from Dorchester Ave., to Columbia Rd.
Passed in concurrence.

APPARATUS FOR M ST. PLAY-
GROUNDS.

The Council proceeded to consider No. 3, unfinished business, viz.:

3. Ordered, That the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4500) be appropriated to be expended by the Board of Park Commissioners for gymnastic apparatus and lockers for the M St. playground; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I don't know that I am opposed to this order, but I would like some information in regard to it. I would like to ask if the drawings have been made, and if any estimates have been submitted?

Mr. TROY of Wd 14—Yes, Mr. President, the estimates were made by the Board of Park Commissioners last year for fixing the whole playground, and the estimated cost is only \$4500.

The order was passed in concurrence, yeas 53, nays 6:

Yeas—Bagley, Barrett, Carruth, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Ducey, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hackett, Hanrahan, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGregor, McLennan, Mealey, Morgan, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (5), Pendergast, Peshorn, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Santosuosso, Sorenson, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Woodside, Zetterman—53.

Nays—Anderson, Bramhall, Buckley, Harding, Pierce, Wharton—6.

Absent or not voting—Brown, Driscoll, George, Green, Madden, McGivern, Montague, Noyes, O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Purcell, Roberts, Sacks, Sheenan, Spellman, Willcutt—16.

Mr. TROY moved to reconsider; lost.

IMPROVEMENTS, DEER ISLAND.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 4, unfinished business, viz.:

4. Ordered, That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Penal Institutions Commissioner for "Wall between land of United States Government and the city of Boston, and for removal of piggery."

The question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I would like to hear a little explanation of that order. I would like to hear the Councilman who presented the order (Mr. Rachkowsky) give a little detailed information. I understand that the bids do not exceed \$50,000, while this order calls for a transfer of \$60,000. I would like to know where that extra \$10,000 comes in.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, as I understand it, estimates have been submitted by various contractors, and I think none of them exceed \$50,000. There is no need of throwing \$10,000 away, and I hope the gentleman will either amend the order, making it \$50,000, or assign it for one week, until we can look into the matter. May I ask the gentleman to take that action?

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15—Lay it over for one week.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, are the estimates in the possession of the clerk? (There was a negative response.) Is there any way of getting at those estimates?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair knows of none, unless the gentleman communicates with the Mayor's office. The Corporation Counsel stated in his communication sent in this evening that in his opinion it would take from \$60,000 to \$70,000 to make the improvements required by the United States government.

Mr. PIERCE—But, Mr. President, with all due respect to the Corporation Counsel, I do not understand that he is an expert on this subject. He is an expert on the legal phases of the subject, but not on this work. It seems to me that it is very poor business to proceed without that information. It does not seem very sensible for us to vote for this order when we don't know exactly what the estimates are. I am quite sure that every one of them was left at \$50,000. At least five contractors, I think, submitted bids. I believe we ought to have that information before we act on the matter. I think that is a very reasonable request, and I move, Mr. President, that the matter be assigned for one week.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15.—Mr. President, this contract has been entered into between the city of Boston and the United States government to build a concrete wall dividing the land of the United States government from that of the city, and also to transfer the piggery over the line. As I understand it, the United States government was originally to hold back \$50,000 until such time as the city of Boston built this wall; and I must certainly admire the Mayor of Boston for getting this money from the United States government, because, as I say, the government was supposed to build the wall and to keep the money back from the city until the work had been completed. Through the cleverness of our Mayor, he has got the handling of the money to build the wall. Now, if it appears that \$50,000 or less will build this wall, I cannot see why we should pass a transfer or appropriation order for \$60,000. The United States government was to hold only \$50,000 back, it probably being understood that the wall could be built for less. If it was thought that the expenditure for the wall would be \$60,000, the United States government would have proposed to hold \$75,000 back. It shows clearly that there is something behind this order, that I would like to see explained. I agree with the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Pierce) that there should be an assignment of this order for one week to get further information.

(The CLERK at this point again read the Corporation Counsel's opinion.)

The question came on Mr. Pierce's motion to assign to the next meeting.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, the lowest bid, if my memory serves me right, was \$42,000. On the basis of an appropriation of \$50,000, that would leave \$8,000 with which to take down the piggeries and put them in another place—probably six or seven times as much as is necessary for that purpose. The question comes, what is to become of the \$10,000 which apparently is not needed? I may be wrong; I simply want to vote intelligently. It may be that next week, when we have the figures, it will be apparent that the \$60,000 is necessary; but I think, as a matter of courtesy, if for no other reason, that the matter ought to be assigned for one week.

Mr. SANTOSUOSSO of Wd. 6.—Mr. President and gentlemen of the Council, I trust that this order will not be put over to the next meeting, because I believe that the members of the Council have had ample time to investigate this matter. Of course, I readily realize that the gentleman in the first division, Mr. Pierce of Wd. 11, is

somewhat of a watch dog of our treasury, that he has his eyes open all the time when any financial proposition arises, and that he possibly intends to do what is best for the city of Boston. But it appears rather strange that, in regard to all financial matters in which he is not personally interested, he seems opposed to the passage of the orders. He knows, as well as I or any other member of the body, that this matter came up at the last meeting. Had he been so interested that he wanted to know exactly what amount ought to be expended for the building of this wall at Deer Island, he has had a whole week's time in which to investigate the matter. It has been common talk that it would cost from \$50,000 to \$75,000 to build this wall. We will admit, for the sake of argument, that it will not cost the exact amount, the \$60,000. If not, certainly the money will be accounted for in some way. It is not going to be stolen or hidden by any man. Therefore, I hope that Mr. Pierce's motion to assign to the next meeting will not prevail.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15.—Mr. President, I suppose this contract must be a public document, must be in the hands of the Mayor, and if the matter is not acted upon this evening we can easily get at the contract through the Mayor. It must be a public document and in his possession. We can look over the contract, and can act later on.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2.—Mr. President, I am very glad to see any member of this body take an active interest in behalf of the financial welfare of our city. I am glad to note that there are many members of the present body who are evidently actively interested in the city's financial condition and in the disposition of its finances. We have here before us this evening, Mr. President and members of the Council, an opinion from the eminent Corporation Counsel, a gentleman who has sent in his resignation to His Honor the Mayor, and who is considered to be of such great consequence that our distinguished Mayor refuses to accept his resignation. A week ago we asked him for an opinion, and he makes reply tonight. The reply is of about as little use to us in deciding what we can do with this fund legally as anything that I could think of, Mr. President. The opinion is that of one who has no opinion. The opinion, Mr. President and members of the Council, is not worth the paper that it is written upon. We all know, or should know, Mr. President, that money coming to the city of Boston in this form belongs in the public treasury, and that it cannot be taken from the public treasury except for the purpose of paying off a public debt. Now, the city of Boston has entered into a contract with the United States government. We have sold a portion of Deer Island to the United States government for fortification purposes. We sent to Washington a delegation headed by His Honor the Mayor and a real estate expert who is a very close friend of His Honor the Mayor. I do not know what our friend, the real estate expert, has received for his services, but we all know that he did not go down to Washington for his health. He undoubtedly has received or will receive a very good bonus for the sale of a portion of Deer Island. Now, that money, Mr. President, belongs in the public treasury, and, belonging in the public treasury, it cannot be taken out of there except by legal means. The opinion of the Corporation Counsel clearly states that we have entered into a contract, and that contract must be complied with; but he does not show us how, in his opinion, we can expend the balance of the \$200,-

000. Now, on our calendar here this evening, Mr. President, we have orders calling for \$228,000, to be taken from that \$200,000. Now, I am not much of a mathematician, but it is certainly by me how you can subtract \$228,000 from \$200,000. I also know, Mr. President and members of the Council, that there are many other orders here tonight in the possession of members of the Common Council, calling for transfers from that same fund; and those orders will certainly eventually eat up the whole of it. Many of us know that there is a certain member of the Council who has an order in his pocket transferring \$30,000 of this money to build a bath house for the North end. The North end needs a bath house, and so does the West end, and we are willing to give them one. But the North end and the West end is one contiguous territory, and there should be a bath house built somewhere between them. We have now a strip of land belonging to the city on Canal St., between the North and West ends. I say that it is no more than fair to give the West end and the North end an all-the-year-round bath house; but let us give them one bath house for both sections. If built on that land on Canal St., it would answer for both sections. We cannot afford to give a bath house to the West end, and another one to the North end, and another to each of the other wards in the city of Boston. If we did that, the tax rate would go up, and we would be a bankrupt city eventually. But we are willing to be fair. We know that His Honor the Mayor wants to build a bath house in the North end and to have his name placed over the door, so that it will be a lasting monument to his memory.

Mr. SANTOSUOSSO of Wd. 6—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. SANTOSUOSSO—Mr. President, I understand that the question before the house is as to whether this matter shall be assigned to the next meeting, and Mr. Doherty is talking about something pertaining to a bath house.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the point of order is well taken, and will require the gentleman from Wd. 2 to confine himself to the question.

Mr. DOHERTY—Getting back to the question, Mr. President, we want this matter laid over until the next meeting. The question is on assignment, and upon assignment the main question is always debatable. Now, Mr. President, as I said in the beginning, I am glad to see members of this body ready to stand up here and ask how this money is going to be expended. They want to be shown. We are not all Missourians, but we are gradually taking advantage of that idea—and it is a good idea, and works for the benefit of the city, Mr. President.

Mr. DRISCOLL of Wd. 9—Mr. President, I rise to a point of information.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that he cannot entertain a point of information at this time.

Mr. DOHERTY—In closing, Mr. President, I want to say that I am in favor of assignment. I do not think that we can expend this money in the manner contemplated here this evening. I am opposed to this \$60,000 being expended for the building of a wall. The city of Boston has entered into a contract, and the Mayor of Boston, in fulfillment of that contract, does not have to come to the city government in order to comply with the requirements of the contract. The Mayor of Boston is in duty bound to fulfil that contract with the United States government, and he can

build that wall and take the money from the public treasury, out of the money received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island. There is no need of our appropriating this money, in my opinion; and I say that the money cannot be expended in the manner in which it is contemplated here this evening. It is in the public treasury, and it cannot be taken out except to pay a public debt.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—It does not seem to me, Mr. President, that any reasonable argument has been offered here tonight why this order should be assigned. The city of Boston is in duty bound to comply with certain provisions of the contract which it has entered into with the United States government, and in order to expedite matters the Mayor asks for a transfer of a portion of the sum received for the sale of land on Deer Island. He asks for a transfer of \$60,000 for that purpose. The Corporation Counsel, using other sources of information, apparently, and depending neither upon the Penal Institutions Commissioner nor His Honor the Mayor, suggests and recommends that this money be passed. Now an argument has been raised as to what this wall is going to cost. It can truthfully be said that the estimate has been anywhere from \$50,000 to \$75,000. Why quibble about the matter here tonight? The work must be done, and the money must eventually be paid from the amount of money which was received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I should like to ask the gentleman who has just sat down, and also the gentleman from Wd. 6 (Mr. Santosuosso) if they think we can come to an intelligent decision without knowing what those bids were?

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, the gentleman from Wd. 11 knows, from his experience in this body, that never before during the past three years have bids been asked for doing a piece of work in advance of an appropriation being made in either branch of the City Council. An estimate evidently was given. The gentleman asked if the estimate was in the hands of the Clerk. The Clerk said it was not. There is no question in my mind but what this is the amount the work will cost. If it were not, the Corporation Counsel would not have made that statement in his opinion.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I refer to the bids of the contractors—not the estimate. We had no estimate, for that matter.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I think that the gentleman from Wd. 11 will find an answer to his question in the last sentence of our annual appropriation order of last year. I quote from that appropriation order now. The last clause reads:

"And that the City Auditor may, with the approval of the Mayor, between Dec. 1, 1906, and Feb. 1, 1907, make transfers from any appropriation to any other appropriation, and apply any of the income and taxes not disposed of in closing the accounts for the financial year."

I do not understand that any offer, or any request for bids, can be sent out until the money is appropriated to do the work. All we can do is to get a rough estimate of what the work will cost, and then appropriate the amount of money which it is estimated that it will cost. After the money has been appropriated, then we will make a call for bids, and if the amount bid for the work is less than the actual amount appropriated, the surplus remains in the city treasury, and can be disposed of at the end of the financial year under

this clause in the annual appropriation order.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I regret very much that I am compelled to say anything. I had rather not say anything. This is not my money, and I don't know that I should worry myself about it. But I should like to say that I know that the bids have actually been received. Only a few weeks ago I saw an account of it in the newspapers. It told of four or five contractors making the bid, and gave the amounts which they bid. Now, that is the information that I think we ought to have, in order to inform an intelligent opinion. I do not believe there is anyone here who does not believe the same way.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, the gentleman from Wd. 3 (Mr. Fitzgerald) says that in the last appropriation order the Mayor, together with the City Auditor, was authorized to make transfers from one appropriation to another without any sanction whatsoever. If that is the case, why does not His Honor the Mayor take advantage of it? Why does he send in here an order calling for a transfer? If he has that power under the law, if we have given him authority under this order of the last City Council to do that, why does he not do it without sending in orders here calling for transfers, and asking for the sanction of the transfers by this body?

Mr. FITZGERALD—Mr. President, my answer to the question is that this money has not been appropriated yet. It is simply the proceeds of a sale. No action has been taken by the City Council upon the matter.

The motion to assign further consideration of the matter until the next meeting was declared lost. Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11 doubted the vote and asked for a verification by a rising vote, and the motion to assign was declared carried, 36 members voting in the affirmative and 28 in the negative.

Mr. SANTOSUOSSO further doubted the vote, and asked for a verification by the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the motion to assign was carried, yeas 34, nays 28:

Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Bramhall, Brown, Carruth, Clark (24), Cose, Davidson, Doherty, Driscoll, Ducey, Ferguson, Hackett, Hanrahan, Harding, Hatton, Hayes, Kohler, Lill, McCarthy, McGregor, McLennan, Morgan, Murphy, Noyes, Pendergast, Penschorn, Pierce, Roberts, Rosenberg, Wentworth, Wharton, Woodside, Zetterman—34.

Nays—Barrett, Buckley, Colpoys, Daly (17), Daly (12), Donovan, Doyle, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Leonard, McCabe, McCormack, McCullough, Mealey, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), Purcell, Rachkowsky, Santosuosso, Sheenan, Sorenson, Sullivan (5), Troy—28.

Absent or not voting—Clark (20), Costello, Cronin, George, Green, Madden, McGovern, Montague, O'Brien (14), Sacks, Spellman, Sullivan (15), Willcutt—13.

(See later in the session for final action on No. 4.)

BADGES FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 5, assignment, viz.:

5. Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed to procure suitable badges for the members of the Common Council, the amount of same not to exceed \$750.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. LILL of Wd. 8 offered the following as a substitute:

Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed to obtain a suitable badge for each member of the Common Council

of 1907, at a total cost not to exceed \$750, the same to be charged to Common Council, Contingent Fund.

The question came on the adoption of the substitute.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the substitute order is just the same as the original, except that it provides to what appropriation the expense incurred shall be charged.

Mr. HARDING of Wd. 28—Mr. President, as I am a new member here, may I inquire of the member who introduced the order, for what purpose these badges are used, or what purpose they serve, and why they are bought?

Mr. LILL—Mr. President, I did not intend to say anything upon this order, but the gentleman has asked a question, and I desire to reply in this way, that it has been a custom of the City Council for many, many years, both in the upper and the lower branch, to provide a suitable badge for the members. That badge admits the members of the bodies within the fire lines, and is a means of identifying the Councilman when he visits the heads of departments, and so forth and so on. That is my answer to the question asked by the gentleman in the fourth division.

The substitute order was adopted, and was declared passed. Mr. HANRAHAN of Wd. 2 doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote, and the order was passed, 20 members voting in the affirmative, 18 in the negative.

Mr. LILL of Wd. 8 moved to reconsider; lost.

ARMORY, CHARLESTOWN DISTRICT.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 6, assignment, viz.:

6. Ordered, That the Army Commissioners of the Commonwealth be requested to erect an armory in the Charlestown district of the city of Boston at an expense not exceeding \$200,000, in accordance with the provisions of, and for the purposes as stated in, Section 112 of Chapter 465 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1905.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3 offered the following as a substitute:

Ordered, That there be erected in the Charlestown District of Boston an armory of the first class, sufficient in size to accommodate at least three companies of militia, and the Army Commissioners of the Commonwealth be and are hereby requested to construct said armory at an expense not to exceed \$200,000, all as provided in Section 9 of Chapter 504 of the Acts of the Legislature of the year 1906.

The question came on the substitution of the order offered by Mr. Donovan.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I should like to ask Councilman Donovan, through you, whether that changes the purpose of the order at all?

Mr. DONOVAN—Not in the least, Mr. President.

Mr. NOYES—Mr. President, I do not know whether my opinion is worth anything in regard to this matter, but I shall certainly take pleasure in voting for this order—and this is the reason: I have the honor of serving on the executive committee of the Metropolitan Improvement League with one George Howland Cox of Cambridge, who is on the State Armory Commission of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts—without knowing that he was one of the Armory Commission, although I do know that he is the chairman of the Park Commission of Cambridge, and is connected with a trust company over

there, and is a man of standing in the community. He wrote me as follows:

"My Dear Mr. Noyes:—I note that an order was introduced last week in the Boston Common Council for a State Armory to be built in the Charlestown District. I did not know that such an order was contemplated, but I am greatly interested in it, as I am one of the commissioners. I am writing to you to say that it is needed there and should be built. You understand, of course, that the armory would be built by the State Armory Commissioners under the Armory Act; the State issues the bonds and charges the city the sinking fund necessary to care for them in thirty years, proportioned each year. The only out about the order is the amount; it should be \$250,000 instead of \$200,000. In the interest of the militia of Boston I trust that the order will go through, and I hope by a unanimous vote.

"Yours very truly,
"George Howland Cox."

Since the gentleman from Charlestown is so enthusiastic about being able to do without the extra \$50,000, I shall not ask for that amount; but I shall certainly take pleasure in voting for this order, and I hope that, as Mr. Cox recommends, it may go through the Council unanimously.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman who introduced the order how many militia companies there are in Charlestown, and whether or not they have an armory over there at the present time?

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I understood that the question before the body was on substitution. As soon as the question comes on the passage of the order, I am prepared to answer the question of the gentleman from Wd. 2.

Mr. DOHERTY—Answer it now.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman from Wd. 3 is right. The gentleman from Wd. 2 will please address the Chair.

The substitute was adopted, and the question came on its passage.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I will endeavor to show three reasons why this order should pass. The first is that it does not involve the appropriation of one dollar. The second is, that it does not involve an expenditure of more money per year than the city of Boston has been paying per year for the last ten years to maintain three small armories in Charlestown. The third reason is, that there is an actual if not a positive, absolute necessity for the erection of an armory in Charlestown. As to the first reason, up to 1905 the laws relating to armories were scattered through many blue books of the Commonwealth. In 1905 a codification of those laws was made, and in 1906 that codification was amended. That amendment is contained in Chapter 504 of the Acts of 1906, and so much of that act as relates to this order appears on page 692, beginning at the eighth line from the bottom, and reading as follows:

"If the City Council of any city or if the voters of any town of more than twelve thousand inhabitants shall vote to have an armory constructed therein and shall designate the amount of the loan necessary for acquiring land and erecting, furnishing, and equipping thereon an armory, the Armory Commissioners of the Commonwealth shall thereupon acquire, by purchase, or otherwise, a suitable lot of land in said city or town, and shall erect, furnish, and equip thereon a suitable building for an armory sufficient for one or more companies of the militia, and for such other commands or headquarters

thereof, permanently stationed in said city or town, as they may deem necessary; but no land shall be acquired and no building erected until the site and plans thereof, respectively, have been approved by the Governor and council. The said commissioners shall cause to be recorded in the registry of deeds for the county and district in which the land lies a description of the land taken as aforesaid, as certain as is required in an ordinary conveyance of land, with a statement signed by the commissioners that it is taken for the city in which it is situated. The act and time of filing thereof shall be the act and time of taking such land and notice to all persons that the same has so been taken. The title to the land so taken shall vest absolutely in the city in which it is situated and its assigns. The commissioners may, by agreement with the owner of the land taken, determine the value thereof, and in default of such agreement either party may have a jury in the superior court to determine such value, in the manner provided for the determination of damages for land taken for laying out highways in such city, if the petition therefor is filed in the clerk's office of the superior court for the county in which the land lies within one year from the taking. At the request of the City Council of a city, or by vote of the voters in the town, in which is located an armory built by the said commissioners, they may, with the approval of the commander-in-chief, enlarge, remodel, or rebuild the same, at an expense limited by said request or vote. The amount determined by agreement of said commissioners, or by verdict, as the value of any property so purchased or taken, shall be paid from the treasury of the Commonwealth upon the execution of such release or conveyance as shall be prescribed by the attorney-general. To meet the expenses incurred under the three preceding sections, the treasurer and receiver general shall, with the approval of the Governor and council, issue registered or coupon bonds in the name and behalf of the Commonwealth, and under its seal, for terms not exceeding thirty years, with interest not exceeding four per cent annum, payable semi-annually, on the first days of March and September. They shall be designated on the face thereof, Armory Loan; shall be countersigned by the Governor; and shall be sold at public auction, or in such other mode and at such times and prices and in such amounts, and at such rate of interest, not exceeding four per cent per annum, as the Governor and council shall deem for the best interests of the Commonwealth. The treasurer and receiver general shall, on issuing said bonds, establish a sinking fund and shall apportion thereto annually an amount sufficient with its accumulations to extinguish the debt at maturity. The amount required each year to pay the interest and sinking fund requirements shall be assessed upon the city in which such armory is situated, in the apportionment and assessment of its annual tax and the treasurer and receiver general shall notify such city of the assessment which shall be paid by it with its state tax, and after said debt has been extinguished no rent shall be paid by the Commonwealth for the use of said armories."

Under that law, Mr. President, the passage of this order by the Board of Aldermen and this body, and its approval by the Mayor, means that the Armory Commissioners of the Commonwealth will select in Charlestown a site upon which shall be constructed an armory. The state pays for the construction; it pays for whatever damage is caused to private property; and, in

fact, it pays every cent of expense for the construction of that building. Then, after the building has been constructed the state assesses the city of Boston so much per year toward sinking fund and interest; so that at the end of 30 years, when these bonds referred to in the statutes mature, there will be in the city treasury a sufficient amount of money to meet the bonds, together with the interest on the same. On the question of whether it would cost the city as much to pay this assessment per year as it does to maintain the three small armories in Charlestown at the present time, let me say a word. There are three armories over there, Mr. President. One is at the corner of Eunker Hill and Lexington Sts., in which is quartered Company A of the Eighth Regiment; one on Winthrop St., in which is quartered Company H of the Fifth Regiment; and one on Main St., near Hancock Square, in which is quartered Company A of the Fifth Regiment. To maintain these three armories it costs, per year, \$11,500. That amount is made up as follows: Light and heat, \$1200; rent of armory on Main St., \$1200—that being a private building, and the city having to pay rent to the owner for occupancy; incidental expense, \$1000; loss of rent in consequence of inadequate quarters for the militia, \$3600; cost of repairs in ten years, \$45,000, or an average of \$4500 per year—making up the total of \$11,500. The assessment on this sinking fund per year, and interest, will average not more than \$10,000. That figure has been made up by Mr. Hawley, of the State Auditor's office, the gentleman who has charge of such matters. That \$10,000 is \$1500 less than the city of Boston has been paying per year for the last ten years. Then, during the 30 years in which the city of Boston is paying for this armory the state will pay the city \$1600 annually as rent for the armory. That, added to the \$1500, makes a total saving of \$3100 per year, as compared with what the city is now paying to maintain those three armories, leaving the net cost per year to the city \$8400. And then, after the city has paid the cost of construction, and also the interest of the bond, the property becomes the property of the city, free and clear of all encumbrances, and is thereafter a source of \$1600 per year income to the city of Boston. Therefore, I trust that I have proven that the cost to the city per year will not be as much as it has been for the last ten years. As to the question of the necessity for an armory in Charlestown, I will read the following, in Section 9 of Chapter 504 of the Acts of 1896, on page 630, commencing the seventh line from the top:

"The Mayor and Aldermen, or the selectmen, shall provide for each command of the volunteer militia, or detachment thereof, a suitable hall within the limits of their respective cities and towns, a suitable hall for the purpose of drill, and suitable rooms annexed thereto for the meetings of the command, for administrative work, and for the safe keeping of military property; suitable grounds for parade, drill and small-arms practice; and suitable rooms for each headquarters permanently located within their said limits, for administrative work, for the assembling of officers for instruction, and for the safe keeping of military property; and they shall provide for every such armory and headquarters the necessary fuel, lights, water, telephone service, janitor service, and necessary repairs, or shall make a reasonable allowance therefor. Any city or town failing to comply with the provisions of this section shall forfeit to the Commonwealth not more than five thousand dollars,

any amount so forfeited to be credited to the armory appropriation for the fiscal year in which such forfeiture shall occur."

Under that section, Mr. President, the city of Boston has no say—

(Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3 in the chair.)

Mr. DRISCOLL of Wd. 9—Mr. President, I rise to a point of information. I would like to know the year of that book?

The CHAIR—The gentleman is not in order.

Mr. DRISCOLL—I certainly am in order.

The CHAIR—The gentleman is not in order.

Mr. DRISCOLL—Mr. President, I rise to a point of information in regard to the order that is before us this evening.

The CHAIR—The gentleman is not in order. Mr. Donovan has the floor.

Mr. DONOVAN—Mr. President, under that section the city of Boston has no say—so as to whether there shall or shall not be within the city limits any companies of militia; but if there are companies of militia within the city of Boston then the city is compelled to furnish proper quarters for those companies, under the penalty of forfeiting \$5000 for not doing so. Upon the question of whether the city of Boston has furnished proper quarters for those companies in Charlestown, I hold here in my hand extracts from the reports of Inspectors-General sent by His Excellency, the Governor of Massachusetts, to inspect the militia companies located in the Charlestown District of Boston, from 1895 to 1903 inclusive, relating to the condition of armories. They are as follows:

1895—Winthrop St. Armory.—Extract from report of Col. Parker on inspection of Company H, 5th Regiment: "Much credit is due this company for the excellence of its work, under the difficulty of very inadequate quarters."

1897—Winthrop St. Armory.—Extract from report of Col. Fred G. King on inspection of Company H, 5th Regiment, April 24, 1897: "Armory is entirely unsuited for military purposes. Drill hall is too small. Egress from building is bad. Storage and property rooms not properly arranged for the security of state property. I would recommend that allowance for rent be stopped."

Main St. Armory.—Extract from report of Col. King on inspection of Company A, 5th Regiment, April 24, 1897: "The drill hall of this company is too small for proper instruction in platoon and extended order movements. I would recommend that present allowance of fifty dollars for armory rent be stopped."

Bunker Hill St. Armory.—Extract from report of Col. James T. Soutter on inspection of Company D, 9th Regiment: "Armory is an old, abandoned schoolhouse owned by city. Store rooms for care of property are only fair and small. Drill room is absurdly small and totally inappropriate for military purposes. When the company was in line the right nearly touched one wall and the left the other, and the men were without regular interval. Company at 'open ranks,' the front rank was within a few feet of front wall and the file closers were within a few feet of rear wall. It was impossible to go around the ranks on the left without having the guide step out of ranks. The company movements were very limited and it was impossible to have even one squad exemplify extended order. It is a waste of time to attempt company drill in its present quarters and it is a question whether the men ever get the proper idea of distance and intervals."

1898—Bunker Hill St. Armory.—Extract from report of Gen. J. L. Carter on the

inspection of Company D, 9th Regiment, May 31, 1898: "Suitableness of armory poor. States should allow but fifty dollars for rent." Main St. Armory.—Extract from report of Col. James T. Soutter on inspection of Company A, 5th Regiment: "Suitableness of armory poor. State should allow only fifty dollars for rent." Winthrop St. Armory.—Extract from report of Col. Soutter on inspection of Company H, 5th Regiment: "Suitableness of armory unsatisfactory."

1899—Bunker Hill St. Armory.—Extract from report of Col. James A. Frye on inspection of Company D, 9th Regiment, May 29, 1899. "Drill all that could be expected in inadequate space. Quarters clean, but building utterly unsuitable for occupancy as armory. No rental allowance should be made by state."

1900—Bunker Hill St. Armory.—Extract from report of Col. Jacob C. R. Peabody on inspection of Company D, 9th Regiment, April, 1900. "Suitableness of armory very bad." Main St. Armory.—Extract from report of Col. Soutter in the inspection of Company A, Fifth Regiment, May, 1900. "The armory is not deemed suitable, and the drill hall is too small and unfit for a military company. It is recommended that the state allow nothing for rent. The drill was good as far as it went, and was possible, considering the floor space." Winthrop St. Armory.—Extract from report of Col. Soutter on the inspection of Company H, Fifth Regiment, May, 1900. "The armory is entirely too small and unfit for military purposes. This is even worse than the one occupied by Company A, of the same regiment, and should be condemned. I recommend that the state allow nothing for rent. The drill was very good as far as it went, but owing to the limited floor space it could not be judged."

1901—Bunker Hill St. Armory.—Extract from report of Col. Edward J. Gihon on inspection of Company D, 9th Regiment, April 4, 1901. "Armory is not at all suitable, and entirely too small for drill. In my opinion building is unsafe either for drill or storage of property. I believe the building should be condemned for armory purposes and city furnish more suitable quarters." Main St. Armory.—Extract from report of Col. Arthur B. Denny on the inspection of Company A, 5th Regiment, Feb. 25, 1901. "The armory is not altogether suitable, the drill hall being too small. A modern armory ought to be built in Charlestown to accommodate the companies. Considering the size of the hall the drill was very good." Winthrop St. Armory.—Extract from report of Col. Denny on the inspection of Company H, 5th Regiment, March 13, 1901. "Armory is even more unsuitable than the armory of Company A mentioned above. The hall is so small as to be almost worthless for drill. The state should not allow over one hundred dollars if anything. Considering the handicap of a miserable armory, the company makes a very creditable showing."

1902—Main St. Armory.—Extract from report of Col. Edward J. Gihon on the inspection of Company A, 5th Regiment, Feb. 24, 1902. "Drill hall too small. I believe with last year's inspector that the city should provide more suitable quarters to be occupied by its military companies in Charlestown." Winthrop St. Armory.—Extract from report of Col. Gihon on inspection of Company H, 5th Regiment, March 31, 1902. "Company quartered in City Fire Station building. The first floor is used for apparatus and horses, from which a bad odor arises to rooms above, which are occupied by company. Drill hall, which is only 35x40, is entirely too

small. Rooms for clothing and storage in attic are dilapidated and unfit for a military company. This armory has been condemned several times and the city should provide more suitable quarters."

1903—Winthrop St. Armory.—Extract from report of Col. Paul R. Hawkins on the inspection of Company H, 5th Regiment, April 15, 1903. "The armory is so small that only very simple work can be done at all, and it speaks well for the interest of the men that the company is in as good condition as it is."

I think it is clear from those extracts from the reports of the Inspectors General for those years that the armories in Charlestown are very inadequate, so far as the accommodation of militia companies is concerned. I have also here a communication from Benjamin W. Wells, Fire Commissioner, in reference to the congested condition of the fire house on Winthrop St., owing to the fact that in that same house is quartered a company of the militia in Charlestown (reading):

"Sir:—I am in receipt of the enclosed communication from Councilman Joseph E. Donovan of Wd. 3, and I would state in relation to the matter that this department has recommended, as did the Committee of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, who made an examination of the insurance risks and Fire Department conditions in this city, that an engine company be installed in the location now occupied by Chemical Company 3. This could only be done by remodeling the building and taking the quarters now occupied by the company armory, or by entire building. No repairs nor changes, which are very desirable, have been made on this building for a number of years in consequence of the possible removal of the armory, in which event, an entirely different plan of reconstruction would be pursued. The quarters are now cramped, and in poor condition and not at all in keeping with the present day standards."

Not only does it appear that the companies of militia in Charlestown are inadequately quartered, but it also appears that the fire risk in Charlestown is greatly increased by reason of the presence of a militia company in the fire house on Winthrop St.; and it is the desire of the Fire Commissioner that there be placed in that building a permanent fire engine. To have that done, the militia company must vacate, and it cannot vacate now, because the city has no other place to provide for it until this armory is constructed.

Mr. President, I believe I have proven the three propositions with which I prefaced my remarks; and, inasmuch as this is an important matter, not only to the militia in Charlestown, but to the militia throughout the entire city of Boston, and inasmuch as it involves an immense public improvement, I would request, if there is no objection, that when the vote be taken it be by roll call.

Mr. HAYES of Wd. 4—Mr. President, I simply wish to second the remarks of my friend in the third division (Mr. Donovan). I believe the time has come when a building of this kind is a public necessity. I believe that one of the greatest improvements that can possibly be brought to pass in our section of the city, whether viewed from a patriotic or a practical standpoint, is the proper housing and care of the militia companies. I believe public necessity demands such action as this, that the conditions in our section of the city are fully as bad as has been pictured. As a matter of fact, for a long time past we have been getting practically nothing in Charlestown but fresh air, and I have serious doubts that the air will be

fresh, if things continue as they have. I would suggest that this is one practical way of making that section of the city busier, better and bigger, and I can assure the members that this is no bunco, bulldoze or babble.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. II—Mr. President, I had hoped that someone else would undertake the disagreeable duty of asking further information on this order. I quite agree with the gentleman from Charlestown that something should be done for the three militia companies in Charlestown. Their present quarters are little less than disreputable, and on general principles I believe that the militia should be encouraged. I think that we spend altogether too much money on our navy and army and too little on our militia. As you know, the expenditure for the navy and the army is something tremendous. I think it is two-thirds of the whole national appropriation, and it is larger than the whole appropriation in 1895. The military expenditures of the country are becoming a real menace. I think the better policy would be to reduce the navy and the army and to increase the efficiency of the militia. So that, on general principles, I believe that everything that is necessary and that we can do should be done for the militia. My only query, Mr. President, is, whether this amount is the right amount, whether it is not too large. I have talked with several members of the militia, and they tell me that it is too large. If that is so, we ought to know it. I understand that the South armory, in which I used to drill some years ago, and which is an unusually fine structure, cost not more than \$200,000. Nine companies drill at that armory, and we have here to provide for only three companies. Certainly, on its face, it does not look as though we needed to appropriate as large an amount of money for three companies as for nine. It seems to me that that offers a reason for getting further information. I am not so sure that my friend's figures are correct. I looked over them before the meeting, and it seemed to me that there were two items—and they were the largest items—which were open to doubt. I think he will find that it will be necessary to appropriate each year to meet the requirements of this loan a larger amount than he anticipates. If you should reduce the amount, say, to \$100,000, I think that would be enough to meet the requirements over there. I would like to have either a substitute order providing \$100,000 offered, or to have this order assigned. I think, probably, my brother would rather have it assigned.

Mr. DONOVAN—Mr. President, without casting any reflection on the member who has just taken his seat, inasmuch as the man from whom we have received the communication read by much surprised at members of this Councilman Noyes is a member of the Commission which will select the site, and has said that in his opinion an appropriation of \$250,000 would be necessary to accomplish what is desired, I would like to ask the gentleman in the first division (Mr. Pierce) who is the better judge of the amount of money necessary—the man who will do the work, select the site and construct the building, or we, who know practically nothing about the subject?

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I think it is very likely that the gentleman referred to has not looked at the matter from the point of view of the city of Boston's finances, and we do not know how much consideration he has actually given to the matter. We have no estimates or bids before us. On the face of it, it does not seem reasonable that we should appropriate so much money

for only three companies. There are 25 companies, I understand, in the whole city. I think ten drill in the East armory. It seems to me that those figures alone would justify us in putting the order over for one week. I would rather have the gentleman himself make the motion.

Mr. DONOVAN—Mr. President, this order has been on the calendar since inauguration day. At the last meeting I found that there had been a slight mistake made in the citation of the law pertaining to it; and, in order to give the members a chance to acquaint themselves with the new amendment, and not desiring to make any attempt to rush the thing through, I gave the members of the body the new citation at the last meeting, and myself moved that the matter be further assigned to this meeting. That was done, as I say, to give the members a chance to familiarize themselves with the law pertaining to the subject. In the remarks of the previous speaker he has referred to the city's "appropriating" this money. I want to disabuse his mind of that idea. The city does not appropriate any money under this order. There is not one dollar appropriated. The state pays for the erection of the armory; the state pays the damages caused to property. The state pays every cent of expense incurred in the construction of the building, and then assesses the city so much per year for 30 years. At the end of 30 years the city will have paid into the state treasury a sufficient amount of money to meet the cost of construction, together with the interest on the bonds.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, as a matter of fact, perhaps the gentleman has stated it with technical correctness; but as a matter of fact, as I figure it, we have to appropriate \$11,000 or \$12,000 annually for 30 years out of our tax levy to pay for this. So in reality we are appropriating money. Next year, for instance, we have to appropriate enough to pay the interest and to meet the requirements of the sinking fund,—my figures may not be correct, but I think something like \$12,000.

Mr. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I have it on the word of Mr. Hawley, of the State Auditor's office, who has charge of such matters, that the assessment on the city of Boston will not average more than \$10,000 a year for the 30 years.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, if you take \$200,000 and divide it by 30, you get \$6666, and if you reckon the interest at 4 per cent for half that period I think you get \$4000 more a year for the interest. That, I think, would make pretty nearly \$12,000. It is a rough computation, of course.

Mr. DONOVAN—But the gentleman must remember, Mr. President, that, as the city pays the money to the state, that money so paid is accumulating interest all the time. So that reduces the assessment in every succeeding year.

Mr. PIERCE—That is true.

Mr. DONOVAN—So that the average assessment per year will be not more than \$10,000. Under his computation he does not allow for the accumulating interest from year to year on account of money paid by the city to the state.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I think my figures should be corrected to that extent, but I thought the point the gentleman was making was that there was no appropriation by the city of Boston necessary. I am not particular about the figures, but I take it, from his own figures, that there is \$10,000 necessary annually.

Mr. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I dislike to prolong this discussion, but admitting that there is an appropriation of \$10,000 a year, that is still \$1500 per

year less than the city of Boston is paying at the present time to maintain the three armories in Charlestown. When you also take into consideration the fact that the State pays to the city during the thirty years \$1600 annually as rent, you find, adding that to the \$1500 which is saved, that the city will be paying under this arrangement \$3100 less annually than it is now paying.

Mr. PIERCE—But, Mr. President, the gentleman has \$8400 in his figures that ought not to belong there, in my opinion. That makes quite a difference in his argument.

The question came on the passage of the order, and the yeas and nays were declared ordered.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I would move assignment of the order for one week.

Mr. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order—that the Chair having declared the yeas and nays ordered, the gentleman's motion is not in order at this time.

The CHAIR—The point of order is well taken.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I don't think that is quite fair. I indicated a purpose to either move an assignment or suggest a substitute, and I think that the Chair ought not to take any such advantage. I am perfectly respectful, but —

The CHAIR—The Chair has no discretion in the matter. The question comes on the passage of the order.

The substitute order was passed, yeas 65, nays 1.

Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Bramhall, Brown, Buckley, Carruth, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (47), Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hackett, Hanrahan, Harding, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelley, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McLennan, Mealey, Morgan, Murphy, Noonan, Noyes, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Penschorn, Purcell, Raskowsky, Roberts, Rosenberg, Sacks, Santuosso, Sheenan, Sorenson, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Wharton, Woodside, Zetterman—65.

Nays—Pierce—1.

Absent or not voting—Barrett, George, Green, Madden, McGivern, McGregor, Montague, Spellman, Willcutt—9.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3 moved to reconsider, hoping it would not prevail; lost. Sent up.

DAY OFF IN SEVEN FOR POLICEMEN.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 7, assignment, viz.:

7. Resolved, That, in the opinion of the City Council, the police officers in the employ of the city should be given from duty one day off in seven without loss of pay; and His Honor the Mayor is hereby requested to petition or request the proper authority to make such provision.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 moved that the resolve be referred to the Committee on Police, when appointed.

The motion was declared carried.

Mr. BRAMHALL of Wd. 20 doubted the vote, and by a rising vote the resolve was declared referred to the Committee on Police, when appointed; in favor, 38; against, 28.

Mr. BRAMHALL further doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were not ordered, less than one-fifth of the members voting therefor.

The resolve was referred to the Committee on Police, when appointed.

COPLEY SQUARE BETTERMENT.

The Council proceeded to consider No. 8, assignment, viz.:

8. Ordered, That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Street Department on account of "Copley Square, Betterment and Relocation of," under plans approved by the Art Commission of the city of Boston.

The order was read a second time and the question came on its passage.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 1—Mr.

President, I move that this order be assigned to the next meeting of the Council. Members will take notice that No. 8 asks that \$40,000 be appropriated and that the same be taken from the \$200,000 derived by the city from the sale of the now famous Deer Island land. I don't know that I have any objection to the passage of that order, but it seems to me fair—and I think it must seem so to the gentleman from the Back Bay—before we appropriate any of that \$200,000, to first dispose of the proposition, No. 4 on the calendar, that we voted earlier to assign to the next meeting, appropriating \$60,000 to live up to an agreement that we must keep. I make the motion that No. 8 be assigned to the next meeting.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I am usually in favor of assignment. I think the gentleman in this division will remember that, in the very interesting fight we had last year on municipal ownership, I was always willing to assign, assign, and assign, until I thought we were ready to vote. I don't see that this No. 8 on the calendar bears particularly on No. 4. I think there is no question in your mind, Mr. President, in the mind of the gentleman in this division (Mr. McCullough), or in the minds of other members of the Council, but what we are going to pass No. 4 in some form, possibly amending it. We all understand that we are going to pass it in some form. That is as definite as the fact that we are sitting here. The sum may not be the same, but we know that the amount saved out of the Deer Island \$200,000 will be enough to build that wall. This is the next succeeding thing on the calendar, and I think my stand is consistent when I say I hope this will come to a vote tonight. I think there is no need of assignment. We need no further information upon it, and the information we may receive on No. 4 in regard to contract and so forth, will have no bearing on the question of the money that will be taken under No. 8. Much as I dislike to do what may seem to be, but what is not, a discourteous act, I hope the motion to assign will not prevail.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, will the gentleman from Wd. 11 tell the members of the body what his authority is for naming the amount of \$40,000 here?

Mr. NOYES—Mr. President, I have not the precise figures here, but this is one of the things I have become so saturated with that I think I can give the information the gentleman wants. About ten years ago there were submitted to the Art Commission—which, by the way, will have to approve the action taken before anything can be done—and to architects, designs for the improvement of this square, and at that time it was estimated by them that the sum required would probably be about \$47,000. The Art Commission, after considering many designs, favored the design now proposed, and in the succeeding year and even up to this time the present Art Commission, unofficially, through Mr. Warren, its chairman, intimates that if this matter is

referred to it, this plan by C. Howard Walker will be the one accepted. The estimate given at that time was a trifle over \$40,000, and instead of making it a good deal over \$40,000 I have stuck to the \$40,000. There is no chance, as I have said before, of a land deal of any possible kind here. There are two triangles, one in charge of one department, and one of another. It will mean a transfer of the whole square to the Street Department, and later to some other department for care. I hope that Mr. McCullough, in all honesty and fairness, will withdraw his motion. I have talked the matter over with him, not only publicly but privately, a great many times, and I think he is familiar with the whole situation.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, my chief objection to voting for the passage of this or any other order here tonight which proposes to take money from that \$200,000, is that the money for the wall should be expended first. I did not know but what the gentleman from Wd. 11 in the first division (Mr. Pierce) might within the past few weeks have read something in the papers as to this matter having been submitted for bids, and that is the reason why I asked the gentleman from Wd. 11 in this division (Mr. Noyes) what his authority was for taking the figure \$40,000. Now, I am perfectly willing to vote for the passage of the order at the proper time, but I think the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Noyes) should not be so selfish—or ambitious, rather, I will say, to secure money for his own section of the city, until we pass No. 4 on the calendar, which has been assigned to the next meeting.

President BARRETT in the Chair.

The motion to assign was declared lost. Mr. McCULLOUGH doubted the vote and asked for a verification by a rising vote. Assignment was declared lost, 16 members in favor, 29 against.

Mr. McCULLOUGH further doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and assignment was refused, yeas 23, nays 42:

Yeas—Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Doyle, Hatton, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Leonard, Lill, McCarthy, McCullough, Noonan, O'Brien (13), O'Brien (14), Purcell, Rachkowsky, Santosuosso, Sheenan, Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth—23.

Nays—Anderson, Bagley, Bramhall, Brown, Buckley, Carruth, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Driscoll, Ducey, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hackett, Harding, Hayes, Kohler, McCabe, McCormack, McLennan, Mealey, Morgan, Murphy, Noyes, O'Brien (5), Pendergast, Peshorn, Pierce, Roberts, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sorenson, Sullivan (5), Wharton, Woodside, Zetterman—42.

Absent or not voting—Barrett, George, Green, Hanrahan, Madden, McGivern, McGregor, Montague, Spellman, Willcutt—10.

The order was passed.

Mr. NOYES moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

RECONSIDERATION ON NO. 4.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I move a reconsideration of the vote whereby No. 4 was assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

The question came on reconsideration.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, after the very complimentary vote given to my friend from Wd. 11, just now, I cannot believe that the members of this body will refuse to reconsider the assignment of No. 4 to the next meeting. During the debate on the last question not one word

against the passage of this order could be considered argument; but on the other hand members went silently, secretly with one another, lobbying, in order that No. 4 might be held up until No. 8 should be disposed of. Now, Mr. President, I do not feel that the members want to start out that way this year, and I hope that the order will be reconsidered.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, so far as I know, there was no lobbying done on No. 4—at least, I was not responsible for any lobbying, if any was done. I don't think we ought to go into this thing again. We have been all over it, and I think the members voted to assign on the ground that they ought to have the bids of the various contractors before them in order to come to an intelligent opinion. I don't see any reason for anyone changing his mind. In the interval those bids have not been produced. We have not the information which we want, and I see no reason whatever for reconsidering. I hope the gentleman will leave the matter where it stands.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, the gentleman from Wd. 11, when I asked him a question, could not give the members of this body any information concerning bids or estimates for the expenditure of money at Copley Sq. The gentleman from Wd. 11 in this division (Mr. Noyes) stated, probably rightly, that there were no land deals that we might be suspicious of in the Copley Sq. transaction. What land deals are there in this proposition that we might be suspicious of? What bids do we want to hear from? The gentleman from Wd. 11 knows, and the gentleman from Wd. 3 stated, that bids are not asked for on a proposition where the money has not been authorized to be expended.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I don't know exactly what the gentleman is talking about. I don't remember any questions being asked me in regard to Copley Sq. I don't think they were. But if the gentleman will consider the subject of No. 4 he will learn that a wall is to be built in accordance with the agreement with the United States Government, and that contractors have already submitted bids for building that wall. The point was that we should have those bids before the Council before making up our minds as to what was a proper figure.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, that is my contention. The gentleman from Wd. 11 knows, or has heard rumors, of some bids having been made in connection with the Deer Island proposition. But, in connection with this proposition, the appropriation for the improvement of Copley Sq., the gentleman from Wd. 11 makes no point in regard to any bids, although the order asks for an appropriation of \$40,000. The gentleman from Wd. 11 in this division (Mr. Noyes) very courteously gave us his authority to the effect that the amount of money needed would be \$40,000. To come back to the original proposition, the only argument against the passage of the order at the time was that there was a question whether or not it would take \$60,000. The authority we have that it will take \$60,000 is in the message before us here tonight from His Honor the Mayor, with an opinion from the Corporation Counsel. The Corporation Counsel would not put that amount in the message if it had not figured in the original estimate.

The motion to reconsider was declared carried. Mr. Pierce doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote. The Council stood divided, and reconsideration prevailed, 40 members in favor and 3 against.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, of course there is a possibility of wasting \$10,000; but that does not seem to make much difference to the members, and I don't know that I care to speak further.

The order was passed. Mr. McCULLOUGH moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

INCREASE OF LABORERS' PAY.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 9, assignment, viz.:

9. Ordered, That beginning with Feb. 1, current year, all laborers employed by the city shall be paid at the rate of two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) per day.

Passed in concurrence. Sent up.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR INCREASE OF LABORERS' PAY.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 10, assignment, viz.:

10. Ordered, That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the various departments in increasing the pay of laborers employed by said departments from \$2 to \$2.25 per day.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 moved that the order be referred to the Committee on Appropriations, when appointed.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman from Wd. 13 to give me some substantial reason why he wants this order referred to the Committee on Appropriations, when appointed?

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I did not object to the passage of number nine because it had absolutely no effect. If the gentleman from Wd. 2 does not know that the City Council has absolutely no right to order an increase or a decrease in the wages of laborers, he ought to. Now, Mr. President, my reason for asking that this be referred to the Committee on Appropriations is that the Mayor, in his inaugural address, recommended and promised that if it was within his power, the wages of laborers in the city employ would be increased during the current year if the funds were available. I remember, Mr. President, of having attempted in this body two years ago to secure an increase in the pay of the laborers. We all know that we have absolutely no right to name what salary they shall receive; but we have the right to endeavor to secure for them the money to be used by the various heads of departments, if the Mayor orders the increase in the wages. Now, we do not know how many laborers there are receiving \$2 a day, and do not know whether increasing their wages \$1.50 a week would require any such sum as this. We do not know how many there are who are receiving \$2.02 a day, or \$2.15 a day. I am satisfied that the Committee on Appropriations should take this matter up and attend to it. They will be asked to by the Mayor. He is now, as I understand it, seeking information as to how many laborers there are receiving wages of less than \$2.25 per day. He will then recommend an additional appropriation for current expenses for each and every one of the departments. There is absolutely no necessity of our appropriating this \$100,000 here tonight, when we don't know whether it is going to cost \$40,000 or \$80,000. Probably at the next meeting, in a couple of

weeks, we will have an appropriation bill here before us. Most likely the Committee on Appropriations will recommend the passage of a bill providing the necessary sum for the different departments; and I can say to the gentleman from Wd. 2 that if that committee does not recommend for the various departments a sum sufficient to increase the pay of the laborers, I will vote for any amendment to the appropriation bill which will insert that provision in it. But there is no necessity of our starting out on that tonight. The Mayor is at work upon the proposition now. He must know how much it is necessary to expend. I do not think it is fair to him, after he has recommended this increase himself, to come in here and take the initiative, as the gentleman from Wd. 2 has endeavored to do; and I do not think that we should take \$100,000 of the Deer Island money when we do not know how much it is necessary for us to expend.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, the gentleman has said that the Mayor has recommended an increase in the pay of laborers from \$2 to \$2.25 per day, and that the Mayor has taken the initiative. When, Mr. President and members of the Council, did he take it? When I opposed the ordinance calling for an increase in the salary of the City Collector from \$5000 to \$7500, I called attention to the fact, Mr. President and gentlemen of the Council, that the city laborers should first receive an increase, and that after that had been done it would then be time to increase the pay of the high-salaried officials of this administration. Up to that time the Mayor had never become cognizant of the fact that the laborers were entitled to, or worthy of, an increase in their pay. It was not the Mayor's opinion. It was not the Mayor's idea. He got the idea from this body, and he very wisely saw fit to inject that into his annual address to this body. But that is all right. I am perfectly willing. Everything that my friend from Wd. 13 has said is perfectly proper and correct; but I do not want His Honor the Mayor of Boston to say to us later that he cannot find money with which to increase the pay of the laborers of this city. I am providing against that in asking for the appropriation of this \$100,000. Take this money and give it to the various departments, and then the Mayor of Boston has no excuse for refusing to grant an increase of pay to the laborers in this city. The idea does not belong to His Honor the Mayor. The idea originated in this body, and from a member of this body, and the Mayor of Boston is not entitled to any credit for it. He has simply done that which he is supposed to do. Now, Mr. President, we do not care where the money to increase their pay is coming from; but we do not want to give His Honor the Mayor a chance to say that he has not the money—that he cannot provide the money. That was my reason for introducing the order transferring this \$100,000 from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer island, and putting it up to him direct, saying to him: "We, the members of the City Council of Boston, are with the laboring men of this city. We hand you \$100,000 with which to make provision for an increase in their pay." That is my reason for offering this order, and I think it is a sufficient reason for the passage of the order tonight. I think we should make this transfer now, before a great many contractors get a chance to make a grab at it.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—I am glad to learn, Mr. President, that His Honor the Mayor founded a part of his annual address on the suggestion made

by the gentleman from Wd. 2. I am also very glad to know, Mr. President, that His Honor the Mayor did not found a part of that address on the suggestion of my friend in this body (Mr. Doherty) last year, that the laborers be deprived of their car tickets. Now, Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—My point of order is this—that by the passage of No. 3, whereby we expended \$4500; by the passage of No. 4, whereby we expended \$60,000, and by the passage of No. 8, whereby we expended \$40,000, No. 10 is not now properly before the body, we having already expended \$104,500 of the \$200,000.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, may I correct the gentleman?

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will wait until the Chair rules upon the point of order. The Chair will state that that is not really a point of order. The Chair sees no reason why the Council cannot go ahead and vote to appropriate money up to any amount, because we do not know which of these items the Mayor may approve.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, just a word to correct the gentleman from Wd. 13.—He says that by the passage of No. 3 we appropriated \$4500 of this money. But No. 3, Mr. President, was a loan order, and not an order taking any part of the money received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island. Up to the present time we have appropriated \$40,000 for the improvement of that grand square known as Copley Sq.—and when they make a maltese cross out of Copley Sq. there will not be room enough to show what was a square. But, nevertheless, we have done that, out of good-fellowship to a member of this body whom we all admire. Then, through further courtesy to the gentleman from Wd. 13, we have reconsidered the order, No. 4 on our calendar, and have appropriated \$60,000 for the building of the wall on Deer Island. That makes \$100,000; and my order takes the additional \$100,000 for the purpose of increasing the pay of the laborers in the employ of the city of Boston from \$2 to \$2.25 per day—something which the laborers of Boston are justly entitled to. The laborers of the city of Boston have not received an increase of pay for nineteen years. During the past nineteen years, as I stated when I opposed the increase of salary of our very active City Collector from \$5000 to \$7500 per year, the cost of living has increased from 80 to 100 per cent., and I also stated that statistics show that during the past twelve months the cost of living has increased fully 20 per cent. I notice that His Honor the Mayor also included that portion of my statement in his inaugural address. Regardless of where he got the idea, he took full advantage of those ideas and assumed all the responsibility, credit and glory that might come from them. Now, Mr. President, and members of the Council, I have plainly stated to you my reasons for offering this order transferring \$100,000 of this money. I said at a previous meeting that His Honor the Mayor had sent up here into this body, sent to the various members of this body, orders calling for the transfer of the entire sum of \$200,000. Some of the members of the body never saw the orders until they were placed in their hands. They came from the Mayor's office. It was nothing but a grab, nothing but a raid on the \$200,000. And that is not the only thing that is liable to be raided here. If you members (facing the members of the Council) do not take advantage of your prerogatives

and watch your opportunities, he is liable to kidnap your salaries—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will request the gentleman to face the Chair.

Mr. DOHERTY (continuing)—let alone moneys that are in the public treasury.

Mr. DRISCOLL of Wd. 9.—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

Mr. DOHERTY—I am all through, Mr. President, anyway.

Mr. DRISCOLL—Mr. President, my point of order in rising at this time is to seek information. We have passed tonight certain orders upon the calendar. We have now before us order No. 10 on the calendar. We have passed order No. 9, that the laboring people of the city of Boston should receive \$2.25 per day, and at the present time there is no reason why we should take up a lot of time in discussing this order appropriating a part of the money received from the United States Government for the sale to it of a portion of Deer Island, which it intends to use for government fortifications. I do not see why we should take up any more time than we have upon this question. Of course, Mr. Doherty put in his order that the pay of the laboring men be increased from \$2 to \$2.25 per day. But we have passed that order, and it has gone up to the Board of Aldermen. Whether the laboring class will receive \$2.25 per day depends upon the action which the Board of Aldermen take upon that order. I do not see what connection this order No. 10 has with order No. 9. We have passed order No. 9, and it has been forwarded to the Board of Aldermen. It is up to that Board to say whether the laboring men working for the city of Boston shall receive \$2.25 a day or not. If they do not receive it, it is certain that their failure to receive it will not be because we have neglected to look out for the laboring class. We have done our duty. I believe this order, No. 10, should be assigned to the next meeting.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will remind the gentleman that the question comes on referring number ten to the Committee on Appropriations, when appointed. Number nine has been passed, and the question is on referring number ten to the Committee on Appropriations, when appointed.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President—Mr. DRISCOLL—I do not yield the floor, Mr. President.

Mr. DOHERTY—I rise to a point of order, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, while I reluctantly do this, the gentleman from Wd. 9 arose to a point of order; and instead of stating the point of order, he has gone on with a lengthy speech on the merits of the question. I have not yielded the floor, except for the purpose of a point of order, and the gentleman has not stated any point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that just before the gentleman from Wd. 2 sat down he said, "I am all through, Mr. President. There is no need of a point of order."

Mr. DOHERTY—Then I withdraw my point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair understood that the gentleman from Wd. 9 had waived his point of order inasmuch as he proceeded to speak in reference to the merits of the matter.

Mr. DRISCOLL—I am in favor of the assignment of this order to the next meeting. I hope that the members of the Council will vote for the assignment of No. 10 on the calendar.

The PRESIDENT—Does the gentleman make that as a motion?

Mr. DRISCOLL—I make that as a motion.

The PRESIDENT—The motion to assign takes precedence over the motion to refer.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. I believe that every member of this body is disposed to increase the pay of the laborers if it is within their power to do so; and I also believe that every member desires to make that increase in accordance with the rules of the City Council. Now Rule 17 of the joint rules reads as follows:

“Every application for an additional appropriation, to be provided for by transfer or loan, shall be referred to the Committee on Finance; and no such additional appropriation shall be made until the said committee have reported thereon.”

Under that rule, we cannot proceed to take up this matter unless the rules have been suspended. The rules have not been suspended in reference to this order, and consequently no motion in reference to it is in order.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that this is not either a transfer or loan. This is a new appropriation, and that rule does not really apply to this case.

Mr. DOHERTY—Is a suspension of the rules necessary in order that this order may go upon its passage?

The PRESIDENT—No; it comes up for a second reading and passes to-night.

Mr. DOHERTY—Then, I move the previous question in order that the order may go upon its passage at the present time.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I hope that the members here tonight will look at this matter seriously. We have absolutely no right to fix the rate of the laborers' pay. We have the right to appropriate money for the purpose, and the proper place to do that is in the appropriation bill. Within a week or two we will receive the appropriation bill, making appropriations for current expenses, for the running of departments and the payment of laborers. Inasmuch as the Mayor himself has recommended this proposition, and is now working upon it, and has sent to the various heads of departments for information as to the number of men in their employ receiving less than \$2.25 a day, and the amount of additional money which such an increase would make necessary, I think it is only fair to him that this matter should be referred to the Committee on Appropriations, when appointed. There is nothing to be lost by it. We are satisfied that, even should the Committee on Appropriations bring in a bill which does not include enough money for this proposed increase, we will all vote for an amended appropriation bill that will do so. Now, by voting to refer this matter to the Committee on Appropriations, we are not voting against an increase of pay. We are simply delaying it, so that the matter may go through the proper channels.

The PRESIDENT—The question is on closing debate; and on that question each speaker has only three minutes.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I feel the same as Mr. McCullough does in reference to this order. I do not think there is a member of this body who is not satisfied that the pay of the laborers should be raised. For my part, I believe that even at \$2.25 a day they are not receiving what they are worth—especially since the present Mayor has come into office. I know that the laborers now are working almost every Saturday afternoon. I admire Mr. Doherty for the stand which he has taken in reference to

this matter. I know that the laborers will appreciate the stand which he is taking for them. I feel satisfied, also, that the Mayor will keep his word in the matter of raising, or trying to raise, the laborers' pay. There are times when I know that he has not kept his word; but I feel that upon this occasion he will.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will request the gentleman to refrain from making any reflections upon His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. MURPHY—I feel that upon this occasion, he will; so I hope, Mr. President and members of this body, that this matter will be referred to the Committee on Appropriations, when appointed.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President—The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to call the attention of the members to the fact that it is unparliamentary to refer to the Mayor in anything but respectful terms. The Chair does not propose to allow the members of the Council to do otherwise; and the Chair desires to say that any member who does do otherwise will be very likely to find difficulty in securing recognition thereafter.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, I hope that will not apply to me.

The PRESIDENT—It will apply to any gentleman who conducts himself in such a manner as to furnish occasion for its application to him.

Mr. DOHERTY—Until such time as this body enacts certain rules preventing the members of this body from criticizing either His Honor the Mayor or any public official, you should not attempt to prevent them from doing so. We are entitled to criticize public officials, and we are particularly entitled to have free speech. That is one of the things which was guaranteed to us under the constitution—the right of free speech and freedom to criticize. If we have not got that privilege, Mr. President, then what are we here for? Now, Mr. President, I have no controversy with you in reference to this matter; but you must allow us that privilege until such time as this body enacts rules directing you to do likewise. You are simply acting under the direction of this body, and until such time as this body instructs you, Mr. President, to prevent any member of this body from criticizing His Honor the Mayor, or any public official, then, and not until then, Mr. President, have you a right to assume that prerogative.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair feels that he has allowed the gentleman to go far enough. As a matter of fact, every word the gentleman has said was distinctly out of order. The Chair is disposed to allow the freest criticism of his own actions, and of the actions of His Honor the Mayor; but criticism is one thing, and casting reflections is another. If the members of the body are not able to draw the line, the Chair will draw it for them.

Mr. DOHERTY—Has the time allowed for debate expired?

The CHAIR—The 10 minutes allowed for debate has expired.

Mr. DOHERTY—Thank you. The main question was declared ordered.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that ordering the main question cuts off both the motion to refer and the motion to assign. The question comes on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that rule 24 of the rules of the Common Council provides that:

“When an order or resolution relates to a subject which may properly be examined and reported upon by an ex-

isting committee of the City Council, such order or resolution shall, upon presentation, be referred to such committee."

This is an order which could properly be acted upon by the Committee on Appropriations, and unless that rule is suspended, it seems to me that the order must go to that committee.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the gentleman may make the motion to refer to a committee, after it has been ordered to a second reading.

Mr. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I understand that under this rule the order is to be referred on presentation, unless the rule is suspended.

The PRESIDENT—Well, inasmuch as it was not referred when presented, and is now on the calendar for a second reading, that rule does not apply.

Mr. DOHERTY—May I say a word at this time?

The PRESIDENT—Not unless it is on a point of order.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. DOHERTY—That I am very much surprised that members of this body taking advantage of technicalities—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that that is not raising a point of order.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President—

The PRESIDENT—Does the gentleman rise to a point of order?

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Yes, sir.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—My point of order is that I have a right to doubt the vote whereby the previous question was ordered, no business having intervened between the taking of that vote and the raising of this point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will recognize the gentleman if he wishes to doubt the vote.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Then I doubt the vote whereby the previous question was ordered.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, is that question debatable?

The PRESIDENT—No, sir. The members of the Council will remain standing until counted, the question being on ordering the main question.

The Council stood divided, and the result of the vote was that 26 members voted in the affirmative and 8 in the negative.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that there appears to be less than a quorum present; and the Chair accordingly declares the Council adjourned to meet next Thursday evening at 7.45 P. M.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. I ask you to call the roll.

The Council adjourned, at 10.15 P. M., to meet on Thursday, Jan. 24, 1907, at 7.45 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Jan. 21, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Alderman BERWIN, senior member, presiding, and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. CURLEY, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 514, Acts of 1894, viz.:

Five grand jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear Feb. 4, viz.:

James E. Ducey, Wd. 4; Charles Henry Whipple, Wd. 16; Roger W. Plaisted, Wd. 12; George R. W. Battis, Wd. 1; Arthur M. Wright, Wd. 20.

Forty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear Feb. 4, viz.:

Thomas F. Lane, Wd. 13; Collin E. Cook, Wd. 17; Ora S. Titcomb, Wd. 8; Frank B. Scott, Wd. 20; George M. Warren, Wd. 12; Austin E. Joyce, wd. 21; William J. Conlon, Wd. 10; Patrick J. Haley, Wd. 13; Joseph Himmel, Wd. 22; Bernard Dockery, Wd. 2; Arba H. Phipps, Wd. 9; Marshall Johnson, Jr., Wd. 12; Jacob Peyser, Wd. 9; Sam Wallerstein, Wd. 2; Patrick J. Moran, Wd. 15; William H. Kelley, Wd. 14; Jeremiah McCarthy, Wd. 3; Henry K. Barnes, Wd. 6; Jeremiah Sheeha, Wd. 3; Alfred B. Hansen, Wd. 6; Joseph F. Stoddard, James P. Kelly, Wd. 23; Alfred C. Weddleton, Wd. 18; Patrick F. Brophy, Wd. 24; John T. Sullivan, Wd. 3; David H. Billings, Wd. 24; Samuel Robbins, Wd. 11; Arthur D. Reyecroft, Wd. 5; George H. Lawrence, Wd. 21; Thomas C. Sutton, Wd. 7; John W. Hall, Wd. 19; Mark Rich, Wd. 19; John F. Murphy, Wd. 17; Henry H. Dudley, Wd. 15; John T. Deegan, Wd. 15; Patrick J. Hanrahan, Wd. 13; Rudolph F. Stahl, Wd. 10; John J. F. Tobin, Wd. 17; Charles F. Schneider, Wd. 22; George A. Kissock, Wd. 1.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, when appointed, viz.:

Electric Wires.

Petitions of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, viz.:

For leave to relocate one pole on Parker St., near Oscar St., Wd. 19.

For leave to erect one pole on Tonawanda St., near Waldeck St., Wd. 20.

Petitions of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, viz.:

For leave to attach fixtures and wires to one tree on Bartlett St., near Walker St., Wd. 4.

For leave to erect five poles on Wordsworth St., between Bennington and Homer Sts., Wd. 1.

For extension of time in which to locate one pole on Newton St., near Brooks St., Wd. 25.

For leave to erect and to remove nine poles on Bennington St., from Moore St., Wd. 1.

For leave to erect two poles and to remove one pole on Orleans St., Wd. 2, near Gove St.

For leave to erect and to remove one pole on Orleans St., near Maverick St., Wd. 2.

For leave to erect four poles on Mead St. and one on Russell St., Wd. 4.

For leave to erect two poles on Baldwin St., Wd. 4.

For leave to erect two poles on Adams St., between Winthrop and Common Sts., Wd. 5.

For leave to erect one pole each on Eustis, Kemble, Shirley and Langdon Sts., Wd. 17.

For leave to erect five poles on Dorr St., between Highland St. and Lambert Ave., Wd. 21.

For leave to erect and to remove one pole on Baker St., near Sumpter St., Wd. 23.

For leave to erect eleven poles on Chestnut Ave. and to remove one pole on Chestnut Sq., Wd. 23.

For leave to erect and to remove one pole on Bernard St., between Nightingale St. and Kingsdale St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect five poles on Clayton St., from Dickens St., Wd. 24.

For leave to erect three poles on Oak St., near Russell St., Wd. 4.

For leave to erect and to remove one pole on Ruckwell St., from Milton Ave., Wd. 24.

For leave to erect and to remove one pole on Faneuil St., near Bigelow St., Wd. 25.

For leave to erect two poles on Faneuil St., near Market St., Wd. 25.

For leave to erect and to remove seven poles on Sutherland Rd., between Selkirk Rd. and Commonwealth Ave., Wd. 25.

County Accounts.

Proprietors of the Social Law Library, for the usual annual appropriation of \$1000 for the support of said library.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

Democratic City Committee, on the evening of Jan. 21.

Lee S. Wheeler, on the day and evening of Jan. 31.

Minute Men of '61, on April 15, in the daytime.

Licenses.

Rev. John F. Harrigan, for a permit for Charles Ducie et als., under 15 years of age, to appear at the Dudley Street Opera House, on Jan. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 1907.

Public Improvements.

First National Bank of Boston, for leave to construct areas, with covers, coal holes and bulkheads, on the northerly side of Franklin St., between Federal and Congress Sts., Wd. 7.

Claims.

Mrs. Mary A. Holloran, for compensation for damage to property at 11 Glenway St., Wd. 20, from the bursting of a water pipe in the Glenway school-house.

William G. Grundy, for compensation for personal injuries on account of alleged defect in Trull St., Wd. 20.

Charles A. Winn, for compensation for damage to his property at corner of Francis St. and Huntington Ave., from a sewer.

Charles H. Buchanan, for compensation for damages to caravan on account of an accident at the East Boston Ferry.

John F. W. Thompson, for compensation for personal injuries received at 270 Shawmut Ave., Wd. 9.

Building Dept. (Ald.)

A. Stowell & Co., Inc., to project a clock at 24 Winter St., Wd. 7.

CLERK HIRE.

William T. A. Fitzgerald, Register of Deeds, submitted a report in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 22, Section 33, of the Revised Laws, certifying that certain persons had been employed in his office from Dec. 17th to Jan. 21st, and that work had been performed to the amount of \$2404.92.

Approved by the Board.

COAL AND COKE LICENSES.

A list of coal and coke licenses granted by the secretary of the Commonwealth was received.

Placed on file.

NOTICE OF HEARINGS.

Notices were received from the Railroad Commissioners as follows:

Hearing on Jan. 31 on petition of directors of Association for the Formation of New York and Boston Electric R. R. Co. for certificate that public convenience and necessity require the construction of an electric railroad in Boston and certain towns in Massachusetts.

Hearing on Feb. 6 on petition of directors of Association for Formation of Boston & Providence Interurban Electric R. R. Co. for certificate that public convenience and necessity require construction of an electric railroad in Boston and certain towns in Massachusetts.

Severally placed on file.

SIDEWALK SCHEDULES.

Reports were received from the Superintendent of Streets recommending the

Reports were received from the Superintendent of Streets recommending the passage of orders as follows: That the persons named in the within schedules be and they hereby are charged and assessed with one-half the sums set to their respective names as their proportional parts of the cost of constructing sidewalks with granite edgestones in front of their estates on said streets, and the same was ordered to be certified, and notice given to the parties aforesaid.

On Ruthven and other streets to the amount of \$889.72.

On Brown Ave., Wd. 23, to the amount of \$1011.14.

On St. Alphonsus and Calumet Sts., Wd. 19, to the amount of \$301.76.

The several orders were passed.

LICENSES.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 113 newsboys, 13 bootblacks and 1 vender.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on petition of Rev. John F. Harrigan (referred today), for permit for Charles Ducic, et al. children under 15 years of age, to appear at the Dudley St., Opera House on Jan. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 1907—that permit be granted.

Report accepted; permit granted on the usual conditions.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

1. A remonstrance of John J. Mahoney and others against noise emanat-

ing from a laundry at 33 South Eden St., was sent up by the Common Council.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

2. Ordered, That there be erected in the Charlestown District of Boston an armory of the first class, sufficient in size to accommodate at least three companies of militia, and the armory commissioners of the Commonwealth be and are hereby requested to construct said armory at an expense not to exceed \$200,000; all as provided in Section 9 of Chapter 504 of the Acts of the Legislature of the year 1906.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I desire to say at this time that I am heartily in favor of concurring in No. 2 on the calendar. I believe the Charlestown District needs an armory, and I believe the members of the city government will be acting with propriety in voting for it. Since I have come into the chamber, however, the chairman of the Committee on Armories, Ald. Bangs, has asked to have the matter referred to the committee. He says he is in favor of the order, also, and as I am on the committee and am in favor of it, I think the order will receive proper treatment at the hands of the committee. I, therefore, ask that it be referred to that committee for action next week.

The order was referred to the Committee on Armories.

3. Ordered, That the sum of \$4500 be appropriated, to be expended by the Board of Park Commissioners for gymnastic apparatus and lockers for the M St. playground; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. BATTIS.

4. Ordered, That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island sixty thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Penal Institutions Commissioner for "Wall between land of the United States government and the city of Boston, and for removal of piggery."

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. BANGS.

5. Ordered, That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island forty thousand dollars be and the same hereby is appropriated to be expended by the Street Department on account of "Copley Sq., betterment and relocation of," under plans approved by the Art Commission of the city of Boston.

The question came on the passage of the order in concurrence.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, I move that the matter be assigned for one week.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, it was my desire to have the matter postponed for half an hour, unless sooner reached. I trust that it will not be assigned for a week. If that motion is defeated, I may have something to say. I do not desire to oppose the measure, but I would like about half an hour to consider certain things that I have in mind. I am in favor of the order, and trust that assignment for one week will not prevail. If that motion does not prevail, I will move that the matter be assigned for one-half hour.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, I made the motion to assign for a week for practically the same reason that is given by the Alderman on my right. I desire further time to investigate the proposition, and I think assignment for a week will do both of us more good

than assignment for half an hour. I trust that the matter will be assigned to the next meeting.

The motion to assign for a week was declared carried. Ald. WHELTON doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The motion to assign for a week was lost, yeas 6, nays 7.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—6.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Pattis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper, Whelton—7.

On motion of Ald. WHELTON further consideration of the matter was assigned till 4 o'clock today. (See later in session under "Betterment of Copley Sq.")

6. Ordered, That, beginning with Feb. 1, current year, all laborers employed by the city shall be paid at the rate of two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) per day.

The question came on the passage of the order in concurrence.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order, that No. 6 is out of order, that the members of the city government have no power whatsoever to regulate the employment of labor.

The CHAIR—The Chair will rule that, this being a matter to be determined by legal authority, and the Chair not laying any claim to that qualification, the point of order is not well taken. The matter having come up from the Common Council and being now on the calendar, should be disposed of by this Board.

The order was passed in concurrence.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

The CHAIR called up No. 7, unfinished business, being action on appointment of the Mayor, viz.:

7. Temple A. Winsloe, to be a Weigher of Coal, and a Measurer of Wood and Bark, for the term ending April 30, 1907.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. DRAPER and CURLEY. Whole number of ballots cast 10; yes 10, and the appointment was confirmed.

PROJECTIONS, ETC.

Ald. CURLEY presented the following petitions for signs, etc., and asked that the rule be suspended and leave granted on the same, viz.:

M. H. Crehan & Co., illuminated sign, 32 High St., Wd. 7.

Coleman & Donovan, illuminated sign, 1 Rutland St., corner Tremont St., Wd. 12.

Coleman & Donovan, illuminated sign, 173 W. Newton St., corner Columbus Ave., Wd. 12.

Adams Cloak, Suit and Fur House, illuminated sign, 509 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Smith W. Perry, electric sign, 109 Green St., Wd. 22.

G. A. Safer, electric sign, 8 Ruggles St., Wd. 18.

Warren F. Underwood, electric sign, 107 Summer St., Wd. 7.

Philip Cohen, sign, 9 Endicott St., Wd. 8.

The Board voted to suspend the rule and leave was granted on the usual conditions.

BELL RINGING, FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have the bell on Faneuil Hall repaired and rung on all alarms of fire in the city proper.

Passed.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

Chairman BERWIN offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested by this Board to petition the Legislature at its present session for such legislation as may be necessary to enable the city of Boston to construct a fireproof building entirely apart from other buildings, to be used for the Registry of Deeds and Probate offices, and for authority to take land for said purpose, if advisable, and to borrow, outside the debt limit, the amount necessary for such taking and the construction and furnishing of said building.

Referred to the Committee on County Accounts, on motion of Ald. BANGS.

CAR SERVICE, COLUMBUS AVE.

Chairman BERWIN offered an order—That the Committee on Railroads be requested to consider and report what action may and should be adopted to compel the Boston Elevated Railway Company to improve the car service on Columbus Ave., between Massachusetts Ave. and Berkeley St., to and from the subway.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

ELEVATED STATION, BROADWAY EXTENSION.

Chairman BERWIN offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested by this Board to appear before the Railroad Commissioners in advocacy of the establishment of an elevated station in the vicinity of Washington St. and Broadway extension.

Passed.

SHELTER, CITY SQ.

Chairman BERWIN presented the petition of Patrick J. Kyle, 6 Mt. Vernon St., Charlestown, asking for a shelter in City Sq. and for better railway facilities for Charlestown.

In connection with the petition Ald. BERWIN offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide a shelter at City Sq., Charlestown, for patrons of the road; and to provide better transportation facilities for the Charlestown District.

The order was passed.

CITY RIGHTS IN LAND.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Corporation Counsel be requested to inform this Board at its next meeting, if possible, what rights, if any, the city of Boston has in a parcel of land now occupied by Stony Brook and situated east of the tracks of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, from Hogg's Bridge running south to Amory St., Wd. 22.

Passed.

BILL BOARD SIGNS.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor—cause to be removed at once all bill board signs located or erected on city property, especially those erected on Hancock St., Dorchester; northeast corner Gibson St. and Dorchester Ave.; Washington St., Roxbury, in rear of old Marcella St. Home; and on buildings erected on the Charles River Parkway, near Charles St., city proper.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, the reason why I have introduced this order, mak-

ing this request of His Honor the Mayor is that the matter of billboards in the city of Boston may be put on a fair basis. I am told that Donnelly & Sons are erecting billboards on city property and that other billboard men in the city have not that same privilege. The administration during the last year has advocated fair play for everybody. I do not claim that anybody is receiving anything for the privilege of having these boards put on city property; but I do claim that a discrimination is being made against various billboard posters in the city, in favor of one billboard poster—Donnelly & Sons. I claim that Donnelly & Sons have no more right to erect billboards on city property and to sell the space to the merchants of Boston, to the exclusion of other billboard posters, than I have. Donnelly & Sons, by getting free space from the city—as I assume that they do—can compete with others on terms to their advantage and to the disadvantage of the others. There are various billboard posters in the city of Boston who are trying to do a square business, but it is impossible for them to find customers when they have to compete with a man who has his space given to him free of charge. I believe the matter of billboards and erecting signs is under the control of His Honor the Mayor, and I do not believe His Honor the Mayor is willing that Donnelly & Sons should have this privilege, for which the city does not receive a dollar. Sometime at the latter part of last year I introduced an order calling upon proper authorities to remove a billboard on Hancock St., Dorchester. I was informed by the Superintendent of Streets at that time that that sign would be removed. As yet it has not been removed. In fact, instead of removing that, others are going up. The billboard posters today, who desire the same privileges as Donnelly & Sons, are not getting them. They cannot get them. They desire to have the same favors shown to them as are shown to Donnelly & Sons. A billboard poster who desired to get space at the Christopher Gibson playground could not do it, as it was occupied by Donnelly & Sons. There is nothing in the Treasurer's office or the auditor's office showing that the city has received a dollar for this privilege. If the city is going into this business of allowing bill posters to put signs on city property, I hope that there will be competition, in which the space will be let to the highest bidder, or that the city will say that there shall be such and such a charge for so many feet of space on public property, and that the space will be divided, let to various posters, at a certain price. It is certainly unfair to Sprague & Nugent, to Barnes, to the Boston Sign Company, to Jude, and to all the billboard men of Boston, who pay taxes in our city, not to give them an opportunity to have the same privileges that are given to Donnelly & Sons. I desire to give notice that I demand either to see the billboards removed, or else to have the space sold to people who will pay the price for it. If the administration proposes to protect Donnelly & Sons, I propose to do what I can to protect the other bill posters. I have simply introduced this order to see if a fair and square show cannot be given to others in that line of business, not allowing Donnelly & Sons to have the monopoly that they now enjoy.

The order was passed Sent down.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PRISONS.

Ald. CLARK offered an order—That a special committee, to consist of three

members of this Board, be appointed to make inspection of the prisons in Suffolk County, as required by law.
Passed.

PAY RAISE FOR LABORERS.

Ald. FLANAGAN offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of the various departments to submit to the City Council an estimate of the additional appropriation required in each department to provide that the lowest rate of wages for laborers shall be \$2.25 per day.

Passed. Sent down.

Ald. FLANAGAN offered an order—That the Committee on Appropriations, when appointed, be instructed to include in the annual appropriation bill an additional sum for each department sufficient to provide for the payment of all laborers at the rate of \$2.25 per day.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, when appointed.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Ald. CLARK—Mr. Chairman, I wish to call up the notice of my intention to move to reconsider the votes whereby 10, 11, 12 and 13, which were acted upon by the Board last week, were passed in concurrence.

Nos. 10, 11, 12 and 13 were as follows:

Alderman Clark has filed with the City Clerk notice of his intention to move reconsideration of the passage in concurrence of four orders, as follows:

10. Order for appointment of special committee to make arrangements for celebration of Evacuation day.

11. Order for appointment of special committee to make arrangements for celebration of Patriots' day.

12. Order for appointment of special committee to make arrangements for celebration of the anniversary of the settlement of Dorchester.

13. Order for appointment of special committee to make arrangements for celebration of Seventeenth of June.

The CHAIR—The question comes on the motion made by Ald. Clark that No. 10 be reconsidered.

Ald. CLARK—Mr. Chairman, I made this motion because I believed, with Ald. Draper, that no sensible business man of the city of Boston would vote to expend any considerable amount of money for the purposes embraced in these orders. I object on behalf of that large part of the city called Dorchester. But I realize full well that the appointment of these committees involves the expenditure of no money; that there is no appropriation made; that the spending of the money is a matter entirely under the control of His Honor the Mayor; that His Honor the Mayor can expend the money without the assistance of these committees, and that the committees cannot expend any money without the assistance of His Honor the Mayor. Therefore, I fail to see how there is any advantage or necessity for presenting this motion, and I should like to have the consent of the Board to withdraw it.

The CHAIR—The question comes on the withdrawal by Ald. Clark, with unanimous consent, of his motion to reconsider the action of the Board on No. 10 on the calendar. Does any member of the Board object?

Ald. CLARK—Nos. 10 to 13 inclusive, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIR—Do I understand the Alderman to ask that the motion made apply to Nos. 10 to 13?

Ald. CLARK—Yes.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, as I understood the matter, I understood the Chair to call up No. 10.

The CHAIR—So the Chair did, on motion of Ald. Clark.

Ald. DRAPER—And do I understand Ald. Clark now to withdraw his motion to reconsider the action on No. 10?

The CHAIR—The Chair so understands.

Ald. CLARK—Mr. Chairman, my motion, or my request, was with unanimous consent to withdraw my motion as to all of those numbers.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIR—For what purpose does the Alderman attempt to rise?

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I rise for additional information. Is the matter under discussion No. 10 on the calendar, or Nos. 10, 11, 12 and 13?

The CHAIR—If there is objection, the Chair will rule that Ald. Clark's motion will have to be divided, and that it will simply apply to No. 10 on the calendar.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I object to the motion of Ald. Clark.

The CHAIR—The question comes on reconsideration for our action on No. 10 on the calendar.

Reconsideration was declared lost. Ald. Draper doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays. Reconsideration was lost, yeas 1, nays 12, Ald. Draper voting yeas.

SCALE INSPECTIONS.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Sealer of Weights and Measures be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to inform this Board as to the scales, so far as he knows, not inspected by the members of his department, and why all scales are not inspected by his department officials.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I called at the Sealer of Weights and Measures' office last week to ascertain if it was customary for the Sealer of Weights and Measures Department to inspect and report upon the new style of scale that is generally used throughout the first-class stores in the city, known as the adjustable balance scale, that registers the price that a person shall pay for some article that is purchased, but that does not register the number of pounds and ounces. It is a scale through which the dealer in any store has an unfair advantage over the purchaser. The scale is made in the shape of a cylinder and has an adjustable arrangement for registering the price per pound and the amount of the article purchased. The entire adjustment is so arranged that the person purchasing an article has no means of knowing whether he is receiving his proper weight or not. I talked with the men in the Sealer of Weights and Measures office and was informed that it was not customary for the Sealer of Weights and Measures Department to make an examination of those scales. If the force in the Sealer of Weights and Measures Department is inadequate to do the work that would be necessary to inspect all such scales in use throughout the city, I believe, for the protection of the public, that the force should be increased. I don't know that the force is not able to cope with the present work, but I say, if it is not, it should be increased.

The report from that department, City Document 36, which I have in my hand, gives the following returns:

Number of weights tested and found correct, 35,551; number of weights tested, found light and adjusted, 2,259; number of weights tested, found heavy and adjusted, 132.

So it appears that nearly six per cent of the scales tested by the Sealer of Weights and Measures Department of the city were found to be light. That is to say, the public were not receiving fair treatment. On the other hand, but one half of one per cent of the entire number of scales in the city were found to be overweight. If that condition of affairs is true in the matter of the scales that are now subject to examination to inspection by the Sealer of Weights and Measures Department, it is only reasonable to suppose that the scales not inspected and not tested by the Sealer of Weights and Measures Department might show even a wider difference. I believe that, for the protection of the public, every scale in general use throughout the city should be inspected. I believe that, if the Sealer of Weights and Measures Department is unable to cope with this work, the force should be increased. The necessity for some such action is shown by the report submitted this last year by the Sealer of Weights and Measures Department, showing that more than one-eighteenth of the entire number of scales in the city were light during the year beginning Feb. 1st, 1905, and ending Feb. 1st, 1906, while, on the other hand, but 132 scales throughout the entire city were found to be overweight.

The order was passed.

FEEES FOR SEALING JARS.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Corporation Counsel, with the consent of His Honor the Mayor, be requested to petition the Legislature at its present session for the enactment of legislation authorizing the collection and charging of a fee for the sealing of milk and cream jars.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, under the Revised Laws, Chapter 62, Section 43, the Sealer of Weights and Measures' Department is obliged to test and seal all milk bottles and all cream jars used throughout the city; and the Sealer of Weights and Measures, in his annual report, says:

"The testing and sealing of milk and cream jars makes up the greater amount of work done inside the office, and has increased in amount some 700 per cent within the last five years. The present year 777,319 were inspected, of which 11,723 were condemned as small. Section 43, Chapter 62 of the Revised Laws, provides that no charge shall be made for doing this work. If the same amount were charged as is had for doing similar work outside the office, the revenue from this source the present year would be \$23,320."

Mr. Chairman, if the business has increased 700 per cent, during the last five years, or has increased at the rate of about 150,000 per year, it is only reasonable to expect that, with the increase in population in our city, this branch of the service will increase in proportion; and it is not unreasonable to expect that a similar increase of at least 50 per cent, will take place in the next five years. If such is the case, I believe, in all fairness to the city, that some fee should be charged which will be a protection to the city, and which may be the means of making the Sealer of Weights and Measures Department self-supporting during the year. The total expense for laborers and for maintenance of the Sealer of Weights and Measures Department for the last year was \$23,976. The Sealer of Weights and Measures estimates that, if a slight charge is made for

the sealing of milk and cream jars, there will be a revenue from that source alone of \$23,320 a year, or nearly enough to pay the entire running expenses of the department. It seems only fair, in view of the fact that an increase that was not anticipated has taken place in this regard, that some provision should be made to protect the city and to help meet its expenses in this matter. The charging of a small fee of anywhere from 1 to 5 cents, for the sealing of a glass milk or cream jar, would bring in a revenue of \$23,320, or nearly enough to make the office self-supporting. I sincerely trust that the Mayor will see the wisdom of having the Corporation Counsel draft and present to the Legislature a petition for an act, under the provisions of which it will be possible to make the Sealer of Weights and Measures Department practically self-supporting. The order was passed. Sent down.

BETTERMENT OF COPLEY SQ.

The CHAIR called up No. 5, assigned earlier, viz.:

5. Ordered, That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, forty thousand dollars be and the same hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Street Department on account of "Copley Sq. betterment and relocation of," under plans approved by the Art Commission of the city of Boston.

The question came on passage in concurrence.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I believe the order in question should be passed by the Board today in concurrence with the Common Council. I think it is very desirable that this should be done during the present year. It should have been done years ago. Copley Square is a beautiful place—or should be a beautiful place, rather—and I sincerely hope that the Board will concur with the Common Council.

The order was passed in concurrence, yeas 9, nays none.

Yeas—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper, Leary, Whelton, Woods—9.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, at this time I move a reconsideration of the vote just had, and if reconsideration prevails I shall then move that the matter be assigned two weeks. Speaking to reconsideration, I desire to say that the position assumed by some members of this Board is a rather peculiar one. When the Deer Island property was sold to the United States Government it was understood that the city of Boston should remove the pigery from its present site on Deer Island and should construct out of the \$240,000 received from the sale of the Deer Island property a stone wall. This was a part of the original agreement when the sale was made; and yet we are confronted with the rather puzzling situation of members of this Board moving to assign an order calling for the appropriation of \$60,000 for the construction of a stone wall which it was specifically understood in the articles of agreement should be built by the city. They ask that the matter be assigned for one week and then vote in favor of this proposition to take \$40,000 of that amount for a matter entirely foreign to the provisions of the sale. Their position, to say the least, is peculiar, and a proper subject of comment. In the last few meetings of the Board it has seemed to be customary for certain members of the Board to consult and advise with a certain organization before casting their votes, and I did not believe they had the in-

dependence,—or, if they had the independence, I did not believe they had the temerity—to vote without consulting that organization in reference to the disposition of any of the city's funds. Yet it is apparent today that, while they vote to take a portion of the city's funds for one proposition, on another they hesitate, move to assign and desire to investigate. The fact remains, however, that on this proposition they are prepared to vote away \$40,000 of the city's money immediately, without giving the matter any serious consideration. If that is good business policy, good business judgment, and is agreeable to this association that tells them how to vote, I presume they may think it is all right for them to take such action. But it is, to say the least, peculiar and puzzling to the average layman to understand what motive impels them to do this. I realize that no member of this Board is called upon to explain why he votes or does not vote a certain way upon a proposition; but I believe it is only fair that the other members of this Board should be enlightened upon a matter of this kind. If some agreement has been made whereby some member of the Board will receive support for another financial proposition, involving anywhere from \$25,000 to \$100,000, for some other public improvement in his particular district, that is going to be a permanent expense to the city, I believe the fact should be made clear. I would like a playground in my district, just as much as any member of this Board. I would like to see the district beautified just as much as any member of this Board. But I have not entered into any combination or trade to procure any playground or public improvement for my district. If the other members of the Board have entered into an agreement of that character, I believe it would be only fair for them to enlighten their fellow-members, so that we may become familiar with the deal if it does exist. I realize that it is perhaps useless to offer any argument in favor of reconsideration. The vote has just been taken and declared carried, nine voting for the order; and I realize that there is a distinct understanding between the nine men who voted as to their reasons for voting. But I believe, in all fairness, that the other members of this Board should be informed of the reason, if a reason does exist, for their peculiar action on this measure today, and for their peculiar action on No. 4, which is a matter of greater importance and moment than the order just passed by the Board.

The motion to reconsider was declared lost. Ald. Curley doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

Reconsideration was refused, yeas 3, nays 9.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Flanagan—3.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper, Leary, Whelton, Woods—9.

BATH HOUSE, NORTH END.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island \$30,000 be, and the same is, hereby appropriated to be expended by the Bath Commissioners, in addition to the amount already appropriated, for the construction of an all-the-year-round bath house at the North End.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, in connection with that order I would like to have the Clerk read the statement accompanying the order.

The Clerk read the following statement:

Bath House, North End.
 Loan order passed Oct. 18, 1901....\$90,000
 Expended.

1902.
 Estates 30 and 32 North Bennett
 St., containing 3681 square feet
 of land\$36,800

1904.
 Architects' service 1,950
 Total amount expended\$38,750
 Balance available, \$51,250.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I desire to say in connection with that order that the people of the North and West ends are clamoring for this. As the statement that goes with the order says, in 1901 the City Council passed a loan item of \$90,000 for a bath-house at the North end. The land which has been bought has been for almost seven years in the hands of the city, and nothing has been done to bring about the completion of the bath-house. Everybody knows that the people at the South end of our city, as well as persons from other sections, enjoy the Dover St. bath-house. I know of no section of the city outside of the South end more in need of a bath-house than the North and West ends. I know that the Mayor is intensely interested in securing the passage of the order, because I am not violating any confidence in saying that he asked me to secure its passage this afternoon. While I was in the office of the Mayor of the city of Boston, I had an opportunity to secure the passage of just such an order as this; but the City Auditor told me that there were executions of court pending which would require my withholding my signature from any such order. It is not so at the present time, and I feel and believe that the interests of the people of that section of the city will be greatly helped in every possible way by bringing about what is asked for in the order today. I know that His Honor the Mayor is very much interested in it. I am, myself, and I sincerely hope and trust that the good judgment of the Board will see that the order is placed upon its passage today.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I have no desire to oppose the passage of the order and I shall not move its assignment. I accept the explanation. I was satisfied that there was some reason which prompted members to vote in favor of the passage of No. 5 on the calendar, and the order that has just been presented is the best explanation of the reason that prompted some that could be desired. Mr. Chairman, I desire to state that we still have to consider No. 8 on the calendar, an order calling for \$493,500 to meet executions of court, which order the members did not see fit to vote upon last week, and which I don't know that they will see fit to vote upon today. But some members did seem desirous last week that a part of that amount should be taken from this \$200,000 that the city receives from the sale of the Deer Island property. They have not considered that order today, Mr. Chairman, and I do not anticipate that they will.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, this is the first I have heard of this order for a bath-house, and as it is a matter that I know absolutely nothing about and have not looked into, and as it involves a considerable expenditure of money, I would ask the usual courtesy of having it assigned for one week.

The motion to assign was declared carried. Ald. Whelton doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The motion to assign was lost, yeas 5, nays 8.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Bangs, Battis, Berwin, Clark—5.

Nays—Ald. Bell, Curley, Draper, Fin-

igan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—8.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, as I still want time to look into this matter, and as the Board has refused assignment for a week, I suggest reference of the order to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The question came on reference to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I certainly trust that the motion to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements will not prevail. I believe if men enter into an agreement they should live up to that agreement, and I do not believe it is fair, after a man gets what it was agreed that he should get, that he should evade the payment of his portion. It is rather amusing, as I said before, that when No. 5 was considered there was no desire to lay it over for a week, to talk it over with somebody; and yet, when the court execution came up last week they did desire that they be laid over for a week, that an opportunity might be given to look into the matter, even though they knew that executions of court must be met by the City Treasurer, and that in the past they have always been met by loans. But they did hint strongly at the possibility of taking a portion of the money required for some of the executions from the \$200,000 that would be received by the city from the sale of the Deer Island property. Apparently, an agreement has been made by which Copley Square shall go through and the North End bath shall go through today; but after they have obtained Copley Square they do not want to let the North End bath go through. I would like to ask why?

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I have made no agreement whatever on this subject or any other. I have never heard of the North End bath proposition. Of the Copley Sq. proposition I have heard a great deal. I understood from the member of the Common Council who has been very much interested in it that he had talked it over with the Mayor weeks and months ago, and always understood that it would go through and be paid for from the money that came from Deer Island. The Copley Sq. proposition has been in the hands of the Art Commission for years. It is a matter that has been in the mind of every public spirited citizen of Boston, that has been carefully worked out, thought out and considered for a very long time. We all know about Copley Sq.,—that it is one of the show places of the city, and that the beautifying of it will be for the advantage of the whole city. It is not in the nature of a local improvement or benefit. Its object is to beautify that square, which has facing upon it the Public Library, Trinity Church, and other fine buildings. I know that this matter has been talked over and thought of for months, that it is no new thing; and I also know that this bath house proposition is a new matter to me. I have not the slightest doubt that this bath house will be a good thing. I think very likely, when I have had a chance to consider it, that I will vote for it. But I do not want to vote for it in the dark or blindly. I simply ask the usual courtesy—a chance to look into the matter, to think it over, and to see whether it is a good thing or not. But I don't think that I am doing my duty by the people who send me here if I vote for things absolutely in the dark, things that I know nothing whatever about, and I cannot and will not do it. If, after I have had a chance to consider this matter, I come to the conclusion

that I should vote for it—and I have no doubt I may come to that conclusion—I shall vote for it. I do not want to vote against it at this time, and I hope I will not be forced into that position by the action of this board. I cannot, however, reconcile it with my conscience to vote for the expenditure of money for something I know absolutely nothing about.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I respect the desire of the Alderman who has just taken his seat to obtain something in the way of information upon this matter; but, as the statement I have submitted with the order shows, the City Council passed the order in 1901. Therefore, it has been almost six years before the city, and it is certainly time that some action was now taken to provide a bath house for the North End, following upon the preliminary action taken so long ago. The city owns the land, the plans have been made, and all we are waiting for is an amount of money sufficient to erect the building and to put in the apparatus to go with it. There is nothing in this matter other than a desire to bring about the best results in the way of helping the people of that section of the city, and I sincerely trust that Ald. Bangs will view it in that light. The people of the city of Boston have the land; it has remained idle for five, yes, for six, years. Nothing has been done, and I regret very much indeed that the Alderman sees the matter in such a light. I sincerely hope and trust that the order will pass today.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, this is no new order. This order has been before the City Council in one form or another since 1902. It has been before the City Council for nearly five years. The Alderman from Wd. 11 was in this Board last year, and a member of the Committee on Finance, and the order was then before the Committee on Finance. It is not a new order, and it does not seem reasonable to grant a man time beyond four or five years to look up a proposition that involves an expenditure of not more than \$30,000. Mr. Chairman, it is an unusual proposition for a man to reconcile his conscience and his devotion to the city's welfare by opposing the payment of court executions and by then voting in favor of such a proposition as the Alderman has favored, which would not suffer by delay. I don't know that Copley Sq. would suffer seriously if we delayed its beautification for one or two years longer; but I do know that the city of Boston has paid out of its treasury money for these executions, amounting to \$493,500, because we have the treasurer's and auditor's word for it. If it was not good business policy to authorize the issuance of a loan to meet court executions which must be paid by the city, then I ask, where is the good business policy in voting in favor of an appropriation for beautifying Copley Sq., when the work cannot be done for three months at least, if we desire to act speedily in the matter? This Copley Sq. proposition has only been before the Board today. It was acted upon by the Common Council last Thursday night and has just come before the Board today. And yet the member votes in favor of it without asking for time to consider it; and he cannot vote in favor of the North End bath house proposition, which is necessary—whether an agreement was made or not—until such time as he investigates. I sincerely trust, Mr. Chairman, that the motion to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements will not prevail, because it not only makes the position of one member of this Board embarrassing, but makes it absolutely

ridiculous. I don't think it is fair for the Board to do that.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I don't know who the member referred to is whose position is embarrassing or ridiculous. Certainly my position is neither ridiculous nor embarrassing. I am not aware of the slightest embarrassment. The Copley Sq. proposition is a matter with which I have been familiar for a long time, a matter which I understood the Mayor to express himself in favor of long ago. This North End bath house proposition, although it happened to be brought up in 1902, before I was in the city government, happens to be a matter that I do not personally know about. I do not want to vote on matters I do not know about; and I feel no embarrassment in saying, here or elsewhere, that I am not in favor of voting upon things I know nothing about, and that I will not do it. If this thing comes to a vote before I have a chance to look into the matter, I shall have to vote against it. I trust that I may have a chance to investigate the matter, as doubtless after investigation I would vote for it. I have no doubt the project is a good one, but I do not want to be forced into the position of voting for something I know nothing about and being sorry for it afterwards. The only object of the Alderman seems to be to try to force me into that position. I cannot imagine why anybody should object to having this matter referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, giving me time to look into it. If it is referred to that committee we may be able to have it reported upon and acted upon today later. Very likely we can find the information I want in the course of the afternoon, and if we can I shall be glad to vote for the order, if I make up my mind it is a good one. If it is necessary to expedite matters and the information can be obtained today, the order can be passed today, later. But I cannot imagine what the hurry is. This order will be as good next week as this week; and certainly, in one form or another, I hope the Board will give me time to look into it. Therefore, I move its reference to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I am in doubt as to what is the proper course for me to pursue in this matter. So far as obtaining information is concerned, there has been sufficient to enable me to pass upon the matter intelligently. I believe it is my duty to furnish to the Alderman from Wd. 11 (Ald. Bangs) all the light we can on any subject upon which he desires information. But we have nine matters on our calendar, and everything has been put over except No. 5. I think we ought to find out definitely what information is desired by the Alderman, and then perhaps information which will satisfy him can be furnished in the open board. I don't believe any man should vote for any measure in the dark, but we cannot enlighten the Alderman until we find out what information he desires. When we find that out, very likely we can furnish it to him now.

The motion to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements was declared carried. Ald. Curley doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The motion to refer the order to the Committee on Public Improvements was lost, yeas 6, nays 6:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark—6.

Nays—Ald. Curley, Draper, Finigan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—6.

The order was passed, yeas 7, nays 4:

Yeas—Ald. Curley, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—7.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Berwin, Clark—4.
Sent down.

REMOVAL OF POLES, EAST BOSTON.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts be hereby requested by this Board to remove their poles from Meridian St., East Boston, at the earliest possible date.

Passed.

NIGHT CARS, TUNNEL.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the Railroad Commissioners be hereby requested by this Board to grant permission to, or issue an order authorizing, the Boston Elevated Railway Company to run cars all night through the East Boston tunnel.

Passed.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted the following:

Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for use of Faneuil Hall—that leave be granted, viz.:

Minute Men of '61, April 15, daytime, free of cost.

Democratic City Committee, evening of Jan. 21.

Lee S. Wheeler, day and evening of Jan. 31.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

Chairman BERWIN announced the appointment of the following committees, viz.:

Joint Rules and Orders—Ald. Draper, Curley, Bangs, Baldwin, Whelton.

Soldiers' Relief—Ald. Bell, Whelton, Battis.

Inspection of Prisons—Ald. Clark, Baldwin, Woods.

BRANCH LIBRARY, EAST BOSTON.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Committee on Appropriations, when appointed, be requested to provide in the appropriation bill the sum of \$5000 for a branch library and reading room in the Fourth Section, East Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, when appointed.

CITY YARD, EAST BOSTON.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to provide in the first loan bill the sum of \$60,000 for the purchase of property now leased by the city as a city yard corner of Glen- don and Trenton Sts., East Boston.

Ald. BATTIS—Mr. Chairman, I have a word to say in regard to that order. The city of Boston at the present time has that property under a lease and is paying \$2000 a year and taxes. Any one can see that it is a good, fair, business proposition for the city of Boston to own that property, and it cannot be got any cheaper by waiting. The property is going to increase in value, and, in my opinion, now is the time for the city of Boston to buy it, saving the amount of almost \$4000 a year that it is now paying. In 15

years it will pay for itself. I consider this as good a business proposition as has been introduced in the Board for some time.

The order was referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

EXECUTIONS OF COURT.

Ald. CURLEY called up No. 8, special assignments, viz.:

8. Message of the Mayor relative to payments of executions of court, and recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to the amount of four hundred ninety-three thousand five hundred dollars (\$493,500); and the proceeds thereof to said amount are hereby appropriated, to be expended by the City Auditor, to meet deficits caused by the payment of executions of court, viz.:

Abolition of Dorchester Ave. grade crossing	\$50,000
Bowdoin St. grade damages, Chapter 543, Acts of 1902	61,000
Copley Square, damages by reason of act limiting height of buildings on and near	347,000
Strandway, purchase of land and construction of	3,500
Dorchester St	2,000
	\$493,500

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I would move to amend No. 8 by striking out in the fifth and sixth lines the words "four hundred ninety-three thousand five hundred dollars (\$493,500)" and substituting therefor the words "three hundred forty-seven thousand dollars (\$347,000)." My object in doing that is as follows: The City of Boston is about to receive, or has already received, a very considerable sum of money for Deer Island. I see no reason why that money, or a large portion of it, should now be that, when the City Treasurer executions. The executions have already been paid. There is no interest running on them, and the only trouble now is that, when the City Treasurer and the City Auditor come to finally balance their accounts at the end of the year, there may be a deficit. I certainly do not want to see any deficit. I want the city to be able to square up its accounts. But I feel that that large sum of money that has come from Deer Island is a source of temptation, that everybody who wants anything done thinks he will have it done out of that money that comes from Deer Island, with the result that pretty soon we will spend that money and more, too, and instead of being better off by \$200,000 we will be worse off, because we will spend that and dip into our credit. I think the best thing to do is to apply all this money that is left from the Deer Island amount to these executions of court. It is impossible now to tell how much money will be left in various other appropriations. There will probably be tail ends of various appropriations left in the Treasurer's hands, and I have little doubt that if we take the Deer Island money, or whatever is left of it, and apply it to the payment of these executions, and raise by loan also for the purpose \$347,000 we will have money enough to square up the whole thing, if we do not indulge in any further extravagance between now and the end of the year.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Alderman a

question—if he will agree to include, or add to the amount to be taken from the money received from the United States government for Deer Island, \$3500 for an improvement that has long been desired in Wd. 21? It seems to me entirely unfair that only Wd. 11 should be considered. I am asking the alderman from Wd. 11 a question, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIR—The honorable Alderman will proceed.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, No. 8 is as follows:

"That the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to the amount of \$493,500. My understanding of this proposition is that, as soon as Wd. 11 has secured its improvements that the Alderman desires, then, in order that no other part of the city should have any temptation to take any other part of the money received from the United States government, the balance should all be applied to the payment of executions, thereby upsetting the custom which is recognized by every one to be sound and good financial policy. I think, as a matter of courtesy, that the Alderman should be willing to answer this one question. Of course, he has an opportunity to refuse to do it. Perhaps he does not hear me, Mr. Chairman. I respectfully ask the Chairman to ask the Alderman if he will kindly answer the question. I ask the Alderman if he would be willing to add to the amount which he desires to have taken from the amount received from the United States government \$3500, in order that one improvement that has long been sought for by the Roxbury Historical Society—namely, the improvement of the Fort Ave. standpipe—may be taken care of, as the Wd. 11 improvement has been taken care of, out of the money coming from the United States government? It seems to me a very fair proposition. We take \$3500; Wd. 11 takes \$40,000. That is at least fair. Of course, they get a little more. Their improvement is a larger one. But the improvement I suggest is requested by the Roxbury Historical Society, the matter was introduced in the Board last year; and I ask, in all fairness, if the Alderman will be willing to make that additional transfer?"

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I was in hopes that the Alderman from Wd. 11 (Ald. Bangs) would answer the question propounded to him by my colleague from Roxbury. But since he does not see fit to do so, I desire to say that it is unfortunate that there are 25 wards in Boston. Copley Sq. has been given \$40,000 this afternoon, and now it is the desire of the member from Wd. 11 to remove all temptation from the other members by using up the balance of the Deer Island money for the payment of court executions. I don't know to what I could compare the situation any more, perhaps, than to a burglar breaking into a bank, taking all the money deposited there, and then putting up a sign, "Be honest and you will be lonely," or something of that kind. He takes the \$40,000, and then says, "Remove all temptation"—and then he wants to give \$347,000 more, under this order, to Copley Sq. Mr. Chairman, his position on the matter of the \$40,000 would be all right if there were only five wards in the city; but, unfortunately, there are 25 wards, so that a fair division could not be made even though the temptation were there. But, Mr. Chairman, I believe South Boston is entitled to something, and there is \$80,000 required for payment on account of abolition of grade crossings there. There is also an item of

\$61,000 for Bowdoin St. for grade damages, in Dorchester; an item for Strandway, purchase of land and construction of, in South Boston, of \$3500, and an item of \$2000 for Dorchester St. If the member from Wd. 11 desires to be absolutely fair, he will withdraw his amendment and submit an amendment asking that the executions for all places, as well as for Copley Sq., be met by loan. But it is certainly a ridiculous thing for him to ask his fellow-Republican members of this Board to place themselves in the position of voting \$40,000 for Copley Sq. from the money received from Deer Island, then voting to issue a loan for \$347,000 to meet executions of court on Copley Sq. property, and then talk about removing the temptation, after he has removed his portion of the temptation. Why, there isn't any temptation left to you, after you have taken your \$40,000. You deny to Ald. Whelton an opportunity to take \$30,000 of the temptation—a good deal less than you have taken yourself—and then you say, "Remove the temptation; I have all I want." That is a ridiculous position for such an able, such a learned member of this Board as the Alderman from Wd. 11 to assume. I sincerely trust, Mr. Chairman, for the sake of the high estimation that every member of this Board places upon the Alderman's intelligence and his intellect, that he will withdraw that amendment.

Ald. Bangs' amendment was declared carried. Ald. Draper doubted the vote, and called for the yeas and nays.

Ald. Bangs' amendment was lost, yeas 2, nays 11, Ald. Bangs and Berwin voting yea.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I am willing to be fair in this matter. After the appropriation that has been made from the sale of land made by the government I believe there is still \$50,000 there, and I should like to see that \$80,000—

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order, that the Board is engaged in the solution of a doubt on a vote.

The CHAIR—The Chair will rule the gentleman out of order.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, the Chair had ordered the Clerk to call the roll.

The CHAIR—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I rise to amend the order so that the amount will read "\$413,500." That, with the \$30,000, that we still have left from the sale of Deer Island, will meet the total amount of the executions of court.

The CHAIR—The Chair will request the Alderman to submit his motion in writing.

Ald. BELL did as requested, and submitted in writing an amendment "to strike out in lines six and seven \$493,500, and insert in place thereof \$413,500."

The amendment was declared rejected. Ald. Bangs doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

Ald. Bell's amendment was rejected, yeas 5, nays 8:

Yeas—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark—5.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—8.

The order was passed in concurrence, yeas 11, nays 2, Ald. Bangs and Bell voting nay.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, at 452 o'clock P. M., on motion of Ald. CURLEY, to

take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 5.02 o'clock, P. M.

WIDENING OF CHELSEA ST.

Ald. LEARY called up No. 9, special assignment, viz.:

9. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the Great and General Court for authority to borrow \$600,000 outside of the debt limit for the widening of Chelsea St., Charlestown, to Bainbridge St., in accordance with the plans now in possession of the Board of Street Commissioners.

The order was declared passed in concurrence.

Ald. BELL doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays.

Ald. LEARY—Mr. Chairman, I desire to say in relation to that order that I was requested to call it up and have

it acted upon. A petition has already gone in to the Legislature from Charlestown in relation to the matter. It is a question that the Mayor will have to act upon, and I think, as a matter of courtesy to the people of the Charlestown district, who are not represented in this Board this year, that the Board should pass the order, as it is only a matter of form.

The order was passed in concurrence, yeas 7, nays 5:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Berwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—7.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Clark, Draper—5.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. BALDWIN moved a general reconsideration on all matters not previously reconsidered, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 5.05 o'clock P. M., on motion of Ald. BELL, to meet on Monday, Jan. 28, at 3 o'clock P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, Jan. 24, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P. M., President BARRETT in the chair.

ASSIGNMENT OF SEATS.

Mr. SANTOSUOSSO of Wd. 6, under a suspension of the rules, offered an order—That in addition to those members already allowed a choice of seats, Councilman Costello of Wd. 16 be granted a similar courtesy and allowed Seat No. 25.

Passed.

The Council then proceeded to take up No. 13 on the calendar, being the allotment of seats to members. The President announced that the members allowed choice of seats by order of the Council had selected seats as follows:

Mr. Sullivan of Wd. 15, No. 21; Mr. Pierce of Wd. 11, No. 12; Mr. Montague of Wd. 10, No. 11; Mr. Foley of Wd. 7, No. 6; Mr. Costello of Wd. 16, No. 25.

The President and City Messenger then proceeded with the drawing of seats for the remaining members of the Council, with the following result:

Number of Seat—Anderson, 46; Bagley, 16; Bramhall, 37; Brown, 72; Buckley, 61; Carruth, 40; Clark (20), 60; Clark (24), 26; Colpoys, 52; Cose, 13; Cronin, 4; Daly (17), 57; Daly (12), 51; Davidson, 8; Doherty, 14; Donovan, 32; Doyle, 2; Driscoll, 29; Ducey, 3; Ferguson, 33; Fitzgerald (14), 56; Fitzgerald (3), 20; George, 15; Green, 34; Hackett, 48; Hanrahan, 21; Harding, 24; Hatton, 36; Hayes, 39; Joyce, 17; Kelly, 65; Kennedy, 1; Kohler, 55; Leonard, 73; Lill, 23; Madden, 5; McCabe, 53; McCarthy, 69; McCormack, 28; McCullough, 49; McGivern, 71; McGregor, 45; McLennan, 70; Mealey, 44; Morgan, 9; Murphy, 63; Noonan, 66; Noyes, 19; O'Brien (5), 74; O'Brien (18), 27; O'Brien (14), 58; Pendergast, 41; Penhorn, 54; Purcell, 22; Rackowsky, 38; Roberts, 10; Rosenberg, 30; Sacks, 64; Santosuosso, 62; Sheenan, 35; Sorenson, 59; Spellman, 43; Sullivan (5), 47; Troy, 18; Wentworth, 68; Wharton, 42; Willcutt, 50; Woodside, 7; Zetterman, 67.

COST OF FINISHING SOUTH BOSTON GYMNASIUM.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Jan. 24, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Park Department in answer to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of finishing the gymnasium at the First-St. Playground.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks.

Jamaica Plain, Mass., Jan. 22, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, City Hall.

Dear Sir:—The Board has received and considered the enclosed order from

the Common Council requesting an estimate of the cost of finishing the gymnasium at First St. Playground. As I informed the Common Council in 1906, the requested equipment would be much appreciated by the young men of South Boston, and the Board would be glad to furnish it if we could be given an appropriation of \$2000 for the purpose.

Yours very truly,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

Placed on file.

LIGHTING OF PLAYGROUNDS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Jan. 24, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Park Department in answer to your orders requesting that the Strandway and Sullivan Square Playgrounds be lighted during the skating season.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor

City of Boston,

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks,

Jamaica Plain, Mass., Jan. 22, 1907.

Honorable John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, City Hall.

Dear Sir:—The Board has received and considered the enclosed orders from the Common Council—requesting us to place lights on the Strandway Playground, and the other on the playground at Sullivan Sq. for the convenience of skaters. We regret that we have had no money to apply to these purposes, and the lateness of the season would not now justify an appropriation by the City Council.

Yours very truly,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

Placed on file.

CONCRETING OF WALKS, SOUTH BOSTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Jan. 24, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Public Grounds in answer to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of concreting the walks in Independence Sq.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Public Grounds Department,
East Cottage Street, Dorchester.

Jan. 18, 1907

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of the City of Boston.

Dear Sir:—In regard to the enclosed order from the City Council, requesting an estimate of the cost of concreting walks in Independence Sq., I beg to refer to my annual estimate for this year in which I have included a special item for repairing the concrete walks in Independence Sq.

Very truly yours,

D. H. Sullivan,
Superintendent.

Placed on file.

GRADING OF BALL GROUNDS, COMMON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Jan. 24, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Public

Grounds, in answer to your order requesting that the baseball grounds on Boston Common be graded.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Grounds Department,
East Cottage St., Dorchester,
Jan. 18, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of the City of Boston.

Dear Sir:—In regard to the enclosed order from the Common Council, requesting that the baseball grounds on Boston Common be graded, I beg to refer to my annual estimates for this year, wherein I have included figures and suggestions for radical improvements on the parade ground, which I trust will receive favorable consideration at the proper time.

Very truly yours,
D. H. Sullivan, Superintendent.
Placed on file.

SHELTERS AT BRIDGES.

The following was received:
City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Jan. 24, 1907.
To the Common Council:—
I transmit herewith a communication from the Bridge Department in answer to your order requesting the construction of shelters at the Dover St., Broadway Extension and Federal St. Bridges.
Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Bridge Department,
Tremont Building, Boston, Jan. 21, 1907.
Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Dear Sir:—I return herewith order from the Common Council, in reference to the construction of shelters at several bridges. The matter of shelters will receive my attention, and I will erect two during the coming year at the Broadway and Dover St. Bridges, if the department appropriation will admit of it.

Respectfully yours,
Patrick F. McDonald, Superintendent.
Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, when appointed, on motion of Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Notice of announcement of appointment of Aldermen Draper, Curley, Bangs, Baldwin and Whelton as members of the Committee on Joint Rules and Orders.

Placed on file.
2. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor cause to be removed at once all billboard signs located or erected on city property, especially those erected on Hancock St., Dorchester, northeast corner Gibson St. and Dorchester Ave., Washington St., Roxbury, in rear of old Marcella St. Home, and on buildings erected on the Charles River Parkway, near Charles St., city proper.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.
Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I move that No. 2 be referred to a special committee, to consist of eight members of this body, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11—Mr. President, it is particularly painful for me to oppose a motion of my friend, the member in the third division from South Boston, especially as it was my duty to do so at a recent meeting of the Council. I see absolutely no reason for

referring this order to any special committee. It is so absolutely fair, it is so absolutely right, the error or the imposition is so flagrant, that there is no need of any committee. We, the members of the Common Council, make a most excellent committee to judge of this matter. Why, in the last year more Democratic members have come to me and have spoken to me of this flagrant abuse than on any other matter. I do not know that they care to commit themselves tonight, and I do not care whether they do or not; but I am sure their good judgment will prevail. I feel that they will not refer this to a committee of eight, a committee of three, a committee of five, or to any sort of committee. Mr. President, I regret very much entering into personalities. It is a most painful thing to me even to get up and speak in favor of this order, because one of the members of this firm was a classmate of mine in Cambridge, and another member, the leading member of the firm which was mentioned by Mr. Bell in his order in the Board of Aldermen, is a friend of mine. Nevertheless, their position in this matter is unfair. They are having a privilege which is extended to no other firm of bill posters; they are having a privilege for which, apparently, they do not pay; they are having a privilege which is refused to other firms of bill posters in this city. I came here with absolutely no preparation for any speech of this sort. I had no idea that this thing would be held up by anybody in this body; but, conscientiously, I must rise and beg of you not to have Mr. McCullough's motion prevail. I hope that Ald. Bell's order will go through, unanimously.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, my foremost reason in asking that this matter be referred to a special committee is this, that the same order was introduced into one of the bodies a year ago and that it was referred to a special committee, consisting of eight members of the Council and five members of the Board of Aldermen; that that committee held hearings, heard testimony, and failed to make a report; that that committee recommended, if I am right, that the matter be referred to the next City Government. Now, of that committee, consisting of five members of the Board of Aldermen and eight members of the Common Council, a majority now enjoy the privilege of being members of the City Government of this year; and I think, in view of the fact that that committee did not for some reason report and that a majority of them now desire that the matter should be referred to a special committee again this year, to consist of eight members of the Common Council and of five members of the Board of Aldermen, that that action should be taken. No disposition was made of the matter last year. Testimony was given; a report was not made. There must be some reason. I believe that this matter, like all matters referred from last year's government to this year's government—and they are numerous—should be referred to its proper committee.

Mr. NOYES—Mr. President, that is all the more reason why we should not refer this matter to any special committee. My friend in the third division has said that this was referred last year to a special committee; that they heard testimony and made no report. I do not happen to remember the names of the gentlemen who served on that committee, so I can speak frankly in the matter. If they knew that such a situation existed and failed to make a report against it, I, for one, feel that they were very

lux in their duty. If such a committee considering such a situation, had returned a report to the Common Council that the situation was O. K., that everything was lovely and that there was no abuse, I should have felt obliged not only to have voted against it, but to have spoken against it. As I said before, my duty is an unpleasant one, because, perhaps, different from some other members of the Council, I have a personal acquaintance with the members of the firm who are supposed to be favored in this matter. I think the situation is wrong; I think everybody here thinks it is wrong. I think it is unjust; I think it ought to be stopped.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I want to say, for the benefit of the members, that, if I am right, the last meeting of the committee of last year was held on the day before the Council of last year had its annual dinner and adjourned; so that the committee of last year did not have sufficient evidence before it and did not have sufficient time to give to the subject the consideration it ought to have. Ald. Bangs, who is an Alderman this year, was a member of last year's committee; likewise Ald. Bell. Councilman Pierce was a member of last year's committee, as were Councilmen Mealey, Troy and Joyce, and Ald. Curley and Baldwin. They comprise a majority of the committee of last year and are members of this year's government. If those gentlemen, who are in the city government of this year, recommend, merely because they did not have sufficient time for consideration and sufficient evidence to pass upon the question intelligently, that a special committee of this year's city government should consider the subject, I think it is only fair to those gentlemen that a special committee should be again appointed to consider the matter this year, and that those same gentlemen should be appointed upon the committee.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I dislike very much to arise on this occasion, but, in reply to the gentleman from Wd. 13 (Mr. McCullough), I want to say that he is somewhat misinformed. The committee of last year to which he refers was appointed to draw up an ordinance to either abolish or regulate the billboard nuisance. The matter which it was appointed to take care of did not apply to this specific case. This is a case of another kind. This is the case of a well-known firm which, through its connections with the administration, has received the privilege of putting up billboards for advertisements on city property; and the records of the city collector's office do not show any return for that privilege. Now, that is not a legal use of the city's property. The gentleman is wrong when he says that this is the same matter. This is a new matter, and the committee of last year had no connection with it whatever.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I am sorry that the gentleman from East Boston takes that view of the situation. It may be that the wording of the order is different; but I do not care to discuss the main question now. I do know, however, that it was a scheme directed at one firm in Boston by foreign firms, and was intended to put that billboard firm in Boston out of business.

Mr. NOYES—Mr. President, I accidentally happened to be in at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen last Monday, and was very much interested in what I heard Ald. Bell say in reference to this matter of favoritism to bill posters. I do not care, Mr. President, whether it is the firm of Donnelly, the firm Jude, or so-and-so Jones, or Brown. The fact remains—and nobody

has denied it—that bill-boards are erected on city property, and so far as we know the city gets no return. There is no record—absolutely no record, Mr. President—of any returns from that favor. Now, if we are letting city property for bill-board signs, let us advertise the fact. I have spoken so often about the fact that in my little business we advertise that I rather hesitate to speak of it. But I know from actual experience that advertising costs money, and that advertising pays; and if we have some splendid, preferred positions on the corner of lots, which would bring big money, let us advertise the fact and get the very best return we can. But as to giving them away to anybody, I don't care who, it is absolutely unfair. We do not need, Mr. President, to refer this to any committee. Whether an indolent or indifferent committee, filled with the pleasures of anticipating the Council's dinner, postponed action on this matter last year, I do not care a rap; but it seems to me such elementary common sense that we do not need the aid of any committee in the consideration of it. The fact that bill-boards are erected on city property is not denied, and it is not denied that we get no return, nor that only one firm of bill-board posters—Jones, if you please to call them so—is permitted so to erect billboards. I say that if that is the case—and it is not denied—we do not need to refer Ald. Bell's order to any committee. We do not need to have any committee appointed. Such a proposition is all poppy-cock. All we need to do is to pass this order, and send it to His Honor the Mayor, who will deal with it in a broad and liberal manner. If we are to outrage the rest of the country in bill-board advertising—in a perfectly square way—by paying for it—let us not except the city of Boston from that attitude. Let us treat Boston on the same plane. I hope, Mr. President, that Mr. McCullough's motion will not prevail. I hope that the order will not be assigned, and I hope that the order will not be referred to a committee.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I want to say to the gentleman from Wd. 11 that this order certainly was not referred by last year's city government to this year's city government for the purpose of postponing the dinner. It is true that the gentleman who introduced the order did see fit to accept an invitation from last year's Common Council to last year's Common Council dinner. Now, Mr. President, to be serious, if what the gentleman from Wd. 11 says is true, if there is to be some remedy for the situation in connection with the erection of these billboards, there must be some committee to discuss the matter and determine upon a method. We have no appropriate standing committee of this Council, and that is why I have asked that it be referred to a special committee. I do not think that we ought to adopt bodily an order like this, which reads:

"Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor cause to be removed at once all billboard signs located or erected on city property, especially those erected on Hancock St., Dorchester, northeast corner Gibson St. and Dorchester Ave., Washington St., Roxbury, in rear of old Marcella St. Home, and on buildings erected on the Charles River Parkway, near Charles St., city proper," because we do not know that those are the only billboards erected on city property. We do know, however, according to the Alderman from Dorchester, who spoke on this order last Monday, that those billboards all belong to one man; that that one man is a

resident and a taxpayer of the city of Boston; and that the firms in whose favor he argues are foreign corporations. I believe it is only fair to Boston's citizens that we should refer this to a committee, in order that it may give to every man what he is entitled to.

Mr. NOYES—Mr. President, I beg of you to bear with me a moment longer. In order to conform with the suggestion of my friend in the third division, I move to amend No. 2 on the calendar by striking out, in lines 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, all after the words "city property"—and there we will have what we used to call, when I was a reporter on the Boston Herald, a "full stop." The order will then read:

"Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor cause to be removed at once all billboard signs located or erected on city property."

I think that all the gentleman's objections will then be removed. Then, when the question of letting these very desirable spaces in the city of Boston arise, the Chair, perhaps by the request of the Council, can appoint a committee to whom the matter may be referred. Why, Mr. President, if Mr. McCullough, the gentleman in the third division, were to come down here some evening to the City Hall and find a row of electric lights strung along in front of the building advertising, if you please, Mr. President, in large letters, "Copley Prints"—you see, that would be a splendid advertisement for Copley Prints—, he would arise in wrath and protest. Every righteous Democrat, every righteous Republican, and every righteous citizen, would arise and say that it was perfectly preposterous. Now, that is carrying this only a little further, Mr. President. At the present time, we are giving away other valuable space all over the city. This would be, I admit, the most valuable space; but there are other spaces which are very valuable, although we cannot exactly put them in a line with this one. I leave this matter, Mr. President, to the good judgment, the wisdom and the intelligence of the members of this Council.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the question comes on the adoption of the motion, which takes precedence over the motion to refer.

Mr. CULLOUGH—Mr. President, I do not want to discuss the merits of the main question, as involved in the first two and a half lines of this order, as to whether these billboards should be abolished, when the question is on the adoption of the amendment; but who knows where these billboards are? Isn't the best way for us to find out what is being done, and also what the proper remedy is by referring it to a committee?

The President put the question on the adoption of the amendment, and, being in doubt as to the result, ordered a rising vote.

The President appointed the following gentlemen as temporary tellers: In the first division, Mr. Pierce of Wd. 11 and Colpoys of Wd. 15; in the second division, Mr. Zetterman of Wd. 25 and Mealey of Wd. 15; in the third division, Mr. Lill of Wd. 8 and Bramhall of Wd. 20; in the fourth division, Mr. Harding of Wd. 20 and McGivern of Wd. 16.

A rising vote was taken and the amendment was adopted, 37 members voting in the affirmative, three in the negative.

Mr. McCullough's motion to refer the matter to a special committee to be appointed, was declared rejected. Mr. McCullough doubted the vote and asked for a verification by a rising

vote, which was taken, and the motion was again declared rejected, 22 members voting in the affirmative, 35 in the negative.

Mr. McCullough further doubted the vote and asked for a certification by the yeas and nays. The yeas and nays were ordered and Mr. McCullough's motion was lost—yeas 28, nays 39.

Yeas—Farrett, Clark (20), Colpoys, Costello, Cronin, Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Fitzgerald (14), Foley, Hanrahan, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Leonard, Madden, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, Murphy, Pendergast, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Sacks, Spellman, Sullivan (15), Troy—28.

Nays—Anderson, Bramhall, Brown, Buckley, Carruth, Clark (24), Coase, Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (3), Hackett, Harding, Hatton, Hayes, Lill, McCabe, McCarthy, McGregor, McLennan, Montague, Morgan, Noyes, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (14), Peshorn, Pierce, Roberts, Rosenberg, Santososso, Sheenan, Sorenson, Sullivan (5), Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—39.

Absent or not voting—Bagley, Daly (17), Daly (12), George, Green, Kohler, Noonan, O'Brien (18)—8.

The order was read a second time, and was passed. Mr. NOYES moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

3. Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel, with the consent of His Honor the Mayor, be requested to petition the Legislature at its present session for the enactment of legislation authorizing the collection and charging of a fee for the sealing of milk and cream jars. Passed in concurrence.

4. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of the various departments to submit to the City Council an estimate of the additional appropriation required in each department to provide that the lowest rate of wages for laborers shall be \$2.25 per day.

Passed in concurrence.

5. Ordered, That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) be, and the same is hereby appropriated to be expended by the Bath Commissioners, in addition to the amount already appropriated, for the construction of an all-the-year-round bath-house at the North End.

The question came on ordering the order to a second reading.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I find myself recorded in the negative so often on loan orders that it gives me peculiar pleasure to say a word in favor of this loan. I consider this a matter of health, and one of extreme importance to the most congested portion of the city—and for that matter, to the city as a whole. The proposition to build a bath house at the North End was made during Mayor Hart's administration in 1901. In 1902 the plans were drawn and estimates were made for the bath house, and an order appropriating \$90,000 was passed. Land on North Bennet St. was purchased, at a cost of \$36,800. The architect's services, for drawing plans, were paid for, amounting to \$1950. Altogether, the total amount expended was \$37,580. The matter was left there. Nothing has been done since—except that I believe orders have been introduced from time to time asking for an additional amount; but up to the present time they have never gone into effect. It was evident that the balance left from the \$90,000 was not sufficient to build a bath house such as is desirable for that section; and for that reason this order transferring \$30,000 additional has been introduced. I believe that in the present state of our finances we should not borrow money for any ex-

cept the most urgent necessities. I believe that we should not borrow money for luxuries; that we should not borrow for any purpose from which we cannot receive a compensatory return; but I think that the return to the city in this case will be a very valuable one. This section of the city is the most crowded in the whole city. There are probably three times as many people living there as can be properly housed. There are more deaths each year in that ward than in any other ward in the city. There are more deaths of children under five years of age in that ward than in any other ward in the city; and the deaths of children affords a very good barometer for showing health conditions. I consider it of the utmost importance, Mr. President, that the people in this district, many of whom have no private bathing facilities, should be given the privileges of a public bath house, and I trust, Mr. President, that this order will pass. I have the honor of being a member of the Italian Welfare Committee, a committee formed in connection with the Denison House for the social and economic improvement of Italians who have recently come to this city. There are on that committee men like Rev. Dr. Denison, Mr. Ellery H. Clark, Mr. Meyer Bloomfield, and women like Vida D. Scudder and others. They feel that this is a public improvement of the utmost necessity. I also have a letter from Mr. Robert A. Woods, who, as you know, may well be considered an expert on every phase of this subject. It is as follows:

"January 22, 1907.

"To the members of the Common Council:

"Gentlemen:—May I venture to urge upon you the great importance of providing the proposed appropriation of \$30,000 to be devoted to an all-the-year-round bath house, in connection with the gymnasium for which land has already been bought and plans drawn under the direction of the Bath Commission?

"If the proposed appropriation is passed it will make possible a combined gymnasium and bath house providing excellent facilities for physical care and education in a section of the city which needs such opportunities far more than any other.

"The large success, which has been attained at the municipal baths and gymnasiums throughout the city proves that this branch of the city's investments has been wisely and effectively made. Even at a time when special retrenchment is necessary the city cannot afford to withhold a reasonable appropriation like the one suggested, when the returns which it will yield are so important and so certain.

"Yours respectfully,
"Robert A. Woods."

I have also consulted the Bath Department and the architects. I have seen the drawings, and I have here the estimates. I am convinced that the whole matter is being conducted in a most business-like and economical way. I have here a pen-and-ink sketch of the building proposed. The roof-garden part of the scheme has been abandoned, for obvious reasons; but, except for that this sketch gives you a very good idea of the way the buildings will look. The exterior is to be of red brick and terra cotta. I have here a letter which describes the building more in detail. It was addressed to the Bath Commission, under date of Aug. 7, 1903, and is as follows:

"Bath Commission, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:—We enclose you herewith a detailed approximate estimate of cost for the proposed bath-house at North

End. This estimate is designedly conservative, and probabilities are that, submitted to competition in open market, the lowest bid will qualify this somewhat.

The change involved in the introduction of a new story has, of course, made for a considerable increase in cost, but the change is an extremely desirable, and, from a broad view of the project, a very economical one. The capacity of the building is greatly increased in a most serviceable and vital part. It is not impossible, without prejudice to the organism of the building, to trim down on certain of the allowances given on this estimate. For example, the terra cotta can be eliminated three-fourths, but not without detriment to the appearance of the building. The marble work can be cut down more than one-third by using wood for the dressing rooms.

The accommodations now provided by our plans are as follows: In first story—23 showers and dressing rooms combined (of Dover St. type);

Eight showers of stall pattern on bath side.

Four showers of stall pattern on gym. side.

Group of seven showers for boys on bath side.

Group of 12 showers on gym. side.

Two hundred and two gymnasium lockers.

Sixteen dressing rooms.

In second story, 18 showers of stall pattern.

Twelve grouped in compartments.

Sixty-eight dressing rooms.

Total number of showers, 84.

Suitable toilet conveniences in both stores.

The materials to be employed are, generally, as follows: On exterior, terra cotta and red water struck brick. Base of building to be semi-glaze terra cotta, which can be washed down. Base course and seat and platform to be granolithic. In interior: The waiting room will have floor of mosaic, walls of hard plaster, with high dado of metile. Marble used to be Knoxville, selected where it is to be exposed, otherwise unselected. Floors of cement. Gymnasium finish floor of maple. General wood finish of hard pine. End stairway of iron.

Very respectfully yours,

(Signed)

Maginnis, Walsh & Sullivan."

If you will bear with me, I will read the approximate estimates,—they are not very long:

"Cleaning site and excavation..	\$1,000.00
Foundations	2,800.00
Common brick	10,500.00
Face brick	2,300.00
Lining brick	2,000.00
Terra cotta and setting same ..	6,000.00
Cement floors and roofs	4,500.00
Iron work	9,000.00
Roofing and copper work	2,500.00
Windows and doors	1,800.00
Centres and staging	1,000.00
Upper floors	1,500.00
Finish	2,400.00
Plastering	1,200.00
Painting	1,200.00
Plumbing	6,500.00
Heating	6,500.00
Marble and terrazo	6,000.00
Electric work and fixtures	9,000.00
Hardware	1,000.00
Allowance for contractor's general expenses and profit	4,900.00
Architect's commission	3,900.00
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	\$81,900.00

P. S.—About \$1500 will be required for furnishings."

I might criticise at least one item here, and I think very likely the original estimates were somewhat liberal; but they were made in 1903, and since

then the cost of materials has risen not a little. So I feel sure that the figure now is a reasonable one, and I have no hesitation in advocating and voting for the order. I trust, Mr. President, that it will be passed unanimously.

Mr. LILL of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I do not rise at this time to enter into any lengthy discourse upon the question now before the body. I simply wish to reiterate the statements made by my fellow member in the first division (Mr. Pierce), and also by the Alderman from my district, Ald. Whelton, in the Board. If the members will bear with me just a moment, I think they will come to the conclusion that there is no section of the city whatsoever that is more congested than the North and West Ends. The South End, to be sure, is likely to be in a congested condition; but when you stop to consider conditions in the North End of the city and in certain portions of the West End, which you may have occasion to visit, you will see at a glance, especially in the summer, the fall or the spring, that the children playing about the gutters are really to be pitied. A bath house, as I say, and as Ald. Whelton and Councilman Pierce say, is really needed in that section of the city, and I think the members will tonight vote for this unanimously. I certainly trust that they will, because if they will only stop and think for a moment, they will see that it is an actual necessity.

Mr. SANTOSUOSSO of Wd. 6—Mr. President, it seems rather singular that I feel obliged on this occasion to second the statement of the gentleman in the first division (Mr. Pierce.) It is seldom that I have such an honorable opportunity, and it is more singular that Wds. 8 and 11 seem to combine with Wd. 6 in something that concerns the North End section of the city particularly. I am glad that such is the case, upon this occasion at least. I have no doubt that this order will pass, because I have canvassed many members of the body and it seems to be the consensus of opinion that a similar order should have been passed long ago because the North End section of the city is in reality the most thickly populated section of Boston and is more in need of accommodations of this kind than any other ward in the city. Wd. 6 has not been blessed with many commodities in the past. Previous to about 12 or 15 years ago we received little or nothing in Wd. 6; but at that time, through the efforts of His Honor the Mayor, who was then a member of this branch of the city government, we were honored with the passage of a bill known as the North End Park bill, thereby receiving something which was a great benefit to the poor people of that section. Then, in the time of Josiah Quincy's administration, we had another great commodity given to that section of the city, in the way of a playground on Prince St. This is the third time that we members from Wd. 6 ask the members of this body to grant the people of Wd. 6 something that we believe to be a public necessity. It was my intention, Mr. President, at the last meeting to introduce an order similar to the one that is now before you for consideration, but, to my surprise, when I read the Boston Traveler on Tuesday afternoon, I learned that the order which I had intended to introduce last Thursday evening had been introduced in the upper branch of the City Government by the Alderman from my section of the city. Therefore, Mr. President and gentlemen, I second all that has been said thus far tonight in favor

of this order, and trust that it will be adopted unanimously.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I have not risen at this time to oppose this order, because I have given my friends from the North End, where I was born and bred, my word that when this order came up tonight I would vote for it. But I would like to ask one question of the gentleman who evidently represents here the spirit of philanthropy and fairness—whether he will be willing later on to do for East Boston what he has so eloquently favored for other parts of this city? Will he favor appropriating \$50,000 for a similar structure in East Boston? We will need less, comparatively speaking, over there than is required for this \$125,000 proposition. We have the land in East Boston. But we have there a tumbled-down old structure, not fit to answer the purpose for which they are using it. If the Building Department was doing its duty it would abolish the structure now in use in East Boston as a gymnasium and an all-the-year-round bath-house. We were the pioneers in the so-called indoor gymnasium and bath-house movement. The indoor gymnasium and bath-house over there on Paris St. was presented to the city of Boston during Mayor Quincy's term by the mother of the present Bath Commissioner; and I hope, my friends, that when, later on, an order is introduced into this body calling for a new bath-house for that section of the city which I in part represent, you will give me the same courtesy and consideration that you are extending to the North End here this evening.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11—Mr. President, in order to round out this joyous occasion, I also rise to put in a good word; and I think I must plead with the gentleman in the second division (Mr. Doherty) not to vote against this order. I hope the order will be passed unanimously, and passed tonight, and later I am going to ask a suspension of the rule that it may go upon its passage. So I give everybody fair warning now. Mr. President, it is an unusual delight, not only to vote for an order in which His Honor the Mayor has shown a great interest, but a matter which his Honor ex-Mayor Daniel A. Whelton, at present a member of the Board of Aldermen, has introduced, and is deeply interested in. It was offered at the last meeting of the Board of Aldermen by Ald. Whelton, who, as I understand it, through a dignified modesty, did not sign it, or, if you please, push it through, when he was Mayor of the city. Mayor Fitzgerald and Ald. Whelton are greatly interested in this matter, which must appeal to every high-minded citizen. Mr. President, I have rather a selfish interest in the matter. In my mind's eye I can see, eventually, some Republican votes coming from this bath house. One of my best friends in civic matters is Mr. Meyer Bloomfield, to whom my colleague in the first division has referred and to whom I appealed in this matter, when I learned some days ago that it was coming up in the Council. If you will pardon me for talking on everything all the time, I will guarantee later to absent myself from the city, so that you will not be bothered; but I will now ask you to bear with me just a moment, while I read this letter. Mr. Bloomfield is a member of the Executive Committee of the Metropolitan Improvement League. He is a high-minded gentleman, respected in the community, a man of ideals, a man of high ideas, a man whose greatest ambition, I think, is to make good citizens, and he writes me as follows: "Boston, Jan. 11, 1907"—I hope you will look back and see the date—

Boston, Jan. 11, 1907.

My Dear Mr. Noyes.

Having learned of your large interest in the matters of civic importance now before the city government, and knowing of your activity in the excellent Metropolitan Improvement League, I take the liberty of writing you concerning one of the most vital needs which the present administration can concern itself with.

The crowded North End is practically without public bathing facilities throughout the cold season. There are a few private shower baths open for a nominal sum to the multitudes in this part of the city. These are, of course, absolutely inadequate. In the summer months in the year the tens of thousands of North End working people must go way down to the attractive Dover St. bath house, to make shift the best way they can. This should not be. Next to schoolhouses, public bath houses are the best object lessons to the newcomer of what an enlightened American city can do for its people. The North End needs a large bath house now. The proposition is not a new one. For five years men like Father Farrell, and others associated with him in the North End Improvement Association, have urged the erection of such a building. I have spent many an hour with the lamented Tom Lane looking over the best site in the North End for a building that would be accessible to every element of the population. It has been the unanimous opinion of those interested that the site selected on N. Bennett St. was the very best, as it would add a fine building to the present group of institutions and schools there located. The plans for the bath house are excellent. There should be no further delay in giving the great population congested in this part of Boston the facilities that make for self-respecting citizens. I trust that you will co-operate with the friends and representatives of the North End in speeding this improvement.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Meyer Bloomfield."

In a letter to my colleague Mr. Pierce, which Mr. Pierce has kindly handed over to me, written on a later date, Mr. Bloomfield says:

"East Boston, Charlestown, Wd. 8, as well as Wd. 6, will profit by its erection."

I move a suspension of the rule, my friend from Wd. 8 having failed to do it, that this order may go upon its passage tonight, and I hope it will be passed unanimously.

The rule was suspended and the order was passed in concurrence. Mr. LILL moved to reconsider; lost.

6. Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have the bell on Faneuil Hall repaired and rung on all alarms of fire in the city proper.

Passed in concurrence.

COMMITTEE ON BADGES.

The PRESIDENT announced the appointment of the Committee on Badges as follows: Messrs. Murphy of Wd. 19, Troy of 14, McGregor of 12.

WIDENING OF HYDE PARK AVE.

Mr. CARRUTH of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Finance Committee, order— That the Finance Committee, when appointed, include in the first loan bill the sum of \$80,000 for the construction and widening of Hyde Park Ave., from Hadwin Way to Hyde Park line, Wd. 23.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

SWIMMING POOL, SPRING ST.

Mr. CARRUTH offered an order— That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island \$2500 be and the same is hereby appropriated to be expended by the Bath Commission for the construction of a new swimming pool and raft for the Spring St. bath house, Wd. 23.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2.

WD. 25 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Committee on Appropriation, when appointed, include in the Appropriation Bill for Street improvements the sum of \$11,700 for resurfacing and placing edgestones on Allston St., between Brighton Ave. and Commonwealth Ave.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriation, when appointed.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be instructed to change the position of an arc light at the corner of Western Ave. and Waverly Sts., so that the lamp will face Western Ave.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Superintendent of the Water Department be instructed through His Honor the Mayor to move a watering cart stand pipe located at 436 Western Ave. to a position opposite 430 Western Ave.

Referred to the Mayor.

CAR SERVICE, ORIENT HEIGHTS.

Mr. SORENSON of Wd. 1 offered an order—That his Honor the Mayor be requested to ask the officials of the Boston Elevated Railway to provide for better car service on the Orient Heights line; also to provide for a branch line to Wood Island Park.

Referred to the Mayor.

WD. 12 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. DALY of Wd. 12 offered an order— That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to report to the Common Council on the expediency and expense of providing a suitable playground in Wd. 12.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. DALY of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to furnish more cars to go south from Pleasant St. station, between the hours of 5:30 and 6:30 P. M.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. DALY of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to report to the Common Council what arrangement can be made for hiring and flooding for skating purposes the two vacant lots of land on Worcester St., between Tremont St. and Columbus Ave., Wd. 12.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. DALY of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Bath Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to report to the Common Council on the necessity and expense of providing public bathing facilities in Wd. 12.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. DALY of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Bath Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a convenience station under the elevated structure at the corner of

Northampton and Washington Sts., Wd. 12.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. DALY of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Music Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to arrange for four band concerts, to be given during the coming summer in suitable locations in Wd. 12.

Referred to the Mayor.

SAVIN HILL PLAYGROUND.

Mr. BRAMHALL of Wd. 20 offered an order—That the Finance Committee, when appointed, be requested to include in the first loan bill a sum sufficient to enable the Board of Park Commissioners to fill in the "Savin Hill Playground," so called, and make it a playground in fact as well as in name.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

TALBOT AVE. CARS.

Mr. BRAMHALL of Wd. 20 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor to have the Talbot Ave. cars run via Warren St. instead of Blue Hill Ave.

Referred to the Mayor.

BUILDING AT CHARLESBANK.

Mr. HARDING of Wd. 20 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to advise the Common Council by what authority and at what time, the one-story wooden building was erected on the Charlesbank Recreation Grounds, and for what purpose it is used (if any) by the Park Department.

Referred to the Mayor.

IMPROVEMENT, GENEVA AVE.

Mr. HARDING of Wd. 20 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to reconstruct the gutter at the north corner of Geneva avenue and Vinson St., Wd. 20, so that it will properly drain the surface water to the catch basin on Geneva Ave., and if not practical, to cause an additional catch basin to be placed at such place that the desired result will be accomplished.

Referred to the Mayor.

BASEBALL GIBSON PLAYGROUND.

Mr. HARDING of Wd. 20 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to submit to the Common Council an estimate of the cost of leveling and laying out a baseball diamond in the Gibson Playground, Wd. 20, erecting bleachers and a "back stop" and building a suitable iron fence enclosing said playground.

Referred to the Mayor.

FEEES FOR PERMITS.

Mr. HARDING of Wd. 20 offered an order—That the Corporation Counsel, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to give his opinion as to the legality of raising additional revenue by charging a fee for permits given to persons or others to maintain stands for the sale of merchandise and other commodities on city sidewalks, streets

and property and advise what action the Common Council may take toward requiring such fees to be collected.

Referred to the Mayor.

ROXBURY STANDPIPE IMPROVEMENT.

Mr. HACKETT of Wd. 21 offered an order—That from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars (\$3500) be and herby is appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Public Grounds for the improvement of the standpipe and its surroundings in Highland Park, Roxbury, in accordance with plan of Roxbury Historical Society accompanying message of the Mayor to the City Council, dated Sept. 26, 1906.

On motion of Mr. HACKETT, the rule was suspended, the order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

(The order was read, at request of Mr. Doherty of Wd. 2.)

Mr. HACKETT of Wd. 21—Mr. President, in explanation of this order I would like to read the message of the Mayor on Sept. 26 of last year, as follows:

"City of Boston,

"Office of the Mayor, Sept. 26, 1906.

"To the City Council:—

"The Roxbury Historical Society has petitioned for the improvement of the standpipe at Highland Pk., Roxbury, in accordance with the accompanying plan. In view of the fact that the location is one which has become dear to the public by reason of the historical traditions surrounding it, and for the further reason that it would be an improvement to be enjoyed by the residents of the entire city, I respectfully recommend that you include in the next loan bill a sum sufficient to make the desired improvements.

"Respectfully,

"John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor."

The land on which this standpipe stands was originally occupied as a fort, away back in 1775, I think. This fort commanded on one side the entrance to Roxbury, over Roxbury neck, and also guarded the road leading from Roxbury towards Dedham, where the supplies for the Colonial army were kept. In 1869 the Cochituate Water Commissioners built a standpipe on that ground and demolished the fort. The ground is historical, but the structure is going to decay, rack and ruin. It will take but a small expenditure to fix up the place and remodel the standpipe, so that the people of Boston can come there and receive instruction historically about the doings of their forefathers. I hope this order will go upon its passage, and I trust that the members will vote for it unaniously.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I dislike very much to object to the passage of the order, but inasmuch as it is one of many orders calling for a transfer of the money obtained from the sale of Deer Island, and it is evident to me that there will be many other orders of the same description offered here tonight, I respectfully move that it be laid over for a week, so that we can get together next Thursday night and act upon all of them at one and the same time.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will say that the Council has voted to suspend the rules, so that the question really comes on the passage of the order. Does the gentleman move assignment to the next meeting?

Mr. DOHERTY—I do, Mr. President.
Mr. HACKETT—Mr. President, I don't think there is any use in quibbling over a small order like this. The

order went in last year, but I understand that, for some reason or other, it did not get through the Finance Committee. The committee met so late, or something of the sort, that it could not be reported. It is fathered here by the Roxbury Historical Society. This society is composed of prominent men of Roxbury, who have the history of Roxbury at heart. They have spent a great deal of time and gone to a great deal of trouble in getting plans and estimates, so that this work might be done; and I think, in all due fairness to that end of the city, that a little order like this, devoting only \$3500 to this purpose, should not be assigned. I trust that the members will not have it assigned.

Mr. NOYES—Mr. President, I hope that the matter will not be assigned, but that the rule will be suspended, so that the order may be put upon its passage. This is a very small matter. Ald. Draper, who has the matter very much at heart, has talked with me about it. I understand that it originated with the Roxbury Historical Society; and at the request of Captain Isaac P. Gragg, president of the society, and Mr. John Carr, president of the Elliot Five Cent Savings Bank, Ald. Draper was urged to have the order passed last year. For some reason, known only to committees similar to the Finance Committee and the Board Committee, this matter received no attention. Anything that conserves the history of Boston, or encourages patriotism, by encouraging the men who encourage patriotism, is good. The matter is small. We have already spent more time upon it, Mr. President, than we usually spend on a tremendous loan bill. I take this extreme liberty, for the last time, of urging the members to suspend the rule—not assigning this matter, but suspending the rule in order that it may go upon its passage tonight. It is fair and just.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair wishes to state that he was in error in entertaining Mr. Doherty's motion to assign, as the Council had voted to suspend the rule and the question came on passage of the order. The Chair's attention was distracted for a moment and he entertained the motion through an error. The question is really on passage.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, it is evident, with these various orders coming in here, that any one man who tries to oppose their passage is only butting his head against a stone wall. No doubt you have the votes here, ready to be recorded; and I wish to withdraw my objection. I would also like to take a similar position in regard to the small amount proposed for bathing facilities in Wd. 23. I trust that that matter will be taken up also. Spend the \$200,000, and let everybody get a crack at it but the laborers!

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I am sure Mr. Doherty does not want to keep such a small sum as \$3500 away from the only ward in the city that really gets nothing. I know a little about that place up there, myself. I travel through there quite often, and I feel that a small sum of money, such as this, will do a great deal toward benefiting that patch of land. I hope, Mr. President, that the order will go through tonight.

Mr. FERGUSON of Wd. 21—Mr. President, I am very glad to hear the gentleman from Wd. 19 (Mr. Murphy), the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Noyes) and other gentlemen, speak in favor of the order. It is a small matter, and, as has been said, we have sometimes spent less time on a \$50,000 appropriation than we have on this \$3500 item. As many of the members are aware, this is an historical place. The

Roxbury Historical Society has taken the matter up, is very much interested in it, and if this small loan goes through it will be used to fix up that piece of property, that has cost the city \$100,000, that was used a stand-pipe for Roxbury until the Brighton and West Roxbury districts were annexed to Boston, when it was found to be not large enough to supply the water for those other outlying districts. It then became necessary to procure land and construct a reservoir on Parker Hill, so that the old stand-pipe was abandoned at that time. The Roxbury Historical Society wish to have some action taken whereby this spot will be made attractive to people. They wish to interest people in going out there. It is a beautiful spot when you get up there, quite high, and giving an interesting view; and I believe if the members will look at it from this standpoint, will consider that it is an historical landmark, closely connected with Boston's history of more than a hundred years ago, they will feel that they should pass the order unanimously tonight.

The order was passed. Mr. HACKETT moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

MARINE PARK IMPROVEMENT.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to include in the first loan bill the sum of \$25,000 for the completion of the pier and pier head at Marine Park, South Boston.

Mr. SULLIVAN—Mr. President, I want to state a little history which will show the object of this order.

It is proposed to construct circular pier, on 100 feet diameter, circular pile foundation wall in pier head, the pier to have steel foundation and wooden shelter over it, same to connect with present iron pier. Reset parapet on outer rip rap wall and erect iron railing. This pier head was completed in 1890 at a cost of \$65,000. It was the intention at that time to build a three-story steel pavilion, 100 feet in diameter, on the pier head at the end of the iron pier. This pavilion was to cost about \$100,000.

In the construction of the pier head, which is pear-shaped, a rip-rap wall was built, and inside of this a circular wall with pile foundation, on which the \$100,000 pavilion was to rest, was built. This rip-rap wall was built of rough stone dumped on the mud bottom and allowed to settle. After two or three years an investigation was made, and the wall showed little or no settlement. Interest in the project soon died out, and as the Park Department did not have sufficient funds to continue the work, the pier has been left in an unfinished condition for 16 years, while the pier head, at a cost of \$65,000, lays idle and an eyesore to the residents of the district. Mr. President and gentlemen, this is something that appeals to every member of this Council and to every citizen, from Wd. 1 to Wd. 23, who visits Marine Park during the summer. The island at the pier head has a diameter, from the rip-rap, of about 190 feet. In the centre will be built this pile foundation, strong enough to carry any amount of weight. The length of the pier is somewhere about 2600 feet from the Head House down to this island. There are no sanitary accommodations at the lower end, connected with the island, and in case of a sudden rainstorm, or even on a hot day, there is no shelter there. The object of this is to build a steel foundation, with a wooden shelter, at a cost of \$25,000. Somewhere about 100,000 people a day travel upon that pier in

the summer season, with no sanitary accommodations of any kind, and with no shelter. If a sudden storm came up they would have to travel back to the Head House, about half a mile. The object of building this three-story pavilion, of which, I think, I have in my possession the only plan of the kind in the city of Boston, was to have sanitary accommodations and lockers between the rip-rap wall and the first story, the second story to be a cafe, and the third story an observatory. It will be a very beautiful affair, but the Park Commissioners at the time lacked a sufficient appropriation to carry it out. Therefore, the thing was lost sight of. It has been unattended to for the last 16 years. I now hope and trust that the order will meet no obstacle to its passage, but that the first available money will be applied to the construction of this pier head, so that it may be completed for the coming summer season.

The order was referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

BATH HOUSE, JAMAICA PLAIN.

Mr. WENTWORTH of Wd. 22 offered an order—That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island fifty thousand (50,000) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to be expended by the Bath Commissioners for the construction of an all the year round bath house at Jamaica Plain, Wd. 22.

Mr. Wentworth moved to suspend the rule, and it was declared not a vote.

The order takes its second reading at the next meeting.

PENSION FOR CALL FIREMEN.

Mr. COSE of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner be requested through His Honor the Mayor to make permanent provision for all call substitute firemen, who may be injured in discharge of duties, to entitle them to a pension, to consist of not less than half pay or as much more as the Fire Commissioner may see fit and to include in his estimates for the next financial year a sum sufficient to carry said provision into effect.

Referred to the Mayor.

DRINKING FOUNTAIN, PRINCE ST.

Mr. SANTOSUOSSO offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested through His Honor the Mayor to take such steps as are necessary to cause the establishment and maintenance of a drinking fountain in the Prince St., Playground in Wd. Six.

Referred to the Mayor.

ESPERANTO IN SCHOOLS.

Mr. SANTOSUOSSO offered an order—That the School Committee be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to report at their earliest convenience to this body on the order of June 7, 1906, requesting them to include in the course of studies of our new Commercial High School, the study of the Universal Language, "Esperanto."

Referred to the Mayor.

ACCEPTANCE OF CHAMPNEY ST.

Mr. McGIVERN of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public highway Champney St., Wd. 16.

Passed. Sent up.

CAR SERVICE, DORCHESTER AVE.

Mr. McGIVERN of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested through His Honor the Mayor, to furnish better car service on Dorchester Ave. from Milton to the North Station, between the hours of 6 A. M. and 10 A. M. and from 4 P. M. to 8 P. M.

Referred to the Mayor.

ACCEPTANCE OF WENDELL ST.

Mr. McGIVERN of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public highway Wendell St., Wd. 16.

Passed. Sent up.

SANITARY DIVISION, DORCHESTER.

Mr. McGIVERN of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Superintendent of the Sanitary Department be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to submit to the Common Council an estimate of the cost of maintaining a branch of the Sanitary Department for service in the Dorchester district, comprising Wds. 16, 20 and 24.

Referred to the Mayor.

OLD SOUTH ASSOCIATION MANAGERS.

Mr. COLPOYS of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Managers of the Old South Association in Boston, viz.: From the Board of Aldermen, William Berwin. From the Common Council, William J. Barrett.

The order was passed. The clerk cast the ballot as instructed in the order, and William Berwin, from the Board of Aldermen, and William J. Barrett, from the Common Council, were declared elected Managers of the Old South Association on the part of the Common Council.

LAMP, LINDEN ST.

Mr. COLPOYS of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps through His Honor the Mayor be requested to place a lamp on Linden St. in front of No. 22.

Referred to the Mayor.

COMPLETION OF COVE ST. BRIDGE.

Mr. COLPOYS of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the City Engineer be requested through His Honor the Mayor to have the Cove St. Bridge completed so that it may be dedicated on Evacuation Day, March 18, 1907.

Referred to the Mayor.

BATH HOUSE, EAST BOSTON.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the sum of fifty thousand (\$50,000) be appropriated to be expended by the Bath Commissioners for an all the year bath house and gymnasium at East Boston, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized from time to time on request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

Mr. DOHERTY moved a suspension of the rules, in order that the order might go upon its passage.

The motion was lost.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the question now comes on

ordering the order to a second reading, and if it is so voted, the order will then take its second reading at the next meeting.

The order was ordered to a second reading, and went over to the next meeting for its second reading.

COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE
ASKED FOR.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Police Commissioner of the city of Boston and the District Attorney of Suffolk County be requested by the Clerk of the Common Council to furnish the Common Council with copies of the correspondence between the two offices relative to the conduct of each office—also all proclamations, orders, public statements, interviews and expressions of opinion, given out by each of said officials relative to the conduct of each official or of each toward the other (so far as it is not incompatible with the best interest of the public service), with a view to having the same correspondence, etc., published as a city document.

The PRESIDENT—As the Council has no authority in regard to the matter referred to in the order, the Chair will refer the order to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, do I understand that the Council cannot make a request upon two public servants of the city of Boston?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the Council may make a request. It may get very badly snubbed in the matter, however.

Mr. DOHERTY—Well, I do not know that we will get very badly snubbed. I am willing to take my chance on it.

The PRESIDENT—If there is no objection, the Chair will withdraw the reference.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President for the information of the Council, move that the Clerk read the order again.

(The Clerk read the order.)

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. Chairman, inasmuch as the Chair has very courteously declined to rule the order out, and inasmuch as, in the first place, the order asks that certain information be given to the Clerk or the Common Council, I rise to a point of order, Mr. President, that the order is not one which the Council can properly entertain.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, I believe I am in order.

The PRESIDENT—Mr. McCullough has the floor. He has not yet finished on his point of order.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, the order reads as follows: (Mr. McCullough read the order, as printed above.) Now, Mr. President, having had a better chance to read the order, I withdraw my point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The question comes on the passage of the order.

Mr. MONTAGUE of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I do not know that I object to the passage of this order, but I do object to seeing the burden of making this request put upon the Clerk. It seems to me we ought to put the order in some different form—perhaps to authorize the gentleman in the second division, who offered the order, to make this request, if he wants the request made. It strikes me that this is not a wise request, to put it mildly. The District Attorney of the County of Suffolk is not an official of the city of Boston, and it is a fair question whether the Police Commissioner is an official of the city of Boston who properly can be called upon by an order of this kind. I have no objection to seeing the correspondence,

but I think we are putting the Council in rather a foolish and unwise position to pass such an order. I hope, Mr. President, that the order will not pass.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I fully agree with the gentleman from Wd. 10, that such an order as this has no place in this body. It asks that certain statements, issued from the District Attorney's office, an official of the County of Suffolk, and certain statements issued from the Police Department, an office created by statute, be requested by the Clerk of this body. Now, Mr. President, this is about the third meeting of this body that we have had this year, and it is about time that we stopped this kind of business. The Common Council has been a target for a number of years past. Those in favor of its retention have argued that the trouble was that it has not sufficient powers. The passage of such orders as this is a good argument for its abolition.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, I think my request is a perfectly fair one. While it is true that the District Attorney of this county is not connected in any official manner with the city of Boston, we have at times gone outside of our province and made requests of this kind. We have even requested information from the State House, sometimes, have we not, Mr. Clerk? I think it is a perfectly proper order. I am not trying to establish any precedent. The gentleman says that the Police Commissioner is a State official. If he will look in our City Register he will find that the Police Department is one of the city departments—that while we have not the appointing power, we pay the bills, and it has been our habit to send orders direct to him. My order is simply a request. I believe that the publication of these statements would redound to the public good. Whether it will be for the good of the Police Department or of the District Attorney's office, I think we should have those statements printed for our own information, if nothing else.

Mr. SHEENAN of Wd. 17—Mr. President, it strikes me that this order is so inherently absurd and so ridiculously foolish that we should not employ the time of this body in its discussion. We should reject it with the contempt that it deserves. The city of Boston, and the City Council of Boston, has absolutely no authority over the Boston Police Department. While the city of Boston may pay the bills, the police are employees of the state. The Police Department is created by statute, and this body has no right to regulate or supervise that department. Judging by the correspondence that has been exchanged between the district attorney and the police commissioner, it seems to me that this body should not be brought into that controversy. The passage of this order really invites a just rebuke by the Police Commissioner and a characteristically contemptuous reply by the Hon. John B. Moran. If Mr. Moran and Mr. O'Meara wish to indulge in such correspondence as has appeared in our newspapers, that is a matter that concerns them. Each will suffer or will gain by that publicity. I can conceive of no reason, however, why we should expend money to publish the letters of Moran or of O'Meara. If the gentleman wishes that correspondence, he will find it in the daily press, because as soon as a letter is written it is handed to the reporters, and sometimes it is on its way to a newspaper office before it reaches the party to whom it is addressed. The people of Boston have an opinion in regard to this controversy—which is entirely a personal one—between the

District Attorney and the Police Commissioner. I say that this Council should not employ any further time in discussion of the order, but should reject it at once. And I trust that we will, by the rejection of this order, serve notice upon men who are inclined to bring this body into ridicule, and that they will be deterred from introducing in the future such orders as this one.

Mr. MONTAGUE—Mr. President, it occurs to me that if, by the passage of this order, our District Attorney and our Police Commissioner would thereby be induced to divert the correspondence which has heretofore passed between themselves, and prevent a continuance of it by diverting it toward this Council, it might be for the benefit of the citizens of Boston. Speaking seriously and without in any sense impugning the motives of the gentleman in the second division (Mr. Doherty), which I believe are entirely proper and all right, without saying anything stronger, it certainly would be unwise for this body to pass this order.

The order was declared rejected. Mr. Doherty doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote, and the order was rejected, one member voting in favor of its passage, and a number against its passage (the number not being ascertained).

ELECTRIC LIGHT, WARD 12.

Mr. MCGREGOR of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to erect an electric light at the corner of Washington and West Concord Sts., Wd. 12.

Referred to the Mayor.

BENCHES IN SCHOOL YARD.

Mr. HANRAHAN of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to cause benches to be placed in the Marion St. yard of the James Otis School, East Boston, for the accommodation of children during the summer months.

Referred to the Mayor.

PLAYGROUND, LYMAN DISTRICT, E. B.

Mr. HANRAHAN of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to provide in the first loan bill the sum of \$50,000 for a playground in the Lyman School District, Wd. 2.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

IMPROVEMENTS AT COTTAGE ST. PLAYGROUND.

Mr. HANRAHAN of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to provide in the first loan bill the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of providing a shelter and a hand ball court at the Cottage St. Playground, Wd. 2.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

USE OF STREETS.

Mr. HANRAHAN of Wd. 2 offered the following: An ordinance to amend Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898. Concerning the Use of Streets. Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows: Section 34 of Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances of

1898, relating to prohibitions and penalties, as amended by Chapter 1 of the Ordinances of 1903, is hereby further amended by striking out, in the first and third lines of said section as amended, the words "in a" and by inserting instead the words "on a sidewalk or crosswalk in any," so that said section, when amended, shall read as follows:

No person shall, on a sidewalk or crosswalk in any street, wilfully, maliciously and wantonly, obstruct the free passage of foot travelers, nor shall any person on a sidewalk or crosswalk in any street, except in that part of Otis St., between Franklin and Summer Sts., during the part of the day between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M., wilfully, maliciously and wantonly saunter and loiter for more than five minutes after being directed by a police officer to move on.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. HANRAHAN.

IMPROVEMENTS AT VINE-ST. CHURCH.

Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17 offered an order—That the sum of \$25,000 be appropriated, to be expended by the Public Buildings Department, for shower baths in the basement of the Vine-St. Church and hot water heating in place of the present furnaces; a hard pine flooring and new ante room accommodations in the upper church; and that to meet such appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to the said amount.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. JOYCE.

COST OF CURTIS HALL.

Mr. JOYCE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to inform this body at its next meeting whether or not Curtis Hall, located in Wd. 23, is a paying proposition.

Referred to the Mayor.

PLAYGROUND, WARD 17.

Mr. JOYCE offered an order—That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, include in the first loan bill the sum of \$100,000 for a playground in Wd. 17.

Referred to the Committee on Finance when appointed.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, WARD 17.

Mr. JOYCE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place an electric arc light at the corner of Adams and Orchard Park Sts., Wd. 17, and to maintain and keep the same in proper condition.

Referred to the Mayor.

ENGINE HOUSE, GERMANTOWN.

Mr. DAVIDSON of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Finance Committee, when appointed, include in the first loan bill the sum of \$10,000 for the purchase of a site and erection thereon of a fire house, Germantown District, Wd. 23.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

COMPLETION OF SPEEDWAY.

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24 offered an order—That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island \$6000 be and the same is hereby appropriated to be expended by the Park Department for "Speedway, Franklin Field, Completion of."

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Willcutt, and the order was passed. Mr. Willcutt moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

SETTEES, RANDOLPH ST. PLAYGROUND.

Mr. SACKS of Wd. 9 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor to set aside \$500 of their new appropriation to be expended in providing a sufficient number of settees for the Randolph St. Playground, Wd. 9. Referred to the Mayor.

PRESCRIPTIONS AT COST.

Mr. SACKS offered an order—That the Trustees of the City Hospital be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to make provision for supplying medicine at cost on all prescriptions issued to patients receiving treatment at said hospital. Referred to the Mayor.

WARD 13 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. DOYLE of Wd. 13 offered the following orders:

Ordered, That the Water Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to erect a drinking fountain in front of the Norcross Grammar School on West Fifth St., near D St., Wd. 13.

Referred to the Mayor.

Ordered, That from the sum received from the sale of Deer Island, \$10,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Board of Park Commissioners, to place and maintain in suitable condition the grounds on Commonwealth Park, Wd. 13, for athletic games.

Read once, and assigned to the next meeting on motion of Mr. DOYLE.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to extend Tudor St., Wd. 13, to Dorchester Ave., and to accept said street, from C St. to said avenue as a public way.

Passed. Sent up.

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to provide in the first loan order a sum sufficient for the establishment of a public underground convenience station at the junction of Dorchester Ave., Broadway and Division St., Wd. 13.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

Ordered, That the Music Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide band concerts during the present winter season in the halls of the Norcross, Lawrence and Bigelow Grammar schools, and Congress Hall, Wd. 13.

Referred to the Mayor.

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to provide in the first loan order, a sum sufficient for the establishment of a recreation park in the central portion of Wd. 13.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps, be requested through His Honor the Mayor to erect a lamp on D St., near Cypher St., Wd. 13.

Referred to the Mayor.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PLAY-
GROUNDS.

Mr. DOYLE of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Committee on Appropriations, when appointed, be requested to include in the appropriation bill a sum sufficient for the compensation of a Superintendent of Playgrounds, to be appointed by the Board of Park Commissioners.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, when appointed.

Mr. DOYLE offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide for the appointment of a Superintendent of Playgrounds and to define his duties.

Referred to the Mayor.

FURNITURE FOR COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Mr. DOYLE of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to include in his annual estimate a sum sufficient to purchase new furniture for the Common Council Chamber.

Referred to the Mayor.

FREE TELEPHONES, OVERSEEING
OF POOR DEPARTMENT.

Mr. DOYLE of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Overseeing of the Poor Department be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to include in its annual estimate a sum sufficient for the establishment of free telephones in every ward, for the use of the poor desiring information from the City Hospital, and for such other purposes as the said department may direct and regulate.

Referred to the Mayor.

PEDESTRIAN SHELTERS ON
BRIDGES.

Mr. DOYLE of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Bridges be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide shelter sheds for the protection of pedestrians on both sides of the draws of Dover St., Broadway, Federal St. and Naphen bridges; and that to meet the expenses of the same, the said Superintendent be requested to include in his annual estimate the estimated cost of the same.

Referred to the Mayor.

ASPHALTING FOSS ST.

Mr. BUCKLEY of Wd. 5 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to asphalt Foss St., Wd. 5.

Referred to the Mayor.

IMPROVEMENTS, WD. 7.

Mr. SPELLMAN of Wd. 7 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to grade and repair cross walks at the corner of Harvard St. and Harrison Ave., also at the corner of Kneeland St. and Harrison Ave.

Referred to the Mayor.

VACATION FOR CITY EMPLOYEES.

Mr. McCABE of Wd. 25 offered the following:

Resolved, That in the opinion of the City Council, city employees who, by

the nature of their employment, are obliged to work seven days a week and receive no vacation, should be allowed an annual vacation of two weeks, and His Honor the Mayor be and is hereby requested to direct the heads of the various departments to bring about such a provision, beginning the present year.

Passed. Sent up.

COLLECTION OF BRIGHTON

OFFAL, ETC.

Mr. McCABE of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Superintendent of the Sanitary Department, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to discontinue the granting of a contract for the collection of offal in Brighton, at the expiration of the present contract, and to place the Brighton division of the Sanitary Department on a permanent basis.

Referred to the Mayor.

LIGHTING OF ROGERS PARK.

Mr. McCABE of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause Rogers Park, in Brighton, to be lighted for the safety and convenience of skaters.

Referred to the Mayor.

SEWER ASSESSMENT COLLECTIONS.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11 offered an order—That the City Collector, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to give the following information to the Common Council: The amount of money collected by the city each year for the last twenty years as sewer assessments.

Referred to the Mayor.

PLAN OF COUNCIL SEATS.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11 offered an order—That the City Messenger be requested to prepare a plan of the seats of the members of the Common Council for the year 1907, and to cause the usual number of copies to be printed, and that no change in the seats be allowed after Thursday, Jan. 31, 1907; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for "Contingent Fund of the Common Council," when made.

Passed.

LIBRARY STATION, WD. 16.

Mr. KELLEY of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Boston Public Library Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to open a sub-station of the Public Library on Dorchester Ave., in the vicinity of Crescent Ave., Wd. 16.

Referred to the Mayor.

LAYING OUT OF DOUGLAS ST.

Mr. MEALEY of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public highway Douglas St., Wd. 15, from East Eighth St. to Columbia Road.

Passed. Sent up.

GAS LAMPS, COLUMBIA ROAD.

Mr. MEALEY of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Superintendent of

Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place gas lamps along Columbia Rd. from Covington St. to K St., Wd. 15.

Referred to the Mayor.

CARETAKER, DORCHESTER HEIGHTS.

Mr. METLEY of Wd. 15 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to cause a caretaker to be appointed and to have monument open to public under proper regulations on Dorchester Heights, Wd. 15.

Referred to the Mayor.

CAR SERVICE, HANOVER ST.

Mr. PURCELL of Wd. 6 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to ask the Boston Elevated Railway Company for better car service on Hanover St. between the hours of 7 and 8 o'clock evenings.

Referred to the Mayor.

GAS LAMP, WARD 14.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place and maintain a gas lamp on the post located between 735 and 737 East Seventh St., Wd. 14.

Referred to the Mayor.

RAIL IN SUBWAY.

Mr. BROWN of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have a wooden rail constructed in the subway, under railroad, Roslindale station at South St., Wd. 23.

Referred to the Mayor.

USE OF BITUMINOUS COAL.

Mr. MONTAGUE of Wd. 10 offered an order—That the Committee on Legislative Matters of the Common Council when appointed be and hereby is authorized to appear before the proper Legislative Committee and advocate the passage of a bill now pending, which bill prohibits the use of bituminous coal by steam railroads within 10 miles of the city of Boston.

Mr. MONTAGUE—Mr. President, while it is late, and while this is in some respects an unimportant matter, I nevertheless desire to move that the rules be suspended, in order that the order may go upon its passage.

The rules were suspended, and the order was passed.

UNION LABOR ON BADGES.

Mr. CRONIN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Committee on Badges, when appointed, be instructed to have said badges made by union workmen, under union conditions, and to bear the label of said workmen.

Referred to the Committee on Badges.

COPY OF ORDINANCES FOR MEMBERS.

Mr. LEONARD of Wd. 9 offered an order—That the City Messenger be instructed to provide each member of the City Council with one copy of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Passed. Sent up.

HOURS OF DUTY, NIGHT POLICE-MEN.

Mr. ROSENBERG of Wd. 8 offered an order—That the Police Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to investigate as to the hours of duty of the members of the night force, and see if a more equitable distribution of the hours cannot be arranged.

Mr. ROSENBERG—Mr. President, before the Chair refers this order, I desire to say a few words in explanation of it. The reason that I have introduced this order is some inquiry that I have made from some of the police officers which patrol the streets of the city of Boston nights. I am given to understand that some of the night police officers are obliged to work 14 and 15 hours a day, notwithstanding the fact that a day officer performs his duty within ten hours of the day, although during that time he does about three-quarters of an hour more than he should do if the patrolling of the streets were properly arranged. It seems to me, Mr. President, that it could easily be arranged for the police officers to work eight hours a day. They have three sets of men to do 24 hours' work. That only means eight hours' work for each police officer. Now, at the present time, a day officer works eight hours and three-quarters. He works three-quarters of an hour more than his one-third of the 24 hours. The night officers, on the other hand, are obliged to work 14 and 15 hours a day. At any rate, they do not work less than 94 hours a week. I believe Mr. President, that this could be easily remedied, provided His Honor the Mayor would take the proper steps and see that these things be arranged for.

The PRESIDENT—The order will be referred to His Honor the Mayor.

IMPROVEMENTS, WARD 19.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19 offered the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place and maintain a gas lamp in the rear of 116 Heath St., Wd. 19.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor to place and maintain a gas lamp at corner of Buckman and Lawn Sts., Wd. 19.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to make a sidewalk on the residential side of Smith St., near Parker St., Wd. 19.

Severally referred to the Mayor.

Ordered, That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to flood Marcella St. playground, so that the same may be used for skating.

Mr. MURPHY—Mr. President, I would like to say a word or two in connection with that order. Two weeks ago I spoke about the Park Commissioners having done nothing in regard to the flooding of that playground. I should hope that they would take some action on that matter at once. That is a very good place for skating purposes. It would accommodate the people in Wd. 19, Wd. 22, and a part of the people in Wd. 21. It is a very good place, and if they will take some action in regard to that at once, I am sure that the people would make use of it, and would appreciate it.

The PRESIDENT—The order will be referred to His Honor the Mayor.

NEW FLOOR, CURTIS HALL.

Mr. MURPHY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide a hardwood floor suitable for dancing in Curtis Hall, Wd. 23.

Referred to the Mayor.

RESURFACING RUGGLES ST.

Mr. MURPHY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to resurface Ruggles St. from Columbus Ave. to Huntington Ave., Wd. 19.

Referred to the Mayor.

MORE CARS, TRANSFER STATION.

Mr. DALY of Wd. 17 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Co., be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to furnish more cars from the elevated station at Dudley St., to Grove Hall via Blue Hill Ave., and Dorchester via Dudley St., between the hours of 5.30 and 6.30.

Referred to the Mayor.

COST OF WIDENING LONGWOOD AVE.

Mr. MADDEN of Wd. 10 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to furnish the Common Council with an estimate of the cost of widening, to a uniform width of sixty feet, Longwood Ave., from Parker St. to the Brookline line.

Referred to the Mayor.

FIRE HOUSE, PARKER HILL.

Mr. MADDEN offered an order—That the sum of \$40,000 be appropriated to be expended by the Fire Department for the purchase of a site and the erection of a fire engine house on Parker Hill, Wd. 19; and that to meet such appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to the above amount.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. MADDEN.

REPAIR OF RUGGLES ST.

Mr. MADDEN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to repair Ruggles St. from Huntington Ave. to Parker St., Wd. 19.

Referred to the Mayor.

REPAIR OF SUNSET ST.

Mr. MADDEN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to repair Sunset St., or at least do something in regard to the sidewalks of said street.

Referred to the Mayor.

Adjourned at 10.47 o'clock P. M., on motion of Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25, to meet on Thursday, Jan. 31, at 7.45 o'clock P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Jan. 28, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock, P. M., Alderman BERWIN, senior member, presiding, and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. BATTIS, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn for the Superior Civil Court, first to seventh sessions, inclusive, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 514, Acts of 1894, for the January sitting, to appear Monday, Feb. 18, viz.:

First session—John Nelson, Wd. 9; Augustus Dornhofer, Jr., Wd. 2; Alfred J. Neal, Wd. 21; Edward T. Phillips, Wd. 18; John L. Kline, Wd. 18; William J. Neville, Wd. 18; Michael W. O'Connell, Wd. 22; John H. Adams, Wd. 24; Edward J. Brennan, Wd. 13; Chandler Jordan, Wd. 16; Leon Greenman, Wd. 22; Joseph H. Dolan, Wd. 12; George K. Hamilton, Wd. 24; Richard Hurley, Wd. 2; Frank Beaudoin, Wd. 18; Francis L. Ricard, Wd. 19; Clarence F. Davis, Wd. 14; Louie Spilman, Wd. 11; William W. Smith, Wd. 7; Edwin B. Gallagher, Wd. 22; Charles Wagner, Wd. 23; Samuel Cohen, Wd. 2; Thomas W. Fitzgerald, Wd. 2; James H. Quigley, Wd. 15; Charles A. Rand, Wd. 7; William H. Dorgan, Wd. 2; Thomas F. White, Wd. 14; William F. Rankin, Wd. 1; David R. Craig, Wd. 11; William J. Dodd, Wd. 6; Charles E. Judkins, Wd. 20; John H. McGrates, Wd. 16; George A. Brackett, Wd. 21; William Malley, Wd. 9; Matthew B. Furlong, Wd. 14.

Second Session—Richard Stephens, Wd. 18; Robert J. Doherty, Wd. 23; Michael J. Sullivan, Wd. 7; Isadore Greenburg, Wd. 12; Joseph H. Woodward, Wd. 18; Patrick J. McArdle, Wd. 5; Patrick J. Flanagan, Wd. 21; David J. Gleason, Wd. 14; Harry P. Fay, Wd. 23; James Larkin, Wd. 23; Lorin F. Deland, Wd. 11; Tobias Swensen, Wd. 2; Herbert L. Haven, Wd. 16; William E. Good, Wd. 18; Gustavus J. Esselen, Wd. 19; Thomas E. Fitzgerald, Wd. 9; Maurice J. Sheehan, Wd. 13; William Gerich, Wd. 13; William F. Warren, Wd. 1; Frank E. Scholl, Wd. 18; Austin Gaffney, Wd. 15; Albert P. Carlton, Wd. 5; James S. Conant, Wd. 24; Michael F. Murphy, Wd. 20; William B. Murphy, Wd. 13; Henry Mais, Wd. 22; Samuel Hooper Hooper, Wd. 11; Thomas E. Johns, Wd. 22; Frederic Riley, Wd. 12; Daniel J. McNally, Wd. 12; Louis Crafts, Wd. 6; Thomas Kerivan, Wd. 15; Linus M. Hartwell, Wd. 4; Michael J. Haley, Wd. 4; Dennis J. Swanson, Wd. 3.

Third session—Charles C. Dunbar, Wd. 11; Frank Hampe, Wd. 23; Frank A. Dodge, Wd. 3; John H. McCormack, Wd. 12; Thomas J. Gargan, Wd. 13; John E. Murphy, Wd. 20; Charles Ruhl, Wd. 1; Dennis A. Reardon, Wd. 15; J. Wesley Farmer, Wd. 22; Michael J. Murphy, Wd. 2; Timothy L. Mascall, Wd. 15; Daniel L. Kehoe, Wd. 15; James Conway, Wd. 11; Eugene H. Allen, Wd. 20; Patrick F. Finn, Wd. 22; Charles F. Kidder, Wd.

20; David F. Lane, Wd. 13; Joseph Pinkofski, Wd. 6; William I. Cole, Wd. 9; James Costello, Wd. 13; Richard J. Cronin, Wd. 23; Matthew J. McDonough, Wd. 17; George W. Dyer, Wd. 23; James G. Hutchinson, Wd. 19; James H. Conway, Wd. 19; John E. Curtis, Wd. 17; Albert DeSilva, Wd. 19; Walter C. Hall, Wd. 19; Clarence V. Burrage, Wd. 22; Frederick Sheffield, Wd. 22; John J. Archdeacon, Wd. 7; Ernest A. Tupper, Wd. 15; James F. McLaughlin, Wd. 3; Benjamin De Young, Wd. 20; Patrick S. Good, Wd. 19.

Fourth session—William F. Fahey, Wd. 22; John A. Gnacke, Wd. 5; 17; John H. Meehan, Wd. 5; Julius Weidner, Wd. 15; Philip E. Cassidy, Wd. 4; Maurice A. Adler, Wd. 18; William A. Murray, Wd. 22; William J. Fallon, Wd. 23; Joseph E. Finn, Wd. 21; John F. Nagle, Wd. 5; Joseph Nolan, Wd. 20; Joseph Adams, Wd. 24; Christopher T. Leonard, Wd. 2; Oscar A. Schmidt, Wd. 22; Benjamin O. Churchill, Wd. 5; Fred V. Murtfeldt, Wd. 16; Charles E. Stumcke, Jr., Wd. 20; James S. Kenneally, Wd. 6; Arthur F. Teel, Wd. 5; Charles O. Stevens, Wd. 1; Thomas Cahill, Wd. 20; Edward Jewell, Wd. 11; Timothy Guiney, Wd. 9; Morton Alden, Wd. 24; George M. Hannan, Wd. 24; George W. Walker, Wd. 10; Edward F. Reilly, Wd. 21; John Cronin, Wd. 23; John W. Larkin, Wd. 16; George A. Moore, Wd. 9; Robert K. Gilholm, Wd. 9; James H. Brougham, Wd. 13; Winthrop B. Hammond, Wd. 12; John A. Broderick, Wd. 17; Harry M. Crane, Wd. 10.

Fifth session—George P. Hopkins, Wd. 21; John Drane, Wd. 4; Louis Harrington, Wd. 5; John C. Morley, Wd. 1; Patrick J. Colton, Wd. 15; Thomas E. Crosby, Wd. 25; Louis L. Jacobs, Wd. 22; James W. Webber, Wd. 20; Michael P. Saunders, Wd. 13; Frederick A. Stroud, Jr., Wd. 16; Frank H. Pierce, Wd. 11; John P. Miskell, Wd. 19; William P. McCarthy, Wd. 5; Henry J. Rafferty, Wd. 13; George E. W. Armstrong, Wd. 15; Arthur P. Pearson, Wd. 19; Joseph P. Manning, Wd. 21; William H. Bursley, Wd. 20; Henry D. Cahill, Wd. 19; Frank Uniack, Wd. 5; Charles Lutz, Wd. 19; Martin Hook, Jr., Wd. 13; James J. McCarthy, Wd. 16; Patrick Anderson, Wd. 1; Charles E. Andrews, Wd. 24; George W. Macgregor, Wd. 18; Julius H. Peyser, Wd. 16; William J. Barry, Wd. 19; Robert Kiddie, Wd. 23; Malachi J. Flynn, Wd. 3; Daniel Donohue, Wd. 4; John J. Driscoll, Wd. 20; Daniel C. Lawrence, Wd. 4; Cornelius J. Doherty, Wd. 20; Charles W. Fitzgerald, Wd. 21.

Sixth session—George E. Doyle, Wd. 8; John McCarron, Wd. 6; Charles T. Snow, Wd. 24; James A. Murphy, Wd. 2; Sidney J. Vaughn, Wd. 21; George J. Molloy, Wd. 5; George C. Di Fatta, Wd. 20; Michael A. McCarthy, Wd. 13; John B. R. Lyons, Wd. 22; George Werner, Jr., Wd. 19; Charles E. Howe, Wd. 18; Hugh C. McGrath, Wd. 8; Henry T. Bartow, Wd. 20; Benjamin Clark, Wd. 8; Francis J. Ward, Wd. 21; Richard Ray, Jr., Wd. 25; John F. Connors, Wd. 15; Timothy Wallace, Wd. 20; William J. Keenan, Wd. 7; Samuel A. Fryett, Wd. 13; Clarence W. Sommers, Wd. 14; Charles F. Tinkham, Wd. 11; Gilbert A. Daggett, Wd. 24; Francis X. Julien, Wd. 21; George B. Bowman, Wd. 8; Philip J. Oxenham, Wd. 1; Frank L. Davis, Wd. 19; James E. Knott, Wd. 22; Randolph K. Clarke, Wd. 20; Clarence W. Wylie, Wd. 17; Michael W. Norris, Wd. 13; Walter D. Griffin, Wd. 25; Thomas H. Ratigan, Wd. 20; John W. Higgins, Wd. 3; John M. Kramer, Wd. 15.

Seventh session—John M. Ryder, Wd. 14; Charles S. Emerson, Wd. 20; Henry H. Nelson, Wd. 23; John E. Curry, Wd. 12; Pat-

rick Keohane, Wd. 3; Charles R. Barry, Wd. 14; Elmer E. True, Wd. 10; Charles H. Lyon, Wd. 24; Patrick J. McGunigle, Wd. 23; Charles Mitchell, Wd. 18; Charles E. Oliver, Wd. 11; Samuel S. Dale, Wd. 10; Andrew S. Wheeler, Wd. 20; Frederick N. Plympton, Wd. 24; Ira F. Libby, Wd. 20; James Watt, Wd. 2; Joseph Di Pesa, Wd. 6; John T. Byron, Wd. 12; Charles H. Fogg, Wd. 21; Louis Ghirardelli, Wd. 6; Edward J. Gould, Wd. 25; Charles J. Kus, Wd. 13; Gerald J. McDonald, Wd. 4; Arthur W. Hobbs, Wd. 1; John W. O'Keefe, Wd. 17; Edward L. Hoey, Wd. 1; Otto Teichmann, Wd. 19; Charles W. Bradlee, Wd. 11; Martin H. McGowan, Wd. 6; G. Elliott Reid, Wd. 9; Michael Freeman, Jr., Wd. 11; John A. Whalan, Wd. 16; Thomas J. Moore, Wd. 7; William B. Hasty, Wd. 15.

REVISION OF ACTS RELATING TO CITY.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, Jan. 28, 1907.

To the City Council:—

The urgent need of a consolidation or revision of all of the special acts relating to the city, and which taken together constitute the city charter, has long been recognized by my predecessors in the office of Mayor and by every one interested in our city government.

On Feb. 17, 1898, the City Council passed an order providing that a commission of three members be constituted to draft such consolidation or revision, such commission to consist of the Corporation Counsel, who was at that time Andrew J. Bailey, and of two other lawyers to be appointed by the Mayor. The sum of \$10,000 was appropriated to provide for the compensation and expenses of such commission, and the late Mayor Collins and Hon. Albert E. Pillsbury were named by the Mayor as the appointed members.

While considerable work was done, this commission, for a variety of reasons, was never able to complete its labors; and, through the death of Mayor Collins and the retirement of Mr. Bailey from the Law Department, it has practically gone out of existence. Every year further emphasizes the necessity of having such consolidation or revision prepared. All who have to do with the business of the city, whether as officials or as citizens, justly complain of the difficulty of finding just what the law is upon any given point. At every session of the Legislature numerous acts relating to the city are passed and old laws are repealed; and the additional legislation passed since the commission was appointed nine years ago would alone make a volume of some size.

It is not too much to say that the administration of the city and plans for its improvement are seriously hampered by the present chaotic condition of these special laws; it is difficult even for the Legislature to make intelligent amendments in our laws and to be certain of their effect. Boston is in great need of a coherent, consistent and logically arranged charter, in which a lawyer could quickly find what the law was upon any particular subject, without having to hunt through a large number of blue books and a mass of obsolete laws, and in which it would be possible for an intelligent citizen not versed in the law to find such information as he might desire as to the government of his city. Anything which tends to make the legislative acts and administrative operations of the city more easily understood by the av-

erage citizen must tend to promote the interests of good government, while complexity and confusion inevitably tend to throw our city government into the hands of lawyers or of those who devote most of their time to politics. The City Council itself is in great need of a consolidated city charter to serve as a basis for intelligent legislative action upon its part. Effective action must not be longer delayed.

After carefully considering the best method of securing the prompt and satisfactory execution of this long-delayed work, I have come to the conclusion that the proper course is to place the full authority to make such consolidation or revision in the hands of, the Corporation Counsel, giving him an extra appropriation for this purpose. This work is wholly legal in its character, and the responsibility of having it properly done should be placed upon the Corporation Counsel of the city, giving him the right to employ the expert special assistance which is needed for the purpose.

It is my earnest desire that the proposed consolidation or revision should be ready for presentation at the next session of the Legislature, and I believe that this result can be accomplished.

There are doubtless certain respects in which the special laws relating to this city and constituting its charter should be changed; but I believe that a necessary step towards intelligently considering and securing such changes as may be needed is first to effect a consolidation, with as little revision as possible, but eliminating all obsolete legislation, of such laws as are now upon the statute books. If further revision and changes then seem to be desirable, they can be intelligently framed and considered by the Legislature to the best advantage as amendments of a single act giving to Boston a consolidated city charter.

I therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be instructed to prepare, or cause to be prepared, a consolidation or revision of all of the special acts relating to the city, omitting such as have become obsolete, and to report a draft thereof to the City Council of this year, if possible, such draft to be as nearly as possible a codification of existing laws, and to contain only such changes in the same as shall be specifically noted, and as the Corporation Counsel may deem necessary or proper; and the Corporation Counsel is hereby authorized to expend for such purpose out of the appropriation for the Law Department a sum not exceeding \$10,000.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby make the following appointments:

(1) Sydney James Loup (524 Broadway, South Boston, Wd. 14), a Weigher of Boilers and Heavy Machinery for the term ending April 30, 1907.

(2) Sydney James Loup (524 Broadway, South Boston, Wd. 14), a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1907.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Severally laid over, under the law.

PROJECTING POLES—VETO.

The following was received:
 City of Boston,
 Office of the Mayor, Jan. 22, 1907.
 To the Board of Aldermen:

I return without my approval your votes granting permission to Fanny Tushingly and Max Udin to project poles from which to hang clothing at 19 Salem St. and 302 North St., respectively.

The statute authorizing the projection of signs or advertising devices in this city (Chapter 352, Acts of 1895) contemplates that the sign shall be in all cases at least ten feet above the sidewalk, and the exposure of clothing or other goods in front of a shop is in law a sign or advertising device. It is evident that the permits in these cases are not legal, for the reason that the goods to be displayed would in all probability be hung so as to be within ten feet of the sidewalk. Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

INFORMATION CONCERNING CONSUMPTIVES.

The following was received:
 City of Boston,
 Office of the Mayor, Jan. 28, 1907.
 To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Pauper Institutions Department in answer to your order requesting information in reference to the number of persons receiving treatment at Long Island who are suffering from tuberculosis, the number of such persons who sought admission to the institution, and the number admitted and the number refused admittance during the past month. Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
 Pauper Institutions Department,
 28 Court Sq., Room 3.

Jan. 21st, 1907.

Honorable John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:—In compliance with the request contained in the accompanying order of the Board of Aldermen, I beg to submit the following figures in regard to the number of tuberculosis patients cared for by this department during the month of December, and the number of applications received:

At the present time, Jan. 21st, there are 97 cases of tuberculosis in the hospital at Long Island.

During the month of December, 1906, there were 17 applications received for the admission of persons suffering from this disease. Of this number, five were admitted to the Long Island Hospital, and 12 applications were refused.

Very respectfully,
 John B. Martin,

Official in charge of department.
 Placed on file.

City of Boston,
 Office of the Mayor, Jan. 28, 1907.
 To the Board of Aldermen:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Consumptives' Hospital Trustees in answer to your order requesting information in regard to the number of persons suffering from tuberculosis who have been cared for by the Department and other information upon this subject.

Respectfully,
 John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Jan. 28, 1907.

Boston Consumptives' Hospital.
 Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of Boston, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:—In compliance with the order of the Board of Aldermen under date of Jan. 14th, the Trustees of the Boston Consumptives' Hospital submit the following:

1. The number of applications or cases brought to our attention of persons seeking treatment for tuberculosis135
 2. The number of such cases placed in institutions:
 - Holy Ghost Hospital for Incurables65
 - Carney Hospital17
 - St. Monica's Home for Colored Women 2
 3. The number of cases refused treatment:
 - Number on waiting list.....39
 - Number rejected.....12
 4. The number of beds available at the expense of the city in private hospitals:
 - Holy Ghost Hospital for Incurables32
 - Carney Hospital 6
 - St. Monica's Home for Colored Women 2
- Total number discharged:
- Died12
 - Discharged for disobedience.. 3
 - Left hospital with the permission of the Superintendent22
 - Left hospital for unknown reasons 9

Very respectfully,
 Edw. F. McSweeney, Chairman.
 Placed on file.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of William F. Lowe, for leave to project one bay window at 36 Myrtle St., Wd. 11.

Charlotte A. Taylor, adjoining owner, appeared and objected to the granting of the permit, on the ground that the window would injure the value of her property.

2. On petition of Celia Urofsky, for leave to project one bay window over the corner of Washington and Market Sts., from building 363 Washington St., Wd. 25.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, there are a great many objectors to this bay window, but I have held it off for a week. I intend to have it assigned for a week, and in the meantime I am going to try to have the street commissioners take that corner off. Therefore, I move reference of this matter to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The matter was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a question of personal privilege.

The CHAIRMAN—Will the honorable Alderman state his question of personal privilege?

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, my question of personal privilege is with reference to an article that appeared in a current issue of a weekly paper.

The CHAIRMAN—The Alderman will proceed.

Ald. BELL—I want to say, Mr. Chairman and members of the Board, that I do not intend to indulge in any exhibition of fireworks; neither do I propose to lower myself beneath the dignity of a member of this Board. A certain weekly paper took occasion in its last issue to refer to me and my action on a matter which came before the last Board of Aldermen in terms that were to me amusing and yet peculiarly misleading. If the newspapers of the city had not seen fit to give it the benefit of their great circulations, I would have treated the matter as any honorable man should treat it, knowing that such fabrications seldom get beyond the very limited scope of the paper which uttered them. But now that these agencies have made known to the general public the existence of such a paper, and the additional fact that it assumes, rightly or wrongly, to represent the views of His Honor the Mayor, I deem it a duty to myself and to the great constituency which has done me the honor to make me its representative, to deny as emphatically as I may, every charge, explicit or implied, contained in the article in question. I take this opportunity to say that in no way, shape or manner, in the past, present or future, have I been, am I, or do I intend to be identified with any telephone company in a manner different from the most humble citizen who walks our streets.

With regard to the other charge or insinuation, that I have entered into a combination to block the propositions of His Honor the Mayor, nothing could be further from the truth. If a project of His Honor the Mayor and his co-workers comes before this Board, I will give it my fullest consideration, and if it recommends itself to my judgment, I will speak for it, work for it and fight for it, though I were alone in its defense. But if my views do not meet with the views of my colleagues, I will not whine. I transact my private business in a business-like way and to the satisfaction of my employers. I transact the public business in exactly the same way and to the satisfaction of at least 25,000 of the citizens of this city who at the last election expressed their satisfaction at my conduct of last year. In justice to them, more than to myself, I have risen to this question of privilege. I have a complete understanding of the nature of the oath administered to me and my colleagues and His Honor the Mayor. I impugn the motives of no man, be he colleague or Mayor. Let no man, be he colleague or Mayor, impugn mine.

PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

3. Notice of the election of William Berwin from the Board of Aldermen and William J. Barrett from the Common Council, as Managers of the Old South Association in Boston.

On motion of Ald. BELL the Board voted to direct the Clerk to deposit a ballot for William Berwin from the Board of Aldermen, and William J. Barrett from the Common Council, and both were elected in concurrence.

4. The order passed by this Board Jan. 21—"that His Honor the Mayor cause to be removed at once all billboard signs located or erected on city property (a), especially those erected on Hancock St., Dorchester, northeast corner Gibson St. and Dorchester Ave., Washington St., Roxbury, in rear of Old Marcella St. Home, and on buildings erected on the Charles River Parkway, near Charles St., city proper"—(b) comes up concurred in Common Council, Jan. 24, with this amendment: strike out all between (a) and (b).

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I desire to offer a substitute order, but, as a matter of parliamentary procedure, it cannot be introduced at the present time. Therefore, I think it is fair to ask reference of this matter to the Committee on Public Improvements, where the matter may be considered. Therefore, I move, Mr. Chairman, reference to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I do not want to be discourteous to the Alderman, but I would like the matter assigned for one week. If assignment prevails, I propose to introduce an order calling upon the Corporation Counsel to furnish us some information in regard to the matter.

The order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

5. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public way Douglass St., Wd. 15, from East Eighth St. to Columbia road.

Passed in concurrence.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. BELL, to consider Nos. 6 to 9, inclusive, together, viz.:

6. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to extend Tudor St., Wd. 13, to Dorchester Ave., and to accept said street from C St. to said avenue as a public way.

7. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public highway Wendell St., Wd. 16.

8. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public highway Champney St., Wd. 16.

9. Ordered, That the City Messenger be instructed to provide each member of the City Council with one copy of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Severally passed in concurrence.

10. Resolved, That, in the opinion of the City Council, city employees, who, by the nature of their employment, are obliged to work seven days a week and receive no vacation, should be allowed an annual vacation of two weeks, and His Honor the Mayor be, and is hereby, requested to direct the heads of the various departments to bring about such a provision, beginning the present year.

Adopted in concurrence.

11. Ordered, That, from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars (\$3500) be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Public Grounds for the improvement of the standpipe and its surroundings in Highland Park, Roxbury, in accordance with plan of Roxbury Historical Society accompanying message of the Mayor to the City Council, dated Sept. 26, 1906.

Passed in concurrence.

12. Ordered, That, from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, six thousand dollars (\$6000) be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be expended by the Park Department for "Speedway, Franklin Field, completion of."

Passed in concurrence.

Ald. BELL moved to reconsider; lost.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees, as named, viz.:

Claims when appointed.

Willard Welsh, offering to surrender an alleged invalid tax deed of estate 15 Aberdeen St., Wd. 11.

Willard Welsh, offering to surrender an alleged invalid tax deed of estate 17 Aberdeen St., Wd. 11.

Linscott Motor Company, for compensation for damage to automobile by a broken gate at the Charlestown bridge.
 Harriet B. Preston, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of land and flats on west side of Old Colony Railroad in Dorchester.

Licenses.

Caledonian Club, for a permit for Francis MacLaughlin, et als., under 15 years of age, to appear at the Mechanics Hall, on the evening of Jan. 25, 1907.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Knights of Columbus, for the use of Faneuil Hall on the day and evening of May 29 and 30.

Electric Wires.

Petitions of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, viz.:

For leave to erect one pole on Tremont St., one on Chestnut St., two on Cedar St., and one on High St., Wds. 3 and 5.

For leave to erect one pole each on Henley, Winthrop, Pleasant, Thompson, Warren, Wood, Franklin, Mead, Auburn, Middlesex and Henley Sts., Monument and Frothingham Aves., Wds. 4 and 5.

For leave to erect two poles on Putnam St., between Saratoga and Bennington Sts., Wd. 1.

For leave to erect seven poles on Morrison St. and five poles on Gardner St., Wd. 23.

For leave to erect 11 poles on Newburg St., from Belgrade Ave. to Cornell St., Wd. 23.

Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, for leave to erect two poles on Roxbury St., Wd. 17, and five on Zeigler St., Wds. 17 and 18.

Lamps.

L. E. H. Jones, et al., for public lamps on Arion St., Wd. 16.

COAL AND COKE LICENSES.

A list of coal and coke licenses granted was received from the Secretary of State.

Placed on file.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Harbor and Land Commissioners of hearing Jan. 30 on petition of the West End Street Railway Company for license to drive piles in Mystic river.

Placed on file.

NOTICES OF APPROVAL.

Notice was received from the Railroad Commissioners of consent to proposed changes in grade of Old Colony Railroad in Dorchester (Harrison Sq.).

Notice was received from the Railroad Commissioners of approval of plan 26,133, showing proposed location, form and method of construction of storage yard and connection of the Boston Elevated Railway Company on land bounded by Main and Beacham Sts., Arlington Ave. and Dorrance St., being a modification of plans 25,482 and 25,484, approved July 7, 1899, and plan 26,673, approved July 27, 1904.

Severally placed on file.

SIDEWALK SCHEDULES.

Reports were received from the Superintendent of Streets on the passage of orders as follows: That the persons named in the within schedules be, and they hereby are, charged and assessed with one-half the sums set to their respective names as their propor-

tional parts of the cost of constructing sidewalks with granite edgestones in front of their estates on said streets, and the same was ordered to be certified, and notice given to the parties aforesaid.

On Evans St., between Capen and Nelson Sts., Wd. 24, to the amount of \$827.34.

On Penfield St., Wd. 23, to the amount of \$145.23.

On Washington St., Wd. 20, to the amount of \$1315.70.

The several orders were passed.

RUNNING OF BARGE.

Ald. FINIGAN presented the petition of the Proprietors of Forest Hills Cemetery to run a passenger barge between Forest Hills Sq. and Forest Hills Cemetery during the present season.

On motion of Ald. FINIGAN the rule was suspended and a permit was granted on the usual conditions.

LEAVE GRANTED FOR PROJECTIONS, ETC.

Ald. CURLEY presented the following petitions for leave to project signs, etc., and asked that the rule be suspended and leave granted, viz.:

Earl, Stevens Company, sign, 91 Court St., Wd. 6.

Anthony J. Granara, sign, 91 Cross St., Wd. 6.

M. H. Marks, electric sign, 5-7 Beach St., Wd. 7.

M. H. Marks, electric sign, 680 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Seth W. Fowle & Sons, electric sign, 1 Washington St. North, Wd. 6.

Thomas Groom & Co., electric sign, 105 State St., Wd. 6.

E. G. Hoyt, illuminated sign, 92 Bowdoin St., Wd. 8.

Morrill & Cook, four signs, 32 Beach St., Wd. 7.

The Boston Daily Tribune, electric sign, 74 Summer St., Wd. 7.

Jacobs Bros., illuminated sign, 177-179 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Michelson Bros., sign, 20 Hawley St., Wd. 7.

Ketterers' Hotel, illuminated sign, 168 Canal St., Wd. 8.

Biagio Seminara, sign, 1204 Washington St., Wd. 9.

The Board voted to suspend the rule and leave was granted on the usual conditions.

BATH-HOUSE, WARD 15.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island the sum of \$25,000 be and hereby is appropriated, to be expended by the Bath Department for the completion of the bath-house, Wd. 15.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, I desire to state for the information of the other members of the Board that this matter of a bath-house for Wd. 15 is a matter which has been pending for many years. Up to the present time nothing has been done towards the completion of it other than the putting in of a foundation. I think the present time would be as good as any to pass the order, because I think the citizens of Wd. 15 are entirely unanimous in favor of the proposition at this time. For that reason, I ask that the rule be suspended, that the order may take its second reading and be passed today.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I would very much like something in the way of information as to where this bath-house is to be located. It says here "Wd. 15." Wd. 15 is a good-sized ward,

and I would like to know where the proposed bath-house, in the event of the passage of the order, is to be located?

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, I would state for the benefit of the gentleman on the other side of the chamber that the foundation of the bath-house is the only work that has been done towards its completion. The foundation is already laid, and the people of Wd. 15 desire that the bath-house shall be completed. It is located in Washington village, in the vicinity of Dorchester and Vale Sts.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Ald. Baldwin through you if the money has been appropriated for the land?

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, this appropriation was made some years ago. It is fair to assume, the foundation having been built, that the land has been purchased.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I move that the matter lie over for a week, as I would like to investigate it. This is the first I have heard of it, and I think it is proper, before spending so large a sum of money, that I and other members of the Board should have an opportunity to investigate it. This is like other propositions that come up constantly before the Board of Aldermen. The disposition of the Board is to suspend the rule and act upon such matters right away. I dare say this is a matter for which the money might properly be spent, and I dare say the same may be true in regard to other matters which it is attempted to rush through this Board. But this is the first I have heard of this matter, and I imagine it is the first that many of the gentlemen have heard of it. I think we should have more time to see if this is a desirable way of spending the city's money or whether there are more desirable ways of spending it. I, therefore, ask to have the matter lie over for one week.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, last week I believe I had the pleasure of making a motion to assign an order in regard to Copley Sq. I thought at that time that I needed some information in regard to the proposition, but my esteemed friend on the right refused to consider the suggestion I made along that line. It seems to me that any man sitting here today should represent not only one section of the city, but every section, and I feel that South Boston is entitled to as much consideration as the Back Bay. I feel that this is a proposition which is worthy of the votes of every member of this Board. If I did not think so I would not rise and advocate the passage of this order today, because I think the members of the Board who know me will know that I never rise in this Board to advocate a matter unless I think I am justified in the position I take.

The motion to assign to the next meeting was declared lost. Ald. BANGS doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

Ald. BANGS' motion to assign to the next meeting was lost, yeas 4, nays 9:
Yeas—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Berwin, Clark—4.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Battis, Curley, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—9.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I should dislike very much to vote against this order, because I don't know very much about it. It may be a very desirable order. Perhaps this is a very good way to spend the money. But I am compelled to vote against it if I cannot have time to look into the matter. I cannot vote to spend \$25,000 on some-

thing I know absolutely nothing about, and something that the gentlemen who are eager to pass the order do not seem to wish that I know anything about, because they will not give me a week to look into the matter. This \$25,000 is not going to take wings and fly away between now and next Monday, and it is perfectly evident that the motion I made should have been passed. I move, therefore, that the matter be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The motion to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements was declared carried. Ald. BALDWIN doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The motion to refer was lost; yeas 4, nays 9:

Yeas—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Berwin, Clark—4.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Battis, Curley, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—9.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I object to the order taking a second reading.

The CHAIRMAN—Objection being made, under the rules, the order will lie over for one week.

Ald. BALDWIN moved a suspension of the rule, that the order might take its second reading and be placed upon its passage; declared carried. Ald. BANGS doubted the vote and called for yeas and nays.

The Board voted to suspend the rule, yeas 10, nays 3.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Battis, Berwin, Curley, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—10.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Clark—3.
The order was passed. Sent down.

PAINTING FOR SOUTH BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL.

Ald. BALDWIN offered the following: Whereas, The citizens of South Boston have at various times expressed a desire that the painting of the "Evacuation," by Darius Cobb, should be purchased by the city and presented to the South Boston High School, be it

Resolved, That the Art Commissioners be requested through His Honor the Mayor to view the painting of the "Evacuation" and submit their recommendations to the City Council.

The preamble and order were adopted. Sent down.

PLAYGROUND, WD. 1.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island \$30,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated to be expended for the purchase of a playground site in East Boston, anywhere between Moore St. and Winthrop Junction, Orient Heights, Wd. 1.

Ald. BATTIS—Mr. Chairman, I had this order ready to offer at the latter part of last year, but made up my mind that I would wait until this year before bringing it before the Board. I have a petition here of several hundred names, headed by Master Morse of the school of that section; by Fr. O'Donnell, in the same location, and by many other taxpayers, who ask that a proposition of this sort be granted. That is a growing district. A school has been erected there within a very few years, and does not begin to take care of the children of that section—falling so far short of it that they have erected a portable school in the yard, which takes up about all the available ground there. The master believes, and the people of that district believe, that there should be

a playground in that vicinity for the children. I certainly hope that the members will vote in favor of this proposition. I ask that the rule be suspended, so that it may take its second reading today.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I object to suspension of the rule.

The CHAIRMAN—The order will go over for one week, objection being made.

Ald. BATTIS—Mr. Chairman, I ask that the rule be suspended.

The rule was declared suspended. Ald. Bangs doubted the vote, and asked for a verification by a rising vote. The Board stood divided, and the rule was declared suspended, eight members in favor, four against.

Ald. Bangs further doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The rule was suspended, yeas 9, nays 4:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Battis, Berwin, Curley, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—9.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Clark, Whelton—4.

The order was passed. Sent down.

LICENSES.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 64 newsboys, 4 bootblacks and 2 vendors.

Reports severally accepted; licenses approved by the Board.

(2) Report on petition of Caledonian Club (referred today), for a permit for Francis MacLaughlin, et al, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Mechanics Hall on the evening of Jan. 25, 1907—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

IMPROVEMENT OF WD. 9 PLAYGROUND.

Ald. FLANAGAN offered an order—That from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000) be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be expended by the Park Department for the erection of bleachers and the placing of electric lights and grading with loam the baseball diamonds in Wd. 9 Playground.

Ald. FLANAGAN—Mr. Chairman, I move a suspension of the rule that that order may be placed upon its passage.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I object to the order taking a second reading.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order, that it is not necessary to suspend the rule, as the Board has not as yet adopted rule 32, the rule requiring suspension.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken at this time.

The rule was declared suspended. Ald. Bangs doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays.

The Board suspended the rule, yeas 10, nays 3.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Battis, Berwin, Curley, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—10.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Clark—3.

The order was passed. Sent down.

FINANCE COMMISSION.

Ald. CURLEY called up No. 13, special assignment, viz:

13. Mayor's message relative to the appointment of a Finance Commission, in which he recommends the speedy passage of the following order:

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to appoint a Finance Commission, to consist of seven citizens of Boston, recommended to him for such appointment one each respectively by the Associated Board of Trade, the Chamber of Commerce, the Boston Merchants' Association, the Clearing House Committee, the Real Estate Exchange, the Central Labor Union and a committee made up of the presidents of the several citizens' or local improvement associations in the various sections of the city. Such commission may by vote, approved by the Mayor, add to its own membership, if it deem such action advisable.

Such Finance Commission shall examine into all matters pertaining to the finances of the city, including debt, taxation and expenditures, shall give public hearings, and shall in particular inquire:

1. Whether under the present practice of the city its objects of expenditure are rightly divided between those which may properly be provided for by loan and those which should be met by taxation, and whether its loans are now issued for proper periods;

2. Whether the present distinctions between loans inside and outside the debt limit are based upon sound financial principles;

3. Whether any change should be made in the present system of accumulating sinking-funds and issuing new loans annually;

4. Whether debt, taxation or assessments upon property are now excessive, and, if so, in what manner the same can be reduced;

5. Whether present systems of book-keeping, auditing and administration afford sufficient protection to the city treasury;

6. Whether the cost of any municipal works or services, now paid for from the city treasury, should be raised by special assessment, or whether any change should be made in existing provisions for the laying and collecting of special assessments;

7. Whether the financial burden imposed upon the city in connection with the expenditures for the construction and maintenance of metropolitan works are excessive or unfair, and, if so, how the same can be reduced or made equitable;

8. Whether any changes should be made in the present distribution of powers relative to appropriations, loans and expenditures;

9. Whether the general taxation laws of the State, and particularly those relating to the taxation of the property of corporations, operate fairly in respect to the interests of Boston, and, if not, what changes should be made in them;

10. Whether appropriations and loans for the several departments of the city are larger than necessary;

11. Whether the limit of municipal indebtedness should be fixed by constitutional amendment, or the present statute, fixing the limit, should be repealed or amended. (A)

Such commission may make partial reports from time to time, and shall make its final report to the City Council of 1907.

The members shall serve without pay, and shall be authorized to employ such experts, counsel and other assistants, and to incur such other expenses, as they may deem necessary or proper, not exceeding the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in the aggregate, the same to be charged to the appropriation for "Mayor, Office Expenses," etc. All officers and employees of the city shall furnish to such commission all information or assistance which it may require in the discharge of its duties.

Alderman Draper moves to amend the above order by inserting at (A) the following:

"12. Whether it is advisable to create new sources of revenue, and, if so, to suggest the sources and for what purpose the proceeds should be applied.

"13. To inquire into the present general plan of sewer construction and report whether or not it is the one best adapted to the city, and, if not, to investigate and report a comprehensive scheme for future development of the sewer system, with special reference as to the amount of money the city can annually afford to spend for the completion of work already begun."

The question came on the adoption of Ald. Draper's amendments.

The amendments were declared adopted. Ald. WOODS doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote. The Board stood divided, and the amendments were declared lost, three members in favor, five against.

Ald. DRAPER further doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays. The amendments were declared rejected upon a roll call, yeas 6, nays 6.

Yeas—Ald. Battis, Berwin, Clark, Curley, Draper, Whelton—6.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Bangs, Bell, Finigan, Flanagan, Woods—6.

The question came on the passage of the order in concurrence.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, in order to make the measure most effective, it would be necessary to have certain legislative action. Certain matters affecting this are now pending before the Legislature. I believe we can pass upon this matter with much greater wisdom if we postpone action until the Legislature has acted upon it. Today at the State House a hearing was given. The matter was continued until Wednesday, when probably definite action will be taken. Therefore, I move postponement of further consideration of the matter to the next meeting of the Board.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I dislike to say anything on this subject, but if any sound, logical argument was necessary to further the passage of this order, it has been furnished since the \$200,000 from the sale of a portion of Deer Island has been made available for the members of the City Government to appropriate to their various districts. It seems that every member of this Board can discover some place where he can use a portion of that \$200,000, and I don't suppose that I differ in that respect from any other member of this Board. But I do say that I believe the members of this Board should exploit some new source of revenue or should furnish His Honor the Mayor with some idea or method whereby some return may be had to the city aside from expending every dollar that comes in. And now, when the question comes on the passage of an order which calls for the appointment of a commission whose work it is to protect the city's interests, whose duty it will be to point out what is best for the city, a member of the Board and a very dear friend of mine rises and asks that the matter be assigned—and he asks that it be assigned because the legislative committee is hearing a similar order at the present time. Why, it does not make any difference whether they are hearing it or not. That does not affect this order one particle. It seems to me—and I believe that I am as guilty as any other member of the Board—that the only thing a member of this Board feels called upon to do, after he has been elected, is to vote away the city's money. He never feels called upon to exercise his judgment in the matter of

increasing the city's revenue in any particular or of protecting the city's welfare in any particular, as well. Mr. Chairman, this is an amusing situation. The members of the Board, having voted away some \$75,000 or \$80,000 this afternoon from money that has been received from a source from which we never could have anticipated receiving it previous to two years ago, and which we could have very well got along without if we did not receive it, now object to the passage of an order that may furnish additional means, may increase the city's revenue, placing at its disposal money that might otherwise never be within its reach. I am surprised that the member who has got \$3500 for a little local improvement, that is needed, should now desire to assign this order. It is evident that the gentleman does not stop to consider that this commission, when appointed, may discover new sources of revenue and may bring within our reach more than the \$200,000 which we have disposed of.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, will the Alderman yield for a question?

Ald. CURLEY—I will.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, is the Alderman aware that a majority of the Board voted against my amendment inquiring whether new sources of revenue could be found?

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I am aware of that, but I am also aware of the fact that I voted for it—whether I had a purpose in voting that way or not it is unnecessary for me to say.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, does the Alderman think that because he voted for it it is now in the order?

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I have too much regard for the men who constitute the various boards or organizations of which it is intended that this commission shall be made up, to answer a question of that character. I do not feel that an answer is necessary. These men will not have anything to do with the appropriation of the city's money. Their work will be to provide the money, so that the members of this Board can display the same keen judgment and the same excellent common sense on every occasion that they have displayed here this afternoon, as well as the same rapacity in disposing of money the existence of which they knew nothing of some two years ago, and which, if they did not today have it within their power to use, they could get along very well without. Mr. Chairman, it is safe to say that even my genial friend from Wd. 11 (Ald. Bangs), who very eagerly took charge of \$40,000 last week for his section and then said, "Remove the temptation," will be opposed to the appointment of this commission and to the passage of this order. If the purpose of the members of this Board is to play politics, pure and simple, all right; but if it is the purpose of this Board today, as the gentleman from Dorchester said this afternoon, to live up to its oath and obligation, I know of no better way of doing it than by voting for the passage of this order. Mr. Chairman, I have already, in my humble way, and with my meagre knowledge of conditions, pointed out some methods by which certain sums of money might be saved to the city treasury annually—as by the abolition of the system of hiring in-town offices in expensive office buildings for the headquarters of different branches of the Street Department, showing that they could be very well located in various yards throughout the city, where the land is not excessive in price and where a building could be erected for a less sum than is now paid in rentals annually. I also pointed out the possibility of the introduction into the Legislature of a bill to do away

with the present number of elections, having one primary day for city and state and one election day for city and state. In that way we could save for the city \$125,000 a year; and by doing away with the police listing act we could save the city \$60,000 more annually. There are various other things that might be suggested by the commission representing the brains of these trade organizations. And yet the members of this Board criticize this order, and one member, in an interview, says he believes it should be the purpose of the commission to try to locate graft. It is not graft that the city suffers under today. It is safe to say that the amount the city loses in the form of graft, or the amount that any city of the size of Boston in the United States loses, is less than \$100,000 annually. The city does lose because it does not have up-to-date methods in conducting its various departments, and loses for other reasons. It loses, as much as in any way, through the system of its representatives playing politics. They propose to continue to play politics—or, if it is to go upon its passage, because of their inability to lay it over, they propose to try to kill the order. And why? Because a similar order has been introduced into the Legislature. We complain of the burdens that the Legislature imposes on Boston, and yet, by action of that character, we say plainly to the Legislature that we are incompetent to conduct our own affairs. I believe there is as much intelligence represented in the city of Boston as in any other city or town in the entire state, and I believe that Boston is as competent to conduct its own affairs as is the town of Scituate, Revere, Hull, or any other of the little cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth. They do not go to the Legislature and ask that a commission be appointed to investigate their affairs and to indicate to them how they should conduct their business. Now, what does this proposition mean? It means that men without bias, men with brains, men who have met with success in the various lines of human endeavor, are asked to serve on this commission. And for what purpose? They are to serve without pay and for the best interests of the city of Boston. And yet, members of this Board will ask that the matter be assigned, because some representative of Wd. 22 or Wd. 23—I don't know which—has introduced a bill in the Legislature. It is immaterial to us whether he has introduced one bill or forty bills, or whether other members have introduced bills. We represent the city government of Boston. We are here to do the business of the city of Boston. We are not here to ask the Legislature to do our business for us; and I believe that these various trade organizations outlined in this bill before the City Council at the present time will select their best-educated, their most competent men, to serve on this commission, and that the city will benefit by it. I do not believe that any argument such as has been advanced here this afternoon can be advanced in seriousness. I do not believe the member intended it seriously. He has rather a humorous strain in his make-up, and I believe he intended it as a joke. Certainly, it takes on the aspect of a joke when he says that a similar bill is before the Legislature. It makes no difference to us whether it is before the Legislature or not. We are a body independent of the Legislature. We have a right to do certain business. Let us do it.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I do not wish to take issue with much that the Alderman has said. It seems to me the joke would be on this Board if we were at the present time to kill this

order and at the same time allow a petition to stand in the Legislature requesting permission or authority to send for witnesses for purposes of investigation, when we had no order before the Board. At the present time in the Legislature there is a petition signed by His Honor the Mayor, John F. Fitzgerald, requesting authority to send for witnesses. That petition has not yet been acted upon. If we act upon this measure now, and if by any chance it is beaten, we certainly would be in a ridiculous position. We do need authority from the Legislature, regardless of what the Alderman has said. We cannot conduct this investigation in the best possible way without getting authority to send for witnesses. Neither can we conduct it in the best possible way and make the most searching examination without passing the amendments that both the Alderman and I have voted for.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, does the gentleman realize that the witnesses who would be summoned are men who now favor this order, and that they would be willing witnesses? A willing witness is always ready to furnish information, and does not have to be summoned.

Ald. DRAPER—I realize, Mr. Chairman, that if the Alderman and I were summoned we would willingly go; but I cannot say what witnesses would be summoned. It seems to me that, to have the order of the utmost effect we need the authority I have referred to. His Honor the Mayor would not have petitioned for that authority if it did not seem to him that he needed it. My point is this: I was present at part of the hearing at the State House today. There was an opportunity for every member of this Board to receive some light on the subject. The hearing will be finished, in all probability, next Wednesday. We will then have additional information, and we ought to have all possible information on a matter of as great moment as this. It seems to me perfectly proper to postpone action. No harm can be done by the postponement—at any rate, for one meeting.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, the Alderman raises the very self-same issue that has been raised ever since this order has been under consideration by the city government—that it will do no harm to lay it over for a week. We heard that two months ago—that "it wouldn't do any harm to lay it over for a week"—and we have heard it every week since the matter has been under consideration. If we lay it over today for a week again, if the Webster bill is not disposed of on Beacon Hill in the meantime, some member will arise and say, "I see no harm in laying it over for another week." Mr. Chairman, there are just one or two articles in this bill that I would like to call particular attention to. The first item is: "Whether under the present practice of the city its objects of expenditure are rightly divided between those which may properly be provided for by loan and those which should be met by taxation, and whether its loans are now issued for proper periods."

My friend on the right always maintains that we are not working under a sound financial system or policy, and the Good Government Association—one of our foremost organizations for about two days in the year—admits that he is right. Section 2, Mr. Chairman, is as follows:

"Whether the present distinctions between loans inside and outside the debt limit are based upon sound financial principles."

That has a bearing on Section 1. At the present time the two questions are in dispute among men with a knowl-

edge of finances. Section 3 is as follows:

"Whether any change should be made in the present system of accumulating sinking funds and issuing new loans annually."

All bearing on the same subject. Section 4:

"Whether debt, taxation or assessments upon property are now excessive, and, if so, in what manner the same can be reduced."

Mr. Chairman, that opens up a broad field for inquiry, and, with the proper inquiry, the city could be benefited tremendously. I have had some talk of late with men in the real estate business, with a knowledge of conditions in this city, and they inform me that there has not been a piece of property sold to their knowledge within the business district of Boston for less than 25 per cent above its assessed valuation in the last five years; and men in the real estate business in the outlying districts—such as Roxbury, West Roxbury, Jamaica Plain, Charlestown, and so on—say it is impossible to sell property in suburban Boston for more than 85 per cent of its assessed valuation. If that is a fact, there is a necessity for a readjustment of property values and of a change in the present condition. Section 5 is as follows:

"Whether present systems of book-keeping, auditing and administration afford sufficient protection to the City Treasury."

Some of the members of this Board have maintained that they have called at the City Auditor's office, and have called upon the head of the Sewer Department, and other departments, and could not get the information they desired. If the book-keeping was all right, they could find that information without any unnecessary amount of labor. So they should favor the passage of the order for that reason, if for no other. Section 6 is as follows:

"Whether the cost of any municipal works or services, now paid for from the City Treasury, should be raised by special assessment, or whether any changes should be made in existing provisions for the laying and collecting of special assessments."

That is truly an important matter. Section 7 is as follows:

"Whether the financial burden imposed upon the city in connection with the expenditures for the construction and maintenance of metropolitan works are excessive or unfair, and, if so, how the same can be reduced or made equitable."

Mr. Chairman, that is certainly something of vast importance. Mayors of the city of Boston for years have gone to the Legislature and tried to have a change or a revision of the system of assessments. At the present time, of the authority of no less a person than Charles Francis Adams, the city of Boston has paid in the vicinity of 75 to 80 per cent. of the total cost of construction and extension of the Metropolitan Park system. Mr. Chairman, it is not reasonable to suppose that the Committee on Metropolitan affairs, because of their political make-up, are, to use a plain, everyday phrase, going to give fair treatment, or a square deal to the city of Boston. They are going to continue along in the same lines that they have run for years. They are going to compel Boston to bear the expense of the maintenance of a Metropolitan Park system for the benefit of the outlying cities and towns adjacent to Boston. That is not a fair condition; it is not one that should be encouraged, and it is one that, by action on the part of the city council, it is perhaps possible for us to change. On the question of Metropolitan water assessments, I ask if there is any mem-

ber of this Board who can state any good, substantial reason why the city of Boston should pay the proportion it does pay of the total cost of Metropolitan water assessments? Is there any reason why the city of Boston should pay the proportion it is compelled to pay of Metropolitan sewerage assessments? Is there any reason why Boston should pay the proportion it is compelled to pay of the Metropolitan highway assessments; or is it reasonable, in view of the fact that the city of Boston has paid these every year for the last 25 years, to expect that a legislative committee, made up of men who have the interests of the Republican organization more at heart than they have the welfare of Boston, will furnish a remedy for existing conditions? Surely it is not. Section 8 is as follows:

"Whether any changes should be made in the present distribution of powers relative to appropriations, loans and expenditure."

That is surely an important question. Section 9 is as follows:

"Whether the general taxation laws of the state, and particularly those relating to the taxation of the property of corporations, operate fairly in respect to the interests of Boston, and, if not, what changes should be made in them."

Surely every member of this Board will admit that there is a necessity for a change in the present system of assessing corporations in the state of Massachusetts. At the present time, while a corporation, with its business interests, is located in the city of Boston, the trustees or the heads of that corporation, the stockholders, have a residence in some outlying city or town, and, therefore, Boston receives no benefit from the business that is done within its limits. Those men are assessed in other cities and towns for the corporation tax. Through the present system of corporate taxation, the city of Boston loses annually in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000 in revenue. Yet the members who have voted away the Deer Island money—until I don't know whether or not there is any left—will say that this matter ought to be laid over for another week! Section 10 is as follows:

"Whether appropriations and loans for the several departments of the city are larger than necessary."

Members of this Board have maintained that the appropriation for the Sewer Department was larger than was necessary and has been larger than necessary for a number of years back; and yet, when there is an opportunity to get at the meat of the situation, they balk and say, "Lay it over for a week; wait until the Webster bill passes." Why? Section 11 reads as follows:

"Whether the limit of municipal indebtedness should be fixed by constitutional amendment, or the present statute, fixing the limit, should be repealed or amended."

Mr. Chairman, I can conceive of no sound reason why this matter should be laid over, and I can conceive of no reason why it should not be acted upon today. Is there any great danger or any great harm to come to the city of Boston, even though two commissions, one appointed by the state and the other made up as is proposed here, should work independently of each other? Cannot we achieve better results? Will not an investigation of that character be of greater benefit to the city of Boston than an investigation made by men who are partisans in their ideas, who are not familiar with conditions, and a majority of whom, perhaps—if it is made up of members of the Legislature—have

never seen over \$500 together at any one time in their lives—since the Boston & Albany lease? Mr. Chairman, it is proposed that this commission shall be made up of business men, of representatives of the different Boards of Trade, men with their hundreds of thousands of dollars invested in business enterprises in Boston, men upon the success of whose business primarily depends the success of the city of Boston. If conditions in Boston are not right, if the tax rate is going to be continually increased each year, and the source of revenue is going to be decreased each year, they realize, it is within their bounds of vision, that their business must be located elsewhere. Now, how much longer do the members of this Board propose to delay? I venture to assert at this time that there is not a member of this Board who gives three hours of his time in one day to the study of the financial affairs of the city of Boston, or to the study of matters that will be of benefit to the city of Boston or to him, as a representative in this City Government; and, despite that fact, the members of this Board object to the appointment of a commission made up of men who have a personal interest in the success of this proposition. Why, even though there is a legislative committee appointed, they can do no great harm. We all anticipate what their report will be, now. It will probably be a condemnation or criticism of the Democratic administration that has been in power for five years, and that, in all probability, will be in power for five years longer. But, Mr. Chairman, if we have two separate bodies, one of a non-partisan body, and the other by a partisan body, the city of Boston is going to benefit. I certainly do not believe, where we have shown the disposition that has been manifested here this afternoon, to vote away everything in sight, that we should object to voting in favor of a proposition that may perhaps give us more money, money that we have never anticipated that we would have within our reach to vote away.

The motion to assign further consideration of the order to the next meeting of the Board was declared carried. Ald. CURLEY doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays.

The motion to assign was lost—yeas 6, nays 7:

Yeas—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper—6.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—7.

The order was declared passed in concurrence. Ald. BANGS doubted the vote, and called for the yeas and nays.

The order was passed in concurrence, yeas 7, nays 6:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—7.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper—6.

ARMORY IN CHARLESTOWN.

Ald. BANGS, for the Committee on Armories, submitted a report on the order (referred Jan. 21), authorizing the construction of an armory in Charlestown under the provisions of Chapter 504 of the Acts of 1906—that the order be passed in concurrence.

The report was accepted and the question came on the passage of the order in concurrence.

The order was read for the information of Ald. Whelton.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Ald. WHELTON.

INQUIRY BY FINANCE COMMISSION.

Ald. DRAPER offered an order—That the Finance Commission to be appointed under the authority of an order of the City Council be further instructed to inquire into the following subjects, viz.:

1. Whether it is advisable to create new sources of revenue, and, if so, to suggest the sources and for what purpose the proceeds should be applied.

2. To inquire into the present general plan of sewer construction and report whether or not it is the one best adapted to the city, and, if not, to investigate and report a comprehensive scheme for future development of the sewer system, with special reference as to the amount of money the city can annually afford to spend for the completion of work already begun.

Passed. Sent down.

BRIGHTON CELEBRATION.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That three members of the Board of Aldermen, with such of the Common Council as may be joined, be appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of Brighton as a town. Passed. Sent down.

GYMNASIUM, BRIGHTON.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island the sum of \$12,000 be and hereby is appropriated, to be expended by the Park Commissioners for gymnasium and gymnastic apparatus at the North Brighton Playground.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I object.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I move a suspension of the rule.

The rule was declared suspended.

Ald. Bangs doubted the vote where-by the rule was suspended and asked for a roll call, and the rule was suspended, yeas 9, nays 4, the vote being as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Battis, Curley, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—9.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Berwin, Clark—4.

The order was passed. Sent down.

BILLBOARDS ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Corporation Counsel be requested to inform this Board, as soon as possible, whether the Mayor, Superintendent of Streets, or any other municipal official, has a legal right to grant permits for, or allow without permits, the erection and use of billboards on municipal property, the same to be used for commercial purposes, with or without recompense to the city.

Also, whether the Mayor, Superintendent of Streets, or any other municipal official, has a legal right to grant permits for, or allow without permits, the erection and use of billboards on the boundary lines between the city's property and the city's streets and sidewalks, the same to be used for commercial purposes, with or without recompense to the city.

Also, whether the Mayor, Superintendent of Streets, or any other municipal official, has a legal right to grant permits for, or allow without permits, the erection and use of billboards for commercial purposes, with or without recompense to the city.

ompense to the city, between private property and the city's streets and sidewalks, or in a street or sidewalk in connection with a space occupied temporarily for building purposes.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I move that the matter be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I object to that reference, for the simple reason that this is an order asking the legal counsel of the city of Boston to give us his opinion as to the legality of any person's erecting billboards. I can see no objection to asking Mr. Babson to tell us whether anybody has any right to do it or not. Certainly we do not know, and I, for one, would like to find out before acting upon the order introduced by Ald. Draper, or by myself, some time ago. This is simply requesting a legal opinion, and I object to its being sent to a committee.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that, inasmuch as the main order has been sent to the committee, this order should also be referred to the committee, so that we may act upon both of them intelligently. There is no saying what action the committee may take in regard to the matter before it. It might be the desire of the committee to have some other order introduced, which would possibly conflict with this, resulting simply in overworking the Corporation Council unnecessarily. Therefore, I believe that the child ought to go with its father to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The motion to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements was declared lost. Ald. Draper doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays.

The order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, yeas 9, nays 4:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Batts, Curley, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—9.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Berwin, Clark—4.

ACCEPTANCE OF JAMES ST.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to lay out and accept as a public highway, James St., West Roxbury, from Poplar St., northerly.

Passed. Sent down.

GYMNASIUM, WEST ROXBURY.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Committee on Appropriations, when appointed, be requested to include in the appropriation bill a sum sufficient to enable the Bath Department to maintain the gymnasium in the West Roxbury High School for the use of the general public outside of school hours.

Passed. Sent down.

USE OF GYMNASIUM, WEST ROXBURY.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the School Committee be requested by the Board to allow the use of the gymnasium in the West Roxbury High School, outside of school hours, to the residents of West Roxbury, under the supervision of the Bath Department.

Passed.

REMOVAL AND TRIMMING OF TREES.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of 202 Lamartine St., Wd. 22; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two trees standing on Amory St., near School St., Wd. 22; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of 188 School St., Wd. 22; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of 116 School St., Wd. 22; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted a report on petition of Knights of Columbus for the use of Faneuil Hall on May 29 and 30—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

PAYMENT FOR PLAYGROUND.

Ald. CLARK offered an order—That there be allowed and paid to Mrs. J. W. Robinson the sum of \$100, the same being in payment for use of land for playground in Neponset during 1906; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed. Sent down.

HANDBALL ALLEY, WD. 17.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500) be and hereby is appropriated, to be expended by the Park Department for the construction and maintenance of a handball alley at the Fellows St. Playground.

Ald. BANGS objected to the order taking its second reading, and Ald. Curley asked a suspension of the rule.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to say just a word in connection with this order. I am extremely modest in my request—because I believe there is not a great deal of the Deer Island money left. This \$2500 is asked for a very necessary public improvement. Some nine years ago the city of Boston purchased a site for a playground at the corner of Fellows and Hunneman Sts., for which the city paid in the vicinity of \$20,000. About one-third of the playground is now used for children's swings and sand boxes, and the other two-thirds is of no benefit whatsoever to the district. I believe if a handball court were erected there—and I am informed that one can be erected for \$2500—some benefit will be derived from the large portion of that land that at the present time remains useless, so far as

any benefit to the district is concerned.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I rise for information. I would like to know if the Chair or the Clerk can inform me how much money there is left from the sale of Deer Island? If there is a considerable sum I have several items for the Dorchester district that I would like to introduce orders for.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say that the rapidity with which the money has been disposed of has been such that the Chair has been unable to keep a record of it.

The rule was declared suspended. Ald. BANGS doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays.

The rule was declared suspended. yeas 10, nays 3:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Battis, Berwin, Curley, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—10.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Clark—3.

The order was passed. Sent down.

STATE HIGHWAY, DORCHESTER.

Ald. CLARK offered the following:

Whereas, In the opinion of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston public necessity and convenience require that the Commonwealth take charge of a proposed highway from Columbia Rd., to King's Sq., Dorchester District, as described and shown in the accompanying petition, therefore be it

Ordered, That the Massachusetts Highway Commission be requested to acquire and lay out said proposed highway as a State Highway in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 497 of the Acts of 1897, as amended by Chapter 476 of the Acts of 1898.

(Annexed was petition asking for highway 100 feet wide, beginning at the point where Columbia Rd. crosses the Old Colony Division of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., thence running southerly about one hundred feet easterly of and parallel with said railroad to Freeport St., thence in the same general direction to King's Sq., except so much of the proposed highway between Freeport St. and King's Sq., as may be built under the direction of the commission already appointed to abolish the grade crossings at Harrison Sq.)

The question came on giving the preamble and order a second reading.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that that is quite a proposition, that it involves the question of the Massachusetts Highway Commission coming into the city of Boston, and I, as one member of the Board, move its assignment to the next meeting.

The preamble and order were assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

PARK AT SAVIN HILL.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That from the sale of a portion of lands on Deer Island there be appropriated \$35,000 to be expended for the purchase of the top of Savin Hill, the same to be used under the direction of the Park Department.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that the purpose prompting this order is merely to use up the money. Therefore I object to the order taking its second reading.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, no matter what the gentleman thinks is the purpose of introducing the order, the fact is that the order is a straightforward, legitimate one, and is in furtherance of a proposition that has been before the city government for many years. In fact, a previous Mayor of Boston, Mayor Quincy, promised to

the citizens of that section that, when there was any money available, the top of that hill should be bought and used for park purposes; and His Honor the present Mayor informed the people of Dorchester about a year ago that he would see to it, when the proper time arrived, that the park was purchased. I, therefore, move a suspension of the rule, so that the order may go upon its passage.

The motion to suspend the rule was declared lost. Ald. Bell doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays. After the roll was called and before the result was announced, Ald. Draper said:

Mr. Chairman, I rise to a question of information. I desire to instruct the Clerk that Ald. Bell voted "No," when my name was called.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I admit it.

The CHIRMAN—Does the Alderman desire to record himself upon the question?

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I do not wish to be recorded.

There being no votes in the affirmative, and 12 in the negative, the rule was not suspended, and the order went over to the next meeting.

ENGINE HOUSE, ORIENT HEIGHTS.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to provide in the first loan bill the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for an engine house and site at Orient Heights, East Boston.

Passed. Sent down.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

The CHAIRMAN announced the appointment of the following committees, viz.:

Appropriations—Draper, Bangs, Curley, Whelton, Baldwin, Bell, Clark, Leary.

Art Department—Battis, Bangs, Baldwin, Flanagan, Finigan.

Assessing Department—Woods, Bell, Battis, Leary, Flanagan.

Auditing Department—Bangs, Battis, Finigan, Leary, Flanagan.

Bath Department—Leary, Curley, Draper, Clark, Finigan.

Building Department—Baldwin, Bangs, Battis, Flanagan, Woods.

Cemetery Department—Finigan, Baldwin, Battis, Clark, Flanagan.

City Clerk Department—Whelton, Bangs, Battis, Flanagan, Finigan.

City Messenger Department—Woods, Baldwin, Bell, Draper, Leary.

Claims—Clark, Bangs, Draper, Baldwin, Woods.

Clerk of Committees Department—Flanagan, Whelton, Finigan, Bell, Battis.

Collecting Department—Woods, Bangs, Draper, Finigan, Leary.

Election Department—Flanagan, Woods, Whelton, Bell, Draper.

Engineering Department—Battis, Bell, Clark, Finigan, Woods.

Finance—Bangs, Whelton, Curley, Bell, Baldwin, Clark, Woods.

Fire Department—Baldwin, Draper, Battis, Finigan, Flanagan.

Health Department—Woods, Draper, Baldwin, Whelton, Clark.

Hospital Department—Draper, Bangs, Bell, Whelton, Baldwin.

Institutions Department—Flanagan, Bell, Bangs, Woods, Finigan.

Lamp Department—Bell, Battis, Leary, Clark, Woods.

Legislative Matters—Clark, Draper, Bangs, Curley, Baldwin.

Library Department—Clark, Whelton, Bangs, Woods, Finigan.

Market Department—Baldwin, Battis, Bangs, Bell, Whelton.
 Music Department—Battis, Bell, Flanagan, Leary, Finigan.
 Ordinances and Law Department—Draper, Curley, Whelton, Bangs, Clark.
 Overseeing of the Poor Department—Curley, Bell, Bangs, Woods, Flanagan.
 Park Department—Battis, Baldwin, Leary, Finigan, Bell.
 Police Department—Bangs, Curley, Clark, Woods, Leary.
 Printing—Draper, Curley, Whelton, Battis, Woods.
 Public Buildings Department—Whelton, Bangs, Bell, Leary, Flanagan.
 Public Grounds Department—Clark, Battis, Baldwin, Leary, Woods.
 Public Land—Bell, Draper, Baldwin, Leary, Finigan.
 Registry Department—Finigan, Bangs, Curley, Clark, Woods.
 Schools and Schoolhouses—Curley, Battis, Clark, Woods, Flanagan.
 Statistics Department—Whelton, Bell, Draper, Flanagan, Leary.
 Stree Department—Bell, Bangs, Battis, Curley, Baldwin.
 Street Laying-Out Department—Bangs, Battis, Clark, Finigan, Woods.
 Treasury Department—Bell, Bangs, Baldwin, Battis, Leary.
 Vessels and Ballast Department—Leary, Baldwin, Bell, Draper, Flanagan.
 Water Department—Finigan, Woods, Battis, Clark, Leary.
 Weights and Measures Department—Flanagan, Curley, Baldwin, Bangs, Battis.
 Wire Department—Curley, Baldwin, Whelton, Battis, Draper.

JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Dorchester Day—Bell, Baldwin, Battis, Woods, Finigan.
 Evacuation Day—Baldwin, Curley, Draper, Bell, Finigan.
 July Fourth—The whole Board, Ald. Draper, chairman.
 June the 17th—Leary, Whelton, Bangs, Bell, Baldwin.
 Labor Day—Curley, Flanagan, Woods, Battis, Bangs.
 Mayor's Address—Leary, Whelton, Bell, Battis, Flanagan.

Memorial Day—Bangs, Curley, Bell, Whelton, Woods.
 Patriots' Day—Whelton and Battis.
 The Chair indicates the first named member upon each committee as the chairman of that committee.

BALLOTS FOR CHAIRMAN.

Ald. LEARY—Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board proceed to ballot for permanent Chairman, under Chapter 26, Section 7, of the Revised Laws. The motion was carried, and the Clerk called the roll. The ballot resulted as follows:

For John E. Baldwin—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—6.

For Tilton S. Bell—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper—5.

For William Berwin—Ald. Battis—1.

For Frederick A. Finigan—Ald. Whelton—1.

Seven votes being necessary for election, there was no choice.

On motion of Ald. FLANAGAN, the Board voted to proceed to another ballot, and the Clerk again called the roll, with the following results:

For John E. Baldwin—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—6.

For Tilton S. Bell—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Clark—3.

For Charles M. Draper—Ald. Battis—1.

For Francis R. Bangs—Ald. Berwin—1.

For Louis M. Clark—Ald. Draper—1.

For Frederick A. Finigan—Ald. Whelton—1.

And there was no choice.
 Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I move you, sir, that the Board now take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

The motion was lost.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY, the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. CURLEY, at 5:41 P. M., to meet on Monday, Feb. 4, at 3 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, January 31, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P. M., President Barrett in the chair.

MARINE PARK IMPROVEMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Jan. 31, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Park Department in answer to your order requesting information and data in regard to the pier head at Marine Park, South Boston.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Park Department,

Boston, Jan. 24, 1907.

Honorable John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor,
City Hall.

Dear Sir:—The Board has received and duly considered the enclosed order of the Common Council, requesting us to inform the Council why the pier and pier-head at Marine Park have been left in an unfinished condition, and what appropriation or action by the City Council is necessary to provide for the completion of the said pier according to the original plans. The pier at Marine Park was completed before the time of service of any of the present Board. A four-story shelter and lookout building 110 feet in diameter was a part of the original scheme, but no detailed plans were made for it. Its cost is roughly estimated at \$60,000. It was designed for a shelter and lookout and undoubtedly also for sanitary conveniences. This last part of the plan is impracticable for lack of proper sewerage connections. We have been told that the construction of the building was postponed to allow the necessary settling of the foundation. A different structure, but better suited to the place and present conditions, and satisfactory to the public, could probably be built at a much less cost.

We shall be pleased to prepare a plan and estimate of such a structure if the City Council desires it.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

Placed on file.

PENSION FOR CALL FIREMEN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Jan. 31, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner in answer to your order requesting that call substitute firemen injured in the discharge of their duties be entitled to a pension.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Fire Department, Jan. 28, 1907.

His Honor, John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor,
Sir:—In reply to the enclosed order, I would say that the Fire Commissioner

has no authority to make pension provision for call substitute firemen, who may be injured in the discharge of their duties.

I therefore do not include any item for this purpose in my estimates for the coming financial year.

The act giving the Fire Commissioner authority in the matter of pensions refers only to permanent members of the department, and the call substitutes have no standing whatever.

Yours respectfully,

Benjamin W. Wells, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

SANITARY DEPARTMENT, DORCHESTER.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Jan. 31, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Sanitary Department, in answer to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of maintaining a branch of the Sanitary Department for service in Dorchester.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Sanitary Department, Jan. 30, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, City of Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:—In reply to the communication received from the Common Council, asking for an estimate of the cost of maintaining a branch of the Sanitary Department in the Dorchester district, I beg leave to submit the following report:

1 foreman, at \$1400 per annum..	\$1,400.00
5 inspectors	4,635.00
3 stablemen	2,112.75
2 watchmen	1,408.50
2 dumpmen	1,408.50
43 offtal teamsters and helpers...	26,292.00
42 ash teamsters and helpers....	26,292.00

\$63,608.75

The following is an estimate of the cost of rolling stock which the department would have to purchase in order to do the work in the above district:

14 offtal wagons at \$315.....	\$4,410.00
14 ash carts at \$415.....	5,740.00
56 draft horses at \$325	18,200.00
2 driving horses at \$250.....	500.00
Stable furnishings, etc.....	500.00

\$29,350.00

Estimate of cost of fodder, etc.:

Hay and grain.....	\$12,000.00
Veterinary service and medicine	696.00
Horseshoeing	1,800.00
Fuel	91.00
Incidentals	300.00

\$14,887.00

Total cost of establishing and maintaining a branch of this department in the above district, not including the purchase of land nor building a stable, would be\$107,845.75

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel H. Gillespie, Superintendent.

Placed on file.

CONCERTS, WD. 13.

The following was received:—

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Jan. 31, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Music Department in answer to your order requesting that band concerts be provided during the present winter in certain halls in South Boston.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Music Department, Jan. 26, 1907.
Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of
Boston.

Dear Sir:—In reply to an order passed in the Common Council Jan. 24 to the effect "That the Music Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide band concerts during the present winter season in the halls of the Norcross, Lawrence and Bigelow Schools and Congress Hall, Wd. 13," I would say that the halls mentioned, in one of which we gave two concerts in 1903 and 1904, are greatly inferior in size and general fitness to the hall of the High School, in which all of the concerts are now given. The High School is situated almost exactly in the centre of the district, and there seems to be no good reason for abandoning it in favor of less suitable halls. The tickets are distributed in all parts of the district. Respectfully yours,

Edwin A. Franklin, Chairman.
Placed on file.

FEEES FOR PERMITS.

The following was received:
City of Boston,

Law Department, Jan. 31, 1907.

To the City Council, City Hall, Boston.

Gentlemen:—I am requested to give my opinion as to the legality of raising additional revenue by charging a fee for permits to persons or others to maintain stands for the sale of merchandise and other commodities on the city sidewalks, streets and property, and advise what action the Common Council may take towards requiring such fees to be collected.

No one has a right to maintain such stands upon sidewalks, streets and other public ways. As no permission can legally be given for obstructing a street in such a manner no fee can be asked or charged. As to property of the city, it is in charge of different departments of the City Government; subject to the statutes and ordinances; the heads of the departments are to say as to whether they will let persons maintain stands on it and as to the prices which they will charge for such permission or letting.

Yours truly,
Thomas M. Babson,
Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

SPEEDWAY LOAN.

The following was received:
City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, Jan. 31, 1907.

To the City Council:—

I herewith return without my approval an order passed by your body appropriating the sum of \$6000 for "Speedway, Franklin Field, Completion of," for the reason that it does not appear that the requirements of the law were fulfilled in passing the same. Section 2, of Chapter 28 of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts reads as follows:

"Such boards may locate public parks within the limits of their respective cities or towns, and for that purpose may from time to time take in fee, by purchase, gift, devise or otherwise, land which they consider desirable therefor, or may take bonds for the conveyance thereof to their respective cities or towns. They may lay out and improve such parks, make rules for their use and government, appoint all necessary engineers, surveyors, clerks and other officers, including a police force to act in such parks, define their powers and duties and fix their compensation, and do all acts needful for the proper execution of their powers and duties; but no land shall be taken

or expenditure incurred until an appropriation sufficient for the estimated expense thereof shall have been made by a vote of two-thirds of the legal voters present and voting at a town meeting, or in a city in which the City Council consists of two branches by a vote of two-thirds of the members of each branch, and in a city in which there is a single legislative board, by a vote of two-thirds of the members thereof, present and voting thereon. Such expenditures shall not exceed the appropriation made therefor, and all contracts involving expenditures in excess of such appropriation shall be void."

It is evident from the above that an appropriation for the Park Department must be passed in both branches of the City Government by a vote of two-thirds of the members of each branch. As it does not appear that two-thirds of the members of each branch of the City Government voted for this order, the same has no force in law, and would not be operative, even if approved by me.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

The communication was placed on file, and the order was indefinitely postponed on motion of Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24.

Under a suspension of the rule, Mr. WILLCUTT offered an order—That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, six thousand and one dollars (\$6001) be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be expended by the Park Department for "Speedway, Franklin Field, completion of."

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. WILLCUTT, and the order was passed, yeas 65, nays 1:

Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Barrett, Bramhall, Brown, Carruth, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Green, Hackett, Hanrahan, Harding, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, McCabe, McCarthy, McCullough, McGivern, McGregor, McLennan, Mealey, Montague, Morgan, Murphy, Noonan, Noyes, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Penschorn, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—65.

Nays—Pierce—1.

Absent or not voting—Buckley, Ducey, Fitzgerald (14), George, Madden, McCormack, Roberts, Santosuosso, Sheenan—7.

Mr. WILLCUTT moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

PLAYGROUND SITE, EAST BOSTON.

The President called up No. 5, papers from the Board of Aldermen, viz.:

5. Ordered, That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deed Island, thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be expended for the purchase of a playground site in East Boston, anywhere between Moore St. and Winthrop Junction, Orient Heights, Wd. 1.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I wish to call the attention of the Council to various numbers on the calendar, and I will be glad if the members will follow me so that they may know the numbers to which I refer in my remarks—Nos. 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24 and 25. They all have reference to either bath houses, gymnasias, hand ball alleys, playgrounds or

playground improvements. They all ask for the expenditure of money, and most of them out of the Deer Island fund. Not many years ago the providing of bath houses, playgrounds and gymnasia would not have been considered a function of the city, and it is only because of the unusual conditions that now exist in our cities that they have come to be considered public functions. The fact that people came to live in crowded districts, many of them too poor to provide for these facilities for themselves, made it evident that in some cases it was a matter of necessity that the city should supply these things—in many cases a matter of public health. But that does not mean that every section of the city shall have these things. It only means that those sections that are crowded, where the conditions are congested, and where there is a real necessity for these things, should have them; and I think that in asking for appropriations we ought to bear those distinctions in mind. There is \$200,000 which may be appropriated for these purposes; but these orders ask for nearly twice that amount, so it is perfectly obvious that some one is going to be disappointed. I assume that the money is all going to be appropriated for these purposes; I think there are enough votes here to carry it. But I want to call the attention of the Council in a very serious way to the fact that some of these improvements are far more meritorious than others, and I would like to have them all considered in such a way that the most meritorious will be passed and the less meritorious will be left for some other time. Isn't that a fair proposition? I would like to have the matter looked at in a broad, comprehensive way, from the point of view of the city as a whole. I would like to have the needs of the congested district provided for first. Is it not a sensible procedure to do as they would do in the Legislature, for instance? There they would send all these things to the Ways and Means Committee, and there they would be considered in a calm and judicial way. The members from the different sections are all anxious to have improvements for their particular localities and you cannot blame them for endeavoring in the most ardent way to secure the passage of their particular orders. But when you stop to think they are not really very good judges of the matter. What I mean to say is, they are not apt to look at the thing from the point of view of the city treasury; neither are they apt to look at it from the point of view of the needs of gymnasia or other public improvements in the city as a whole. We don't want two adjoining wards to have each a gymnasium, when one would be sufficient for both. I propose that we have a special committee of five, which shall be in the nature of a Ways and Means Committee, to consider all these orders which I have enumerated. I have an order here providing for that and also providing that the committee shall report within a month, so that no one need feel that because it is referred to that committee it is lost. The order further provides that all these orders shall be referred to this special committee. I hope that the members will take a broad view of this matter, and will do it in this way, and I ask you to support me in this proposition. I offer this order, Mr. President. I ask a suspension of the rule, if it is necessary. I did not think it was necessary to do more than introduce it to get it before the body.

Mr. PIERCE offered the following order:
 Ordered, That a special committee of

five be appointed to consider the advisability of appropriating money for baths, bath-houses, gymnasia, handball alleys, playgrounds and playground improvements in the various sections of the city; that said committee be instructed to report within one month; and that Numbers 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24 and 25 on the calendar be hereby referred to said committee.

The rule was declared not suspended for the introduction of the order. Mr. PIERCE doubted the vote, and a rising vote was taken. The Chair appointed as tellers the following members: First division, Messrs. Pierce and Foley; second division, Messrs. Driscoll and Penthorn; third division, Messrs. Troy and Clark of Wd. 20; fourth division, Messrs. Bagley and Sullivan of Wd. 3.

The Council refused to suspend the rule, 13 members in favor; 33 against.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11 moved that No. 5 be referred to a special committee of five, to be appointed by the President.

The motion was declared lost. Mr. PIERCE doubted the vote and asked for a verification by a rising vote, which was taken, and the motion was lost, two members voting in the affirmative.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2 moved a suspension of the rules, so that the order might go upon its passage at this time.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, before that goes upon its passage, I would like to have a few words to say upon it. This order which comes down to us from the Board calls for \$25,000 for the erection of a bath-house—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair would like to call the gentleman's attention to the fact that we are discussing No. 5 on the calendar, and not the South Boston bath-house.

Mr. SULLIVAN—Oh, I beg your pardon. (Laughter.)

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, not long ago we were called upon to appropriate money for a hospital in East Boston. I took pleasure in voting for that, because I believed that it was necessary. Now, there are three propositions for local improvements in East Boston here on our calendar—one for an engine house for Orient Heights, another for a playground, and a third for a new bath-house. Mr. President, I took the trouble to go over to East Boston, and spent a whole morning there, looking over the ground and asking questions, so that I might vote intelligently upon these propositions. I came to the conclusion that there was considerable merit in the demand for an engine house at Orient Heights. I do not think they need a full-fledged engine house, and I do not want to commit myself, but I think they probably need some fire apparatus upon that hill. If the thing can be thrashed out and offered to us in a business-like way, I think I should be very glad to vote for that. But as to the other two propositions, the playground and this one providing for a bath-house, I could come to but one conclusion, and that is that they were entirely and absolutely unnecessary. I went over there with a perfectly open mind. I had much rather vote for these orders than to vote against them, and if I could possibly have come to the conclusion that they were necessary I would have done so. Now, the fact that they are not necessary makes it imperative, it seems to me, that we should each one vote against each of them, considering the present financial condition of the city. Take the specific case which we now have before us. I think no other section of the city is better provided with playgrounds and open spaces than East

Boston. I do not think that statement can be denied. They have Wood Island Park—one of the most beautiful parks in the world. There are 211 acres in it. It is the second largest park in the city—second only to Franklin Park. People take their children and their sewing, take their lunches along with them, and go over there and spend the day. It is a source of a great deal of pleasure, and also the source of a great deal of health. They also have the Cottage St. playground, and they have the Central Sq. open space. There is absolutely no reason whatever, except selfishness, for asking for this playground. In fact, the most northern part of the city is a great deal like a large-sized country town. There are plenty of fields and open spaces. The children can play in the fields, and there is absolutely no theory upon which the appropriation of this money can be justified. Another point—the streets over there are wide, and the houses are none of them higher than the width of the streets. The sun has full play, and its purifying effect is felt on the street for a good part of the day. The front rooms of the houses all get the sun for several hours a day. Even if we were in the very happiest of conditions financially, there could be no reason for asking for a playground in this section of the city. I earnestly hope that, bearing in mind the oaths that we took when we came here the first day of this year, we will vote against this order.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I am very much surprised to hear my brother in the first division arise at this time and try to stop an order like this going through. I did not hear him make those remarks two weeks ago tonight, when the Copley Sq. improvement was before this body. I do not remember that I heard him say a word upon this point. My brother also took the opportunity to go over to East Boston at a time of day when the children are all at school. I would like to have him go over there on a Saturday, when the children are not in school, but are playing around. If he will do that, he will find things entirely different. He speaks about the streets being wide. Well, are the streets proper places for the children to play in? If they play ball there, they are arrested for it. Not only that, but other crimes are charged against them—breaking windows, and so forth—because they happen to use the streets. Then, the cars are running on the streets, and certainly they are not such places as we want to provide for the children to play in.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, will the gentleman allow me to answer?

Mr. BAGLEY—Certainly.

Mr. PIERCE—My point in regard to the wide streets was simply that the conditions over there are healthful. The conditions are such as are conducive to health. There are no such conditions there as you find in the North End, for instance, and therefore there is no justification for spending money for this purpose.

Mr. BAGLEY—Mr. President, my brother further goes on and refers to Wood Island Park. Well, that is a good spot, to be sure, when you get there; but if he would take the time to walk from this particular section of East Boston over to Wood Island Park by the nearest course, he would find it is not quite so pleasant going there. He speaks of it as being a place where people go and take their lunches along with them. That is very true. Perhaps the reason they take their lunches is that it is so far away. The shortest way to it from this section is nearly a mile and a half. Many women who would like to take their children there

cannot do so, on account of the long walk. He also speaks of the Wd. 2 Playground, which is a good playground, but which is three miles from this section of East Boston. He further speaks of Central Sq. That is an open piece of ground which has a few seats scattered around there. I would like to call the Council's attention to another thing. Politically, Deer Island is a part of East Boston, but geographically it is not. (Laughter.) The gentleman is not aware of the fact that Deer Island is Precinct 8 of Ward 2. We feel that perhaps, in consideration of that, East Boston should be considered with a trifle extra approbation in a matter of this kind. I hope that the gentleman will change his views on the matter, and that he will tonight follow his action of two weeks ago, when he did not see fit to take the floor and object to an improvement in his own ward.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I have heard a good deal about Copley Sq. I would like to have it understood that I never asked any one to vote for Copley Sq. That is a matter in regard to which my colleague (Mr. Noyes) takes all the credit. I am glad that he does. He deserves it. I do not mean to say that it was not a proper order, because I most sincerely think it was; but in private conversation, whenever I have tried to reason with the members and show them why I voted for some things and voted against other things, they have always thrown Copley Sq. at me. Now, Mr. President, I want it distinctly understood, first, that there was a strong demand for the Copley Sq. improvement. It was a universal demand. I think all the newspapers in the city spoke in favor of it. In the second place, it is not a Wd. 11 local improvement, and cannot in any way be considered as such, any more than the Public Library or the Common and Public Garden. I have often wondered if, when the Public Library was proposed, everybody came to the Wd. 11 representatives and said: "Here, we are giving you this local improvement. You must vote for everything we want."

Mr. FOLEY—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. FOLEY—That the gentleman is not talking to the question before the body.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken, inasmuch as the member was really replying to an argument made by the gentleman from Wd. 1.

Mr. FOLEY—Mr. President, I thought the question was on the East Boston order—No. 5 on the calendar.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the gentleman is correct in his surmise.

Mr. PIERCE—Now, Mr. President, this city hall is in Wd. 6; but that does not mean that it is a Wd. 6 local improvement, in any sense of the word. And a new city hall, in whatever ward it may be, will be an improvement in which the whole city is interested. It will not be a local improvement in any sense of the word. Now, just as the Public Garden and the Public Library are not local improvements, so Copley Sq. is not a local improvement. It will serve to make the city more attractive, and we will get our return dollar for dollar, in the increased attractiveness which it gives the city as a whole.

Mr. WOODSIDE of wd. 1—Mr. President, I seldom ask the members of this body to listen to me, but I feel that I ought to say a word in regard to this matter. In the first place, I am very glad to learn from my brother that a

member of this Council from Wd. 11 has visited East Boston with a perfectly open mind. I suppose he meant by that, with an unprejudiced mind. I am also glad that in the very short time that he was in East Boston, he observed more things in regard to that district than I have in the 27 years which I have spent there. Now, just a word in regard to the merits of the order. The district where this playground is to be located has a population com- absolutely no playground in it—not even absolutely no playground in it—not even a yard for school children to play in. As long as I have been a member of this body, not one dollar has been appropriated for the benefit of the people of that district. It seems to me that a playground is an absolute necessity for this district. It is a section comprising one and one-half miles in length and is about three-quarters of a mile wide, and there is absolutely no place in that section for the children to play in. I think the order ought to pass. I hope it will.

The rules were suspended, and the question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, this order reads:

“Ordered, That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be expended for the purchase of a playground site in East Boston, anywhere between Moore St. and Winthrop Junction, Orient Heights, Wd. 1.”

Now, I do not want it understood, Mr. President, that I am opposed to the passage of this order, but I think it is only fair to the members that some explanation should be made. I think, further, that the order should be amended so as to make it mandatory that some department be given the right to expend this money, and if it be agreeable to the members from East Boston, I would offer an amendment, to insert after the words “to be expended” the words “by the park department.”

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state, in regard to that amendment, that while it is in very good form, it is not absolutely necessary, because under the statute it is mandatory that the Park Department shall spend the money, anyway. The appropriation cannot be spent by any other department. The Chair feels that the amendment is not really necessary, although it is in good form. The chair will further state that, if the amendment is adopted, the order will have to go back to the Board for its concurrence in the passage of the amendment.

Mr. BAGLEY—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman from Wd. 13, through you, if he will not withdraw that amendment, after the explanation which you have just made?

Mr. McCULLOUGH—I certainly will, Mr. President. I was of the opinion that the statute required a certain department to be named to expend the money; but if the gentleman from East Boston thinks it is not necessary, I will be only too glad to withdraw the amendment.

The amendment was considered withdrawn, and the order was passed in concurrence—yeas 70, nays 2.

Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Barrett, Bramhall, Brown, Buckley, Carruth, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Green, Hackett, Hanrahan, Harding, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe,

McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGiven, McGregor, Mealey, Montague, Morgan, Murphy, Noonan, Noyes, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Peshorn, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—70.

Nays—McLennan, Pierce—2.
Absent or not voting—George, Santosuosso, Sheehan—3.

Mr. BAGLEY moved to reconsider; lost.

HANDBALL ALLEY, WARD 17.

The President called up No. 7, paper from the Board of Aldermen, viz.:

7. Ordered, That from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500) be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Park Department for the construction and maintenance of a handball alley at the Fellows St. Playground.

Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I ask that this order be indefinitely postponed, and if that motion prevails I desire to offer a substitute order. My reason for asking indefinite postponement is that at the last meeting of the Board of Aldermen the order passed by a voice vote, while it needed a roll call, and that it is not legally before this body.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, may I ask what the substitute order is to be?

Mr. JOYCE—The substitute order is the same thing.

Mr. PIERCE—May I ask if it calls for the same amount?

Mr. JOYCE—It does.

Mr. Joyce's motion to indefinitely postpone prevailed.

Under suspension of the rules, Mr. JOYCE offered the following substitute order:

Ordered, That from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500) be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Park Department for the construction and maintenance of a handball alley at the Fellows St. Playground.

The order was read a second time and passed, under suspension of the rules, yeas 63, nays 6:

Yeas—Bagley, Barrett, Bramhall, Brown, Buckley, Carruth, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Green, Hackett, Hanrahan, Harding, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McGregor, McLennan, Montague, Morgan, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Peshorn, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—63.

Nays—Anderson, Ferguson, Noyes, Pierce, Roberts, Wharton—6.

Absent or not voting—Foley, George, Mealey, Purcell, Santosuosso, Sheenan—6.

Mr. JOYCE moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I desire to ask through the courtesy of the Chair, a question of the gentleman in the Fourth Division (Mr. Joyce). I tried to ask the question before the order went through. Of course, I knew there was absolutely no question but what it would go through. I have been in the Council long enough to know whether things are going through or

not; but I would like to ask the gentleman in the Fourth Division, who offered the substitute order, what a hand ball alley is. I merely want to know. I voted against the order, but merely as a matter of general information I ask the question.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the matter has been disposed of and that he cannot entertain the question now.

IMPROVEMENT OF WD. 9 PLAYGROUND.

The President called up No. 11, paper from the Board of Aldermen, viz.:

11. Ordered, That from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000) be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be expended by the Park Department for the erection of bleachers and the placing of electric lights and grading with loam the baseball diamonds in Wd. 9 playground.

The order was indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. DRISCOLL of Wd. 9.

Mr. DRISCOLL offered the following as a substitute for No. 11:

Ordered, That from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, the sum of one thousand and one dollar (\$1001) be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be expended by the Park Department for the erection of bleachers and the placing of electric lights and grading with loam the baseball diamonds in Wd. 9 playground.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. DRISCOLL and the order was passed, yeas 62, nays 8:

Yeas—Bagley, Barrett, Bramhall, Brown, Buckley, Carruth, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Green, Hanrahan, Harding, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, Montague, Morgan, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Penschorn, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetlerman—62.

Nays—Anderson, Ferguson, Hackett, McLennan, Noyes, Pierce, Roberts, Wharton—8.

Absent or not voting—George, McGregor, Purcell, Santosuosso, Sheenan—5.

Mr. DRISCOLL moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

LOCKER BUILDING, FRANKLIN FIELD.

The PRESIDENT called up No. 23, past assignment, viz.:

23. Ordered, That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) be, and the same hereby is, appropriation to be expended by the Park Department for "Franklin Field, Sanitary and Locker Building."

Passed—yeas 66, nays 4:

Yeas—Bagley, Barrett, Bramhall, Brown, Buckley, Carruth, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Daly (17), Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Green, Hackett, Hanrahan, Harding, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McGregor, Mealey, Montague, Morgan, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18),

O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Penschorn, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Rosenberg, Sacks, Santosuosso, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetlerman—66.

Nays—Anderson, McLennan, Pierce, Wharton—4.

Absent or not voting—Cronin, George, Noyes, Purcell, Sheenan—5.

Mr. CLARK of Wd. 20 moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

SWIMMING POOL, WD. 23.

The President called up No. 17, assignment, viz.:

17. Ordered, That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Bath Commission for the construction of a new swimming pool and raft for the Spring St. bath-house, Wd. 23.

Passed. Mr. CARRUTH moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

COMPLETION OF BATH-HOUSE, WARD 15.

The President called up No. 3, paper from the Board of Aldermen, viz.:

3. Ordered, That from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Bath Department for the completion of the bath-house, Wd. 15.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. COLPOYS of Wd. 15—Mr. President, in regard to No. 3 on the calendar I will say at this time that I have here in support of the order a petition from a committee of the South Boston Citizens' Association, which association is composed of representative business men of South Boston. That petition reads as follows:

"To the Honorable City Council of the City of Boston:

"The undersigned committee, appointed by the South Boston Citizens' Association for the purpose of having the so-called Ninth St. bath completed, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an appropriation of \$25,000 for the completion of this public improvement. The land for this bath was purchased in 1898, and the foundations put in a short time after, but nothing has been done for some years to erect the building because of the lack of sufficient funds. Our Citizens' Association has advocated for many years the establishment of this bath, as it is in the heart of the tenement district of South Boston, where the buildings are old and not equipped with modern sanitary arrangements. This bath when finished will serve the convenience of thousands of people, and we earnestly hope that after all this delay your honorable body will see its way clear to make this appropriation."

That petition is signed by Daniel V. McIsaac, chairman; J. Frank O'Hare, John H. Toland, C. J. Desmond and C. W. Booth, a committee of the South Boston Citizens' Association.

As this committee says, in 1898 there was an appropriation of \$10,000 for this bath house. The land was purchased and the foundation was laid, and that is practically all that has been done toward its completion. On account of insufficient funds the place is an eyesore at the present time to the people of that district and they insist that something must be done for its completion. It cannot be said at this time that it is a Wd. 15 affair, because Wds.

16, 13, 14 and 15 will be benefited by it, inasmuch as Wd. 16 begins on the next street, two blocks from that Wd. 13 begins and about four streets Wd. 14 begins. So one can easily see that if this is completed all four wards will be benefited by it. At this time I move a suspension of the rule that the order may go upon its passage.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I would like to add a few words to those of my colleague. This bath-house foundation is located on East Ninth St., between Dorchester and Old Harbor Sts. The land was purchased at a cost of \$2600. There are 6671 square feet of land, purchased at a cost of \$3041.50. The architect's bill for laying that foundation was \$1572.92; the foundation cost, \$6715.49, and the test of land, excavations, etc., \$322.08. The whole amount spent on that foundation in 1898 and 1899 was \$11,651.92, which, deducted from the money originally appropriated, \$12,500, leaves a balance on hand of \$848.08. The work that has been done there has remained for the last nine years, crumbling and decaying, although nearly \$12,000 has been expended upon it. I don't want to criticize the acts of the Bath Commission, because that foundation was built by the Public Buildings Department and charged up to the Bath Department. There was an order passed for \$20,000 to complete the building, and in March of 1899 ex-Mayor Quincy vetoed the order on the ground that \$20,000 was not sufficient to complete that building. Now this order comes down from the Board of Aldermen asking that \$25,000 be transferred from the sale of Deer Island for the purpose of completing this bath-house. This location is in one of the most congested and thickly settled parts of South Boston. You know that we have pretty nearly one-sixth of the whole population of Boston in South Boston, and there is only one all-the-year-round bath-house over there. That is on Commonwealth Flats, and is quite a distance from this location on Ninth St. This location on Ninth St. is surrounded by a laboring class of people with a great many children, possibly the largest number that there is in any section of South Boston. The people of that quarter generally have to go to Dover St. or down to the Commonwealth bath-house, and those are usually overcrowded. Some of my Republican friends may ask later: "Why don't they go to the L St. bath?" Why, my dear friends, at the L St. bath-house last year I have known of 400 or 500 men waiting two and three hours for lockers. My Republican friends may also state that the average attendance at the L St. bath-house is somewhere between 4000 and 5000 daily. I have known it to be as high at 15,000 in a day, and on some warm days a larger number. This bath-house on Ninth St. is an actual necessity, is something that the people of South Boston demand, for good health. I do not want to move that the rule be suspended for the passage of the order at this time, because we have another colleague here, and I want him to make a few remarks upon it. Still, I do hope that the order will pass without any hesitation.

Mr. MEALEY of Wd. 13—Mr. President and gentlemen of the Council, I suppose I would not be doing my duty tonight if I did not say a few words on No. 3 of the calendar, because, since I have been a member of this body I introduced an order asking that \$40,000 be appropriated for this bath, and I do not believe that \$25,000 is enough money. But, Mr. President, this place in South Boston is an eyesore to the district and to the people over there. It has been

lying there for the last nine years. The land has been bought by the city. The foundation was built and it has been left in that condition ever since; and I believe that any fair-minded member should tonight vote to pass the order for this bath house in Wd. 15. As I say, it has been left there in the condition referred to for nine years. It was originally introduced into this body and passed by the Hon. Daniel V. McIsaac of Wd. 15. They went so far as to build the foundations, and nothing else has been done. I hope the order will go upon its passage tonight, and that every member will see his way clear to give it a vote.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I cannot help being a little amused at the number of orders that have come back here to be corrected. It shows with that deliberation and in what a statesmanlike way we do business here. We see \$20,000 and we make a rush for it with so much speed that we cannot stop to draw our orders up in a proper form. I would like to amend the amount. I wonder, if I could demonstrate that \$20,000 was enough, if you would consent to an amendment cutting the amount down to \$20,000?

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15—No. No cuts.

Mr. PIERCE—It is a fact, Mr. President, that a former member of the Council, a man who has followed this thing from start to finish, has told me that the amount stated here is \$10,000 more than is necessary. I will call your attention to the fact that on most occasions when this matter has come up here it has appeared with the figure \$20,000. What reason can now be given for increasing that amount by \$5000? Has anything intervened to make it necessary that we should have \$25,000 instead of \$20,000, appropriated? In 1903—I have only gone back as far as 1903—an order was presented and passed calling for \$20,000. The late Mayor Collins vetoed it, said that, however desirable it might be—and he did not commit himself on that point—it could wait; and that reason which Mr. Collins gave is doubly true now.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, does the gentleman allow me a word?

Mr. PIERCE—Won't you please wait until I get through? In 1904 Mr. Colman put the order in, and it then provided for \$20,000; in 1905 Mr. Mealey, the Councilman who has just sat down, put it in for \$20,000. Perhaps he can tell us why it has been increased this time from \$20,000 to \$25,000. To go back to the estimates, which any business-like body would do, I have made some inquiries from the Bath Commissioners. They don't know anything about thfs. They have not recommended it. They think there are plenty of other things more important than this. I asked them if they could give me any idea of what it would cost, and they said "No." They pointed to the fact that the architect's commission was reckoned on \$43,486, the cost above the foundation, but they said they did not know how the architect got that figure, and as a matter of fact there is a swimming pool in the plans which have been drawn which they do not intend to use, as they do not believe in swimming pools. So that the amount ought to be cut, rather than raised, because of the taking out of the swimming pool. That would represent quite a considerable part of the cost. I have reckoned it up here, and, according to that estimate—the basis of which the Bath Commission knows nothing—the total cost called for would be \$55,286. But if this \$25,000 goes through, there will have

been appropriated \$62,500, or about \$7000 more than is necessary, basing it on this estimate, which is certainly as large as it ought to be, because the architects always take care of that when they are finding a figure upon which to reckon their 2½ per cent. It seems to me that if we were a well-ordered body, we would accept an amendment reducing the amount \$5000, on the basis of that reasoning. I find that the late lamented chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Bath Department, Mr. Lane, did not think it was necessary that this bath house should be erected and that he went so far as to advise Mayor Collins to sell the land. I took the trouble to go over to South Boston and investigate the subject of baths, so that I might come to an intelligent opinion upon this question. I went there hoping that I might find my way clear to vote for this order, because it is very disagreeable for me to have to oppose these matters. I would much rather be a good fellow. I found that, as far as baths were concerned, South Boston was better taken care of than any other section of this city and that it deserves less consideration on that score than any other section. I went down to the D St. gymnasium there with 16 baths. I went there for bathing purposes. I went down to the First St. Playground and found there a provision for bathing. I must say that they were not there making the best of their opportunities, and I have asked my friend from that ward to introduce an order requesting the Bath Commission to install electric lights and put up lockers in that building, so that it may be more widely used for bathing purposes. I went over to the L St. Bath house and inspected that, and saw the possibilities there. I walked from the D St. Gymnasium to the site of this proposed bath house in about ten minutes, and I was told by the policeman whom I consulted on the corner that it was about ten minutes' walk from the site of the L St. Bath house. I said to him, "Don't you think it would be a good scheme to install hot water and shower baths for winter purposes in the L St. Bath house, and don't you think the people of this section of the city would be served by it?" He had to admit that they would—probably very willing. I found that the people from that section used the Columbia Rd. Gymnasium and also the Dover St. Bath house, and I found that in every way they were well provided for. I also found that the new houses that were going up all had baths in them, and that many of the old houses were installing baths. I made inquiries as to the tenement house adjacent to the lot and found that all those tenements had baths, and I found also that most of the tenements on that particular street had baths. So it seems to me that there is no excuse whatever for spending money for this purpose. I think it would be a good scheme to install winter baths at L St. They have to be open any way, and they can accommodate the people with hot water winter bathing just as well as not; and they can sell this lot and with the proceeds get more than enough to make this improvement, an improvement which will cover every necessity. Mr. President, I know of another section of this city that has no facilities whatever for bathing purposes. I don't want to mention it, because probably there would be trouble, but I do know of a section of this city where there are no facilities whatever for bathing purposes, and it is just as thickly settled as is South Boston. I ask you, as fair-minded men, why should you not provide for that section, which has no

facilities whatever, rather than for this section, South Boston, which has every facility?

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I appreciate fully, as shown so far in the meetings of the Council here, what I might possibly call, without hurting the feelings of Councilman Pierce, his fanatical honesty on certain matters. Councilman Pierce says that that appropriation should be cut from \$25,000 to \$20,000, and then he says that \$10,000 less than \$25,000 is plenty to accomplish the purpose. If \$15,000 is plenty to accomplish the purpose, why does he suggest an amendment making it \$20,000? I come from South Boston, from the very tip end of Wd. 14, and the D St. gymnasium, which Councilman Pierce says is a very short distance from the proposed site, is an extremely long distance from where I live. I live very close to the L St. bath-house, and I might repeat the remark of Councilman Sullivan in respect to that bath-house. If one goes down there in the summertime, instead of getting a chance to bathe, the chances are that he will see people from every portion of the city there in large numbers and the bath-house crowded, with the result that citizens of South Boston—especially of that section where this bath-house is proposed, have to wait in line to get a key to a locker, or go without a bath altogether. I might say that this section where the proposed bath-house is is perhaps two and one-half miles from my section of the town. As Councilman Colpoys says, it is something which benefits Wds. 15, 13, 14 and 16, being near the border of each. I have occasion in my business to visit houses located near this proposed site. He says that all the houses, or the greater part of them, in that neighborhood, have bath tubs; but I find from observation, from going in and out there four or five days in the week, that it is very evident that the people of that section—especially a little farther down on the streets bordering on Silver, Tucker and Athens Sts., certainly need a place to bathe.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I did not intend to say that most of them have baths in them. I simply said that on this particular street close to the site most of them have baths. I know that a great many of the older houses there have none, but the houses I refer to do. In going a short distance—I said it was ten minutes' walk—you can go from the site of the proposed bath-house to the D St. gymnasium. Certainly you don't want a bath-house on every block. A man ought to be willing to take a ten minutes' walk to get to a bath. Of course, if all the houses had baths in them there would be no need of any bath-houses whatever; but there are a number of the houses that do have baths and the people are within easy access of these other bath-houses.

Mr. O'BRIEN—Mr. President, this D St. gymnasium of which Councilman Pierce speaks is a very fine gymnasium, and is used not only by residents of So. Boston, but also by vaudeville artists and acrobats, and so on; and, although one might possibly go down there in ten minutes, it is an extremely lonely place to get at in the night time. For instance, one would not want to have his sister go far from that part of South Boston where it is proposed to have this bath-house down to the D street gymnasium in the evening to take a bath, because you have to pass what are called the South Boston flats, have to go through that territory off Congress St., and there is a very lonely business section down there by the water front. Councilman Pierce also spoke of the lack of facilities at the M St. playground.

If I remember rightly, Councilman Troy of Wd. 14 put in an order in regard to improving the facilities at the M St. playground, and Councilman Pierce voted against it. Nevertheless, Councilman Pierce, having gone over there, I am glad to say realizes that it is in bad condition I hope this order will go through. I want to be hospitable to the councilmen from Wd. 15, and in taking this action I realize that if we can in some way or other scatter the population that comes to the L St. bathhouse in other sections of the city, it will be a good thing for the district in the end.

Mr. MEALEY of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I do not think that any sound argument has been advanced by the gentleman from Wd. 11 to show that this order should not go upon its passage tonight. The gentleman claims that I introduced an order for the completion of this bath-house, appropriating \$20,000 for that purpose. I do not remember, Mr. President, of ever offering that order. I believe that the amount was always placed at \$40,000 when I put the order in. I may be mistaken, Mr. President, but I believe it was \$40,000. If it is \$20,000 in the records, it must be a mistake. Now, Mr. President, as Mr. O'Brien from Wd. 14 has well said, on account of so many people visiting the L St. bath from all sections of the city, that bath-house is not large enough to accommodate everybody, and people have to stand for two or three hours at a time waiting for a dressing closet. I would like to ask the gentleman from Wd. 11 whether, if he had the land and the foundations all built in his ward for nine long years, he would not think it was about time something was done. We have the land, and we have the foundations of the building, and I think it is high time that we should get the building itself. In regard to cutting the appropriation down from \$25,000 to \$20,000, I want to call your attention to the fact that only two weeks ago here, when the gentleman from Wd. 11 argued for a bath-house in the North End, he told us how material had gone up and would cost a larger sum of money now than formerly. Probably that is the case with us. I hope that the order will go upon its passage tonight.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, in regard to the question of whether Mr. Mealey's order calls for \$20,000 or \$40,000, I find on page 18 of the minutes of 1905 the following:

"Mr. MEALEY of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to include in the first loan order the sum of \$20,000 for the completion of the all-year-round bath house, Ninth St., Wd. 15.

"Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed."

Now, Mr. President, I move to amend the order by reducing the amount from \$25,000 to \$20,000.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state for the benefit of the member from Wd. 11 that the larger sum takes precedence.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I would like to explain what the former appropriations have been, if the Council will bear with me. There was \$2500 appropriated in July, 1898; and then there was \$10,000 transferred to this account on Sept. 6, 1898. Then an order making a loan appropriation of \$20,000 was passed, and then another order making an appropriation of \$5000; so that, with this \$25,000, if we pass it, there will have been appropriated for this bath-house \$62,500. As I said before, the only estimate that we have only enables us to figure a cost of \$55,200—an estimate which shows that we are appropriating over what is necessary \$7000. I have asked only for a decrease of \$5000.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, that \$20,000 that Mr. Pierce refers to was authorized, but never became a bill. Of course, the order appropriating it went through, but somehow the \$20,000 never became available, although I believe it remained in the exhibit. It was authorized, but not available.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I am sorry to take up any more time. That simply means that the loan has never been issued. It has been authorized, but never has been issued—but it can be issued at any time when the Mayor so desires.

Mr. COLPOYS of Wd. 15 moved the previous question.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, is not the question on suspending the rules?

The PRESIDENT—The question is on suspending the rules.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, may I ask the gentleman to withdraw that, while I offer one amendment?

Mr. COLPOYS—Under no consideration, Mr. President.

The motion for the previous question was carried.

The rules were suspended, and the question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11 offered the following as a substitute for the order under discussion:

"Ordered, That the Bath Trustees through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to submit to the Common Council an estimate of the cost, together with recommendations as to the advisability of installing twenty hot and cold shower baths for winter use, in the L Street Bath House."

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, that is the economical way of providing for whatever needs of this kind there may be in that district. That can be done for very small expense. As I have explained before, the land which was bought can be sold and the proceeds will more than cover the expense contemplated in this order. I hope that the Council will look at this in a business-like way and that it will look at the matter from a standpoint of the interest of the city as a whole.

Mr. McCORMACK of Wd. 3—Mr. President, the gentleman from Wd. 11 is taking up a good deal of the time of the Common Council in arguing upon questions of every character that come before it. It seems to me that all the orders offered here by Democratic members are unusually an object of attack from that section; but there is not an order offered by any of the Republican members of this Council that he attacks. He does not mention the fact of the exorbitant amounts of some such orders, but it seems to be his particular delight to nail, dissect and take apart each and everything that is offered by a Democratic member.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, may I interrupt just a moment?

Mr. McCORMACK—Mr. President, I desire to say—

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I simply wanted to correct the gentleman.

Mr. McCORMACK—I want to say that I am just as much in favor of an order coming from the section of the city that this order affects as I am in favor of any order coming from any section of the city of Boston—that is, if it is an order that is of benefit to some locality, and an order that calls for a reasonable amount of money. There was not the least word said, nor statement nor argument made, against the beautification of the swell section of the city; but of course, when you come down to the ordinary part of the city, people from that section tell us that it is necessary to economize, and that we must be very "close" with the money

that is to be spent by this great city of Boston. I trust that this amendment will be defeated, and that the order will be passed.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I am sincerely sorry to have to say anything, but I certainly think that the gentleman does me an injustice. I look at every question, as it comes up, on its merits. I do not pay any attention to the source from which the matter has come. If in my opinion it is a proper measure, I vote for it. If I think it is not a proper measure, I vote against it. I think, Mr. President, that Alderman Battis is generally supposed to be a Republican, and I made my first remarks this evening in opposition to an order which he submitted. I do not make any distinction whatever between different sections of the city. I did not do so when I voted for a North End bathhouse, not so very long ago. I hope that the gentleman will take a different view of the matter.

(At the request of Mr. McGivern of Wd. 16 the order was read again for information.)

Mr. MCGIVERN—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that the amendment is not in order, as it does not bear upon the main question.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will say that this is a substitute order—not an amendment—and that it is in order.

The substitute was declared rejected. Mr. Pierce doubted the vote and asked for a verification by a rising vote, and the substitute was rejected, three members voting in the affirmative, and very many more (number not ascertained definitely) in the negative.

The order was passed in concurrence. Mr. Mealey moved to reconsider; lost.

ENLARGEMENT OF BALL GROUNDS, STRANDWAY.

The PRESIDENT called up No. 22, park assignment, viz.:

22. Ordered, That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, three thousand dollars (\$3000) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Park Department for "Strandway, Enlargement of Ball Grounds."

Passed—years 60, nays 6.

Yeas—Bagley, Bramhall, Brown, Buckley, Carruth, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Green, Hackett, Hanrahan, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McGregor, Mealey, Morgan, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Peshorn, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Santosuosso, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Willcutt, Zetterman—60.

Nays—Anderson, Ferguson, Harding, Pierce, Roberts, Wharton—6.

Absent or not voting—Barrett, George, Madden, McLennan, Montague, Noyes, Purcell, Sheenan, Woodside—9.

Mr. MEALEY of Wd. 15 moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

ATHLETIC GROUNDS, COMMONWEALTH PARK.

The PRESIDENT called up No. 20, assignment, viz.:

20. Ordered, That from the sum received from the sale of Deer Island, \$10,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Board of Park Commissioners to place and maintain in suitable condition the

grounds on Commonwealth Park, Wd. 13, for athletic games.

Passed—years 59, nays 7.

Bagley, Bramhall, Brown, Buckley, Carruth, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Ducey, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Green, Hanrahan, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McGregor, Mealey, Morgan, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Peshorn, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Santosuosso, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Willcutt, Zetterman—59.

Nays—Anderson, Ferguson, Hackett, Harding, McLennan, Pierce, Wharton—7.

Absent or not voting—Barrett, Driscoll, George, Montague, Noyes, Purcell, Roberts, Sheenan, Woodside—9.

Mr. DOYLE of Wd. 13 moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3 in the chair.

GYMNASIUM, NORTH BRIGHTON.

The PRESIDENT called up No. 13, paper from the Board of Aldermen, viz.:

13. Ordered, That from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Park Commissioners for gymnasium and gymnastic apparatus at the North Brighton playground.

Indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. McCABE of Wd. 25.

Mr. McCABE offered the following substitute order:

Ordered, that from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, the sum of twelve thousand and one dollars (\$12,001) be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Park Commissioners for gymnasium apparatus at the North Brighton playground.

Passed—years 60, nays 6.

Yeas—Bagley, Bramhall, Brown, Buckley, Carruth, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Green, Hackett, Hanrahan, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, Murphy, Noonan, Noyes, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Peshorn, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Rosenberg, Sacks, Santosuosso, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Wentworth, Willcutt, Zetterman—60.

Nays—Anderson, Ferguson, Harding, McLennan, Pierce, Wharton—6.

Absent or Not Voting—Barrett, George, McGregor, Montague, Morgan, Purcell, Sheenan, Troy, Woodside—9.

Mr. McCABE of Wd. 25 moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

FIRE HOUSE, PARKER HILL.

The PRESIDENT, pro tem, called up No. 21, assignment, viz.:

21. Ordered, That the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) be appropriated, to be expended by the Fire Department for the purchase of a site and the erection of a fire engine house on Parker Hill, Wd. 19; and that to meet such appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds

of the City of Boston to the above amount.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. MADDEN—Mr. President, there have been a great many orders debated and passed here this evening. I think that this order provides a thing which is a great necessity. The people in this district have wanted a fire house on Parker Hill for a long time. There have been orders introduced in this body year after year looking to that end. At this time I would like to ask all the members of this body if they do not think that this order is one of great importance? A fire engine house on Parker Hill is needed very badly. In the winter time it is very hard for the fire department to get up there and get to work. If I remember rightly, on Nov. 21, there was a little fire up there, and the going was not very bad at that time. It took the hose carriage ten minutes before it got up there. It took the combination carriage sixteen minutes, and it was twenty minutes before the engine had reached the fire. The fire, fortunately, did not amount to much; but if it had, the place would have been burned down before any of the apparatus reached there. Up in this district there are three hospitals, in which there are a great many patients. The Superintendent of those hospitals spoke to me and asked me if I could not do something in order to get a fire house up there. At one time we did have a little volunteer fire house, but a few years ago it was burned down. Since then we have not had anything. In regard to fire insurance, the people in that district have to pay more for their insurance, for the simple reason that they have no fire protection up there. I have been around to see probably one thousand people in that district, and they all favor having a fire engine house there. They told me to see if I could do anything to have this order passed here this evening. I think that every fair-minded member of this body will give this order a vote. There have been orders passed here tonight providing for things that I feel have not been as much needed as this is. During my three years in this body I have voted for measure after measure, regardless of party. It did not make a bit of difference to me whether a Republican or a Democrat introduced the order. If I felt it was fair, I always voted for it. At this time, Mr. President, I move a suspension of the rule, so that the order may go upon its passage.

The CHAIR—There is no need of a suspension of the rule. The question comes on the passage of the order.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19—Mr. President and members of the Council, I feel that I would be neglecting my duty if I did not say a word in behalf of this order which has been introduced by my colleague, Mr. Madden. As he has said, there have been various orders offered in this body for many years with this object in view. The only time that anything was ever done to remedy the condition of affairs at Parker Hill was, as Mr. Madden has said, when the residents of that district, who had organized a volunteer association to put out fires in the district, gave an old hand tub, which they stored away in a little shed on the hill. Unfortunately, one night while the members were attending a dance in Brookline, somebody who, perhaps, did not like them very well, set the house on fire, and when the volunteer organization returned, there was nothing left but ashes. (Laughter.) Now, to be serious, Mr. President and members of the Council, there are three hospitals situated up there on this hill.

We all remember that there was a great fight put up in this body a year or two ago in behalf of a hospital for East Boston. How badly that hospital was needed was shown by many of the members from that district. They told us about the loss of life through waiting to cross the ferry, in times when a little immediate treatment, if given at once, would have saved the life of the patient. Just picture the people who are in these hospitals here on the hill, in case a fire should break out in either one of them! We have to send in our alarm from a box on that hill which in the night-time can hardly be seen. It is a box in a deserted district. The engines that answer that alarm have to come, one of them from Longwood Ave. and Brookline Ave., almost a mile; another from Centre St., down near Elliot Sq., and still another from the engine house further down on Tremont St. In that house they have an automobile chemical, which can reach that district in a fairly short time, but if that chemical were placed in a small house on the hill, with two men to care for it, it could cover the hill in a very easy manner. Situated on the top of the hill, it could cover the hill and all around it in a very short time, and could keep the fire from spreading until the other engines were hauled from the bottom of the hill to the top. This could all be done at slight expense to the city. Perhaps Mr. Madden, in his order has asked for too much money. I feel myself that a site could be bought much cheaper on that hill, and a small house could be erected which would serve the purpose very well. However, if we are to have anything put in there, let us do a good job; and since the Councilman who represents Wd. 19 in part with myself has introduced this order, I hope the members will vote for it tonight. I know that Commissioner Wells would be satisfied to do something for that district if it were possible. He has had occasion to visit the district several times when there were small fires, and I know on one occasion, when the snow was on the ground, when even his automobile was stuck going up the hill. I feel satisfied that the Mayor will approve this order, if it is passed. The Mayor himself has visited that hill and knows the conditions there. I feel that everybody who knows that district will agree that Parker Hill should be looked after in case of fire, and that the members will be doing their duty tonight if they vote for this order. This is the only remedy possible. I hope that the order will be passed tonight.

The order was passed—yeas 63, nays 0.

Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Barrett, Bramhall, Carruth, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Green, Hackett, Hanrahan, Harding, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McLennan, Mealey, Morgan, Murphy, Noonan, Noyes, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Peshorn, Pierce, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Rosenberg, Sacks, Santuosso, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Zetterman—63.

Nays—None.

Absent or not voting—Brown, Buckley, Cronin, Daly (17), Driscoll, Ducey, George, McGregor, Montague, Purcell, Sheenan, Woodside—12.

Mr. MADDEN moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

President BARRETT in the chair.

ALL-YEAR-ROUND BATH-HOUSE,
WD. 22.

The President called up No. 15, unfinished business, viz.:

15. Ordered—That from the usm received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be expended by the Bath Commissioners for the construction of an all-the-year-round bath-house at Jamaica Plain, Wd. 22.

Mr. WENTWORTH of Wd. 22—Mr. President, I feel at this time that it is unnecessary for me to offer my argument in behalf of this order. The one whom I would expect to be the most strenuous objector to the order has already acknowledged that it should be passed, for he has said, the gentleman in the first division (Mr. Pierce), that any section that was not provided for with a bath-house should be first considered. Wd. 22 certainly needs a bath-house or playground. I believe the order will be voted for by the gentleman in the 1st division, and he is the only one whom I thought might vote against it. Another reason why this order should go through is that in the summer time, when you get on a car on a warm day, if you meet friends and ask them where they are going, they say they are going to the L St. bath-house. Now, there has practically been a complaint made here by a South Boston representative here tonight in regard to outsiders visiting the L St. bath-house. It seems that South Boston people want that to themselves. If that is a fact, of course the people of Jamaica Plain, who are very delicate about such things, will not feel like going over to South Boston and visiting the L St. bath-house. Therefore, this order should go through. I feel that it is unnecessary for me to make any further remarks, and I simply hope the order will pass.

The order was passed. Mr. Wentworth moved to reconsider; lost; sent up.

BATH-HOUSE, MCKENZIE BEACH.

The President called up No. 24, past assignment, viz.:

24. Ordered—That the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5000) be appropriated to be expended by the Bath Trustees for bath-house on McKenzie beach; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount.

Mr. MCGIVERN of Wd. 16—Mr. President, I believe it is unnecessary for me at this time to offer any information in regard to this order. Last year I introduced an order into this Council calling for an appropriation of \$5000 for this purpose. That was referred to the Finance Committee. As that committee did not report last year, I felt that it was my duty to introduce the order in its present form, this year. The condition of affairs in Wd. 16 at the present time is such that a bath-house should be placed on McKenzie Beach. There is now no shelter provided on the beach at all. It is patronized by at least 2000 people a day. They go there from various sections; a great many of them coming two or three miles or more, with bathing costumes, and many are compelled to undress with an umbrella to provide shelter; and after bathing at the beach they are compelled to walk home in their wet garments. His Honor the Mayor visited McKenzie Beach last year and assured the chairman of the ward committee, Dr. Harkins, at that time that there would be some kind

of shelter provided. I also spoke to Secretary O'Brien of the Bath Commission, and he practically assured me that a bath-house was necessary there, that it was quite a distance from L St., that there was no other bath-house from there to Savin Hill Beach, and that it would be a good idea to place a bath-house there. Numerous requests have been made of me to see if it were possible to obtain an appropriation for a bath-house on this beach. I therefore trust the order will pass. I move a suspension of the rules.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Mr. KELLY of Wd. 16—Mr. President, I feel that it is a duty incumbent upon me at this time, as a representative of Wd. 16 in this body, to speak favorably and to ask the members of this body to vote favorably upon this measure. In 1902 this order was introduced and passed, and it would have been signed by the Mayor at that time were it not for the fact that the railroad and the street came together at grade. That obstacle has now been eliminated. There has been a bridge placed over the railroad, giving access to the beach without danger; and I hope and trust that the members of this body tonight will vote favorably upon this measure, as it is a much needed improvement in our district.

The order was passed, yeas 62, nays 4: Yeas—Bagley, Barrett, Bramhall, Brown, Buckley, Carruth, Clark, (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Green, Hackett, Hanrahan, Harding, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kobler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McLennan, Mealey, Morgan, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (13), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Peshorn, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Rosenberg, Sacks, Santosuosso, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Willcutt, Zetteman—62.

Nays—Anderson, Ferguson, Pierce, Wharton—4.

Absent or Not Voting—Driscoll, Ducey, George, McGregor, Montague, Noyes, Purcell, Sheenan, Woodside—9.

Mr. MCGIVERN moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

POND FOR SKATING, BRIGHTON.

The President called up No. 26, past assignment, viz.:

26. Ordered—That the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200) be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Park Department for the rental of Chandler's pond for skating; the same to be kept in condition by the aforesaid department.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, when appointed, on motion of Mr. McCabe of Wd. 25.

BATH HOUSE, ETC., EAST BOSTON.

The President called up No. 16, unfinished business, viz.:

16. Ordered. That the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) be appropriated to be expended by the Bath Commissioners for an all-the-year bath house and gymnasium at East Boston; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, this order calls for a loan, does not call for an appropriation of the Deer Island money, and is a much more serious matter. We have a borrowing capacity of only three million dollars inside the debt limit, and I have no doubt there are many other purposes for which the various members of the Council and the Mayor would prefer to spend the money. While I was over at East Boston I went to the Paris St. gymnasium, talked with the Superintendent and looked over the building. I found that a new roof had only recently been put on, that the building had been jacked up and new foundations put in. I found that it covered a floor space of 14,000 square feet. I found there a good gymnasium, with 15 shower baths. It is situated in the most congested part of the city, where it will do the most good. I think there are 3000 people bathing there weekly. I can see no reason for asking for another building. It seemed to me that they were admirably cared for and that there was no need of further appropriations for new buildings in East Boston for bathing purposes. I did think, however, that it would be well to install five more shower baths there, making 20 in all, and I offer this order as a substitute. "Ordered, That the Bath Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to install five additional shower baths in the East Boston gymnasium."

The question came on the adoption of the substitute.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I would like to say, besides what I have said, that we have already appropriated for East Boston money for a playground and for a hospital, and I have no doubt that we will later on appropriate money for a fire house of some kind on Orient Heights. Looking at it in any way you want to, from the very lowest point of view—from the point of view of exchange of votes, swapping votes, if you please—it seems to me that East Boston has got her share. You remember how the thing started. I asked for an appropriation for the North End bath-house, and the gentleman from East Boston (Mr. Doherty) immediately thought, "Well, if they are going to have a bath-house I must have a bath-house for my section," and he got up on the impulse of the moment and introduced the order. I think he is very lucky to have so good a bath-house as he has, and I hope the gentleman will take a reasonable view of it.

Mr. Pierce's substitute was declared rejected. Mr. Pierce doubted the vote; a rising vote was taken, and the substitute was rejected, 15 members in favor, 37 against.

No. 16 was passed, yeas 56, nays 10:
Yeas—Bagley, Barrett, Bramhall, Buckley, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (47), Daly (42), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Green, Hanrahan, Harding, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, Morgan, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Penshorn, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Santuosso, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Willcutt, Zetterman—56.

Nays—Anderson, Brown, Carruth, Davidson, Ferguson, Hackett, McLennan, Noyes, Pierce, Wharton—10.

Absent or Not Voting—Driscoll, Ducey, George, McGregor, Montague, Purcell, Roberts, Sheenan, Woodside—9.

Mr. DOHERTY moved a reconsideration, hoping it would not prevail. Mr. Pierce moved assignment of the recon-

sideration to the next meeting; declared lost. Mr. Pierce doubted the vote, a rising vote was taken and assignment of reconsideration to the next meeting was refused, 8 members in favor, 38 against.

Reconsideration was lost. Sent up.

IMPROVEMENT OF M-ST. PLAYGROUND.

The President called up No. 25, past assignment, viz.:

25. Ordered, That the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) be appropriated to be expended by the Park Department in placing the M-St. Playground in proper condition for public use; and that to meet such appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to the above amount.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11.—Mr. President, I understand that \$4500 was appropriated for this very purpose last week. I don't know that I am correct, and I would like to ask if anybody knows about that?

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14—Mr. President, there was an order appropriating \$4500 for the same thing, but I hardly think it covers what should be covered over there. My friend the Councilman from Wd. 11 has told us that he was over there on very important business. I will say that I have here a list of things needed in that place, that we have not got. For instance, electric lights are needed at the present time. There has been no light other than stable lanterns for the last three years. The baths were opened to the public over three years ago, and those using them now have to hang their clothes on hooks or lay them on a bench. Athletes using the track have to leave their clothes where any one may search and go through them, or steal them, and the same is true of the baseball and football players. Then, they are supposed to have eight showers. As a matter of fact, there are only four that can be used. The water supply is not sufficient. They should have a larger pipe there. Then there should be a good outdoor gymnasium. There is no outdoor gymnasium; the skeleton or framework was erected two years ago and has been lying there idle ever since, without any apparatus. The running track has been without a pole since last spring, and athletes using the track at night are unable to tell whether they are running on the track or not. Then, the condition in regard to the bleachers should certainly be remedied. There is no roof on the bleachers, nothing to protect people from the sun or from storms of snow and rain. Certainly the condition of affairs there is such that it should be remedied at once. As for the track, it is frequented by baseball players, as well as by some of the best semi-professional men, and they wear out their spiked shoes on the cobblestones. There should be a new layer of cinders put on the track. I think all the things that are required over there will certainly take \$10,000 or more.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I don't believe the gentleman realizes how far \$4500 will go. I think if you will stop a moment you will realize that \$4500 will be quite sufficient. I must confess that if I had known as much about the playground when the order came up last week, I would have been tempted to vote for it, because it is lying there idle and needs only a very little to make it of great service to the

city. I don't believe it needs \$4500—I think that is a little too much; but the framework of the outdoor gymnasium is already up, stands there, and it needs only a very little more apparatus to bring it into use. It will not cost \$200 to put the electric lights in the building and to put up the lockers. The wood for the lockers is already there. Now, why do the professionals from all over the city, or semi-professionals, go there to run? Because it is the best track in the whole city as it stands today. Now, Mr. President, this is not a reasonable order. I know the gentleman means well, but it is not reasonable. The \$4500 is plenty, and I hope he will take that view of it.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I will say to the gentleman from Wd. 11 that this was supposed to be one of the best tracks in the country, but it has been utterly neglected, until it is no longer so. The gentleman from Wd. 11, with the half-hour trips that he makes, cannot know the conditions over there as we do, who see them constantly. I have looked into this matter, and I know that \$4500 will not cover the necessary expense there. I have not presented items that should be stated, but have made it light. As the gentleman says, this was a good track, but it is not so at present. Because of lack of appropriations it has been neglected to such an extent that it is now one of the poorest places there is in South Boston. As I said, there were semi-professionals there; they have now dropped out and you cannot get them there.

Mr. PIERCE—They do not go there now, because it is winter. I was told that this very last summer they came over there and used the track in preference to any other track in the city, and it certainly has not changed any since.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman a question. Was it in the summer or the winter that my friend was there?

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I can answer that question. I was there only day before yesterday, but the gentleman who gave me the information was there all the time.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 16—So am I, Mr. President.

Mr. PIERCE—The gentleman is a new member, Mr. President, and I would like to have the Council give him every consideration. But this is a matter of \$10,000. It is a good deal of money, and we have already appropriated \$4500. I hope the gentleman will be satisfied to let it rest there.

Mr. McLENNAN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, we have voted away considerable sums of money tonight, and I suppose the council is in a mood to continue to do so. About two weeks ago, when the original order came up, Mr. Troy of Wd. 14 said in reply to a question that these estimates were made by the Board of Park Commissioners last year, fixing the amount for fixing up the whole playground at \$4500. I voted for the order on Mr. Troy's assurance that that would fix up the whole playground. Of course, if he was mistaken, this order might be justifiable; otherwise, I see no necessity for it.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I think Councilman McLennan's remarks are consistent. On the other hand, I believe that Councilman Pierce of Wd. 11 might benefit a little by some of the remarks of the Councilman from the ward concerned. In my schooldays I was in a three-room grammar school when the First St. Playground was an enclosed ground to which the convicts in the then House of Correction used

to go. It was later taken up by the city, without additional cost. At that time the loam on the ground was very good. The contractor who took the loam away said it was the best loam in the city of Boston. I believe he took away two, three or possibly four feet of loam, and left a gravel bottom. Of course, the ground there is very close to the water front, close to Lawley's boat yard, and there used to be a good chance to skate there; but today, aside from the gymnasium part of the question, there is no such skating there in the winter as there might be. I am an enthusiastic skater, used to be an enthusiastic football player, and have played baseball. I have had to go out to Dorchester, Cambridge and other places to do any skating, because the water has sifted through the gravel. In order to have any skating there would have to be some filling done and the cost of loaming that place alone would be a considerable item. Then, aside from that, there is a track there, so-called, and at one side of the track was a baseball ground. On the Fourth of July and other days, there have been as many as three leading teams playing at one side of the track. Any minor teams that wished to play used to play on the other side, the enclosed side. But they have now put up some paraphernalia there—I don't know what you call it, but like thin water pipe up in the air. It has been there three or four years. The result has been that we cannot skate or play football there. That might be a good place for skating if that water piping were not there in the way.

Mr. PIERCE—As a matter of fact, haven't they cleared the snow from that space, and aren't they skating there now?

Mr. O'BRIEN—Where the piping is? Mr. PIERCE—I thought they had cleared it. The piping covers only a portion of it.

Mr. O'BRIEN—Yes, but there is such a net work there that it makes the rest of it useless.

Mr. PIERCE—But there is quite a space between the uprights and the building?

Mr. O'BRIEN—The space between the uprights and the building approximately is about 15 yards, and that network of iron is put there, with the result that, unless you skate with the eagle eye, you cannot possibly play hockey, or do fancy skating of any kind. Of course there is a man paid by the day to work. He has got to work at something, and possibly has cleared it off.

Mr. PIERCE—How can the gentleman have it just as he would have it—ideal for skating purposes and at the same time have a gymnasium there? You have got to have one or the other. On your theory, is there room for both?

Mr. O'BRIEN—We would be very willing to give up the skating if we could have the gymnasium, but we cannot get the gymnasium. There has been a great deal of this kicking there for two or three years, but nothing further has been done, and that has simply interfered with skating and other sports. Since I was nominated for the council I have been trying to do something to remedy the trouble there and Councilman Troy and Fitzgerald have been up against the same thing. When you are going along the street, little fellows of 11, 12 and 13 years of age will come up to you and ask you to have that fixed. Last year Councilman McGrath and Councilman Coogan tried to have something done. You have yourself admitted tonight that you were mistaken in the position you took in regard to the order when it came up before and sorry that you had not spoken or voted in favor of it. So

it must have appeared evident to you that the place was in fairly bad condition. It is pretty safe to say that, if you would be willing to give \$4500, you must consider it pretty bad, and that a ratio of 200 per cent. of the amount you would be willing to give would be nearer what is actually needed. If you thought it needed something, it is pretty evident that it needs a great deal more. We have had no skating at that place at all on account of this low piping and on account of the general condition of affairs there. The paraphernalia was started for a gymnasium, but was not completed. In addition to that, lockers and improvements in the bathing arrangements are very much needed, and we also need better lighting so that we can see what we are doing. I believe Councillman Pierce must honestly feel that \$10,000 is little enough for this appropriation. If we had only \$4500, the work necessary there could be only half completed, or less than that.

Mr. PIERCE—Wouldn't it be a good scheme to get somebody who knows something about it to make an estimate of just what it would cost? Wouldn't that be the business-like way to go at it? Then, having found that out, you can put in an order for that amount. I do not know very much about these things, but I do know that \$4500 is more than enough to put that place in good working order. But assuming that I do not know anything about it whatever, would it not be the proper thing to do to find out from somebody who does know what it would cost—to get an estimate from some proper authority? Would not that be the business-like way of going at it?

On motion of Mr. LILL of Wd. 3, it was voted, at 11:20 P. M. that the debate close at 11:21 P. M.

The question was put on the passage of the order, and it failed of passage (50 votes being required to pass it)—yeas 46, nays 13:

Yeas—Bramhall, Buckley, Clark (20), Colpoys, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hanrahan, Harding, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, Mealey, Morgan, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (13), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Penschorn, Rosenberg, Sacks, Santosuosso, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Troy, Wentworth—46.

Nays—Anderson, Bagley, Brown, Carruth, Cose, Davidson, Ferguson, Hackett, McLennan, Noyes, Pierce, Wharton, Zetterman—13.

Absent or Not Voting—Barrett, Clark (24), Driscoll, Ducey, George, Green, McGivern, McGregor, Montague, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Sheenan, Sullivan (15), Willcutt, Woodside—16.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14 moved to reconsider, and moved that consideration of the motion to reconsider be assigned to the next meeting.

The motion to assign was carried.

BATHS AT VINE ST. CHURCH.

The President called up No. 19, past assignment, viz.:

19. Ordered—That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) be appropriated, to be expended by the Public Buildings Department for shower baths in the basement of the Vine St. church, and hot water heating in place of the present furnaces, a hard pine flooring and new anteroom accommodations in the upper church; and that to meet such appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request

of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to the above amount.

Mr. JOYCE—Mr. President, this is a much-needed improvement in that district there. They haven't any ball field, or gymnasium, or anything else. The property is owned by the city, and it is merely a case where they have to dig down into the cellar a little ways, put in a new floor, put in the shower baths and new ante-room accommodations, and later on they can let the upper room for dances, the same as they do Curtis Hall, and in a way it will pay for itself. The people up there are very desirous of having this order passed tonight. I sincerely hope and trust that the members will vote tonight to pass it.

The order was passed, yeas 55, nays 5:

Yeas—Bagley, Bramhall, Brown, Buckley, Carruth, Clark (20), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hackett, Hanrahan, Harding, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McLennan, Mealey, Morgan, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (13), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Penschorn, Rosenberg, Sacks, Santosuosso, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Troy, Wentworth, Zetterman—54.

Nays—Anderson, Davidson, Noyes, Pierce, Wharton—5.

Absent or Not Voting—Barrett, Clark (24), Driscoll, Ducey, George, Green, McGivern, McGregor, Montague, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Sheenan, Sullivan (15), Willcutt, Woodside—16.

Mr. JOYCE moved to reconsider, hoping that the motion would not prevail.

The motion to reconsider was declared lost. Mr. Pierce of Wd. 11 doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote; but before the results of the rising vote were ascertained definitely, the President declared the motion lost, that being the evident result.

(Several members addressed the Chair.)

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the Chair must dispose of the other numbers on the calendar before any other business is in order—except the motion to adjourn.

Mr. McCARTHY of Wd. 8 moved that the Council do now adjourn, but the motion was lost.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The Council proceeded to take up the remaining papers from the Board of Aldermen, as follows:

1. Notice of appointments on joint standing and joint special committees. Placed on file.

2. Whereas, the citizens of South Boston have at various times expressed a desire that the painting of the "Evacuation," by Darius Cobb, should be purchased by the city and presented to the South Boston High School, be it

Resolved, That the Art Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to view the painting of the "Evacuation" and submit their recommendations to the City Council.

Passed in concurrence.

4. Ordered—That the Committee on Finance be requested to provide in the first loan bill the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for an engine house and site at Orient Heights, East Boston.

Passed in concurrence.

6. Ordered—That there be allowed and paid to Mrs. J. W. Robinson the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100), the same being in payment for use of

land for playground in Neponset during 1906; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

The order went over to the next meeting for its second reading.

8. Ordered—That the Finance Commission be appointed under the authority of an order of the City Council be further instructed to inquire into the following subjects, viz.:

1. Whether it is advisable to create new sources of revenue, and, if so, to suggest the sources and for what purpose the proceeds should be applied.

2. To inquire into the present general plan of sewer construction, and report whether or not it is the one best adapted to the city, and, if not, to investigate and report a comprehensive scheme for future development of the sewer system, with special reference as to the amount of money the city can annually afford to spend for the completion of work already begun.

Passed in concurrence.

9. Ordered, That the Committee on Appropriations, when appointed, be requested to include in the appropriation bill a sum sufficient to enable the Bath Department to maintain the gymnasium in the West Roxbury High School for the use of the general public outside of school hours.

Passed in concurrence.

10. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to lay out and accept as a public highway James St., West Roxbury, from Poplar St., northerly.

Passed in concurrence.

12. Ordered, That three members of the Board of Aldermen, with such of the Common Council as may be joined, be appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of Brighton as a town.

Passed in concurrence.

INCREASE OF LABORERS' PAY.

The President called up No. 14, unfinished business, viz.:

14. Ordered, That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the various departments in increasing the pay of laborers employed by said departments from \$2 to \$2.25 per day.

The question came on solving doubt of vote of Jan. 17, whereby a motion for the previous question was declared adopted.

Indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2.

SIDEWALK ORDINANCE.

The President called up No. 18, assignment, viz.:

18. An ordinance to Amend Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances of 1893, Concerning the Use of Streets. Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 34 of Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances of 1893, relating to prohibitions and penalties, as amended by Chapter 1 of the Ordinances of 1893, is hereby further amended by striking out, in the first and third lines of said section as amended, the words "in a," and by inserting instead the words "on a sidewalk or crosswalk in any, so that said section, when so amended, shall read as follows:

No person shall, on a sidewalk, crosswalk in any street, wilfully, maliciously and wantonly obstruct the free passage of foot travelers, nor shall any person on a sidewalk or crosswalk in any

street, except in that part of Otis St. between Franklin St. and Summer St., during the part of the day between the hours of 11 A.M. and 2 P.M., wilfully, maliciously and wantonly saunter and loiter for more than five minutes after being directed by a police officer to move on.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. HANRAHAN of Wd. 2.

WOODEN BUILDING.

The PRESIDENT offered an order—That to correct a clerical error in the order passed by the City Council and approved by the Mayor Jan. 25, 1907, granting a permit for a wooden addition to building on Rutherford Ave., the words "addition to" in the third line of said order be and the same are hereby stricken out.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that this relates to a report of the Committee on Building Department. The order, as passed, was worded that they be given permission to build "an addition to a building." This order refers to the Whiting Company, in Charlestown; and it is not an addition which they desire to build, but a separate building. This is merely to correct a clerical error.

The order was passed. Sent up.

ENGINE HOUSE—FOREST HILLS.

Mr. CARRUTH of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to furnish the Common Council with an estimate of the cost of providing a site, engine house and apparatus at or near Forest Hills Sq., Wd. 23.

Referred to the Mayor.

BATH HOUSE—CHARLESTOWN.

Mr. McCORMACK of Wd. 3 offered an order—That from the sum received from a sale of Deer Island, thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Bath Department for the erection of an all-year bath house in the Charlestown district.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. McCORMACK, and the order was passed. Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3 moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

CARS ON MASSACHUSETTS AVE.

Mr. COSTELLO of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide additional car accommodations on the Massachusetts Ave.—Edward Everett Square line, either by running more cars or by diverting the Meeting House Hill—Hamden St. line through Massachusetts Ave. and Edward Everett Square.

Referred to the Mayor.

SHELTERS AT BRIDGES.

Mr. NOONAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the sum of \$2000 be appropriated to be expended by the Superintendent of Bridges for shelters on the following bridges: Dover St., Broadway Extension and Federal St.; and to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor,

bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

The order was read once, and went over for its second reading to the next meeting.

Mr. LILL of Wd. 8.—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. LILL—Mr. President, my point of

order is that there is not a quorum present.

The President requested the members to rise and remain standing until counted, and it being ascertained that only 32 members, or less than a quorum, were present, the President, at 11:44 P. M., declared the Council adjourned to meet on Thursday, Feb. 7, at 7:45 o'clock P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Boston, February 4, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Ald. BERWIN, senior member, presiding. The Board voted, on motion of Ald. BANGS, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF CONSTABLE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Feb. 1, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint John H. Griffin (51 Fayette St., Wd. 10), a Constable of the city of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1907.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

POLICE DEPARTMENT SALARIES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Feb. 1, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Police Commissioner in answer to two orders of your Board requesting (1) an estimate of what it would cost to increase the salaries of certain employees of that Department and (2) what the additional expense would be if the "one-day-off-in-seven" policy for members of that Department were adopted. Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Police Department,

Commissioner's Office, Jan. 23, 1907.

Hon John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor:

Dear Sir:—I beg to acknowledge the receipt, through your office, of copies of the following orders passed by the Board of Aldermen, Jan. 4, 1907:

1. "Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to send to the Board of Aldermen estimates of the yearly cost of the following:

1st. Cost of increase of \$200 each per annum for sergeants and lieutenants.

2d. Cost of reserve men at \$2.50 per day until appointed permanent.

3d. Cost of permanent patrolmen at \$1200 per annum for first five years of service.

4th. Cost of permanent patrolmen at \$1300 per annum after having served five years.

5th. Cost of permanent patrolmen at \$1400 per annum after having served ten years."

2. "Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to send to the Board of Aldermen an estimate of the yearly cost of one day off in seven for members of the Police Department."

Proposed Increase of Salaries.

In reply to the first order I append the following statement, prepared by the chief clerk of the Police Depart-

ment, which shows that the aggregate annual cost of the proposed increases would be \$174,185:—

	Present	Proposed	Increase
1st—Cost of increasing pay of 38 lieutenants \$200 each per annum	\$60,800	\$68,400	\$7,600
Cost of increasing pay of 64 sergeants \$200 each per annum	89,600	102,400	12,800
2d—Cost of increasing pay of reserve men to proposed rate:			
38 reserve men in 1st year of service, \$27,740.			
40 reserve men in 2d year of service, \$32,850.			
22 reserve men in 3d year of service, \$20,075.....	80,665	91,250	10,585
3d—Cost of increasing pay of patrolmen under 5 years of service to proposed rate:			
36 patrolmen now at \$1000, \$36,000.			
30 patrolmen now at \$1100, \$33,000.			
173 patrolmen now at \$1200, \$207,600.	276,600	286,800	10,200
4th—Cost of increasing pay of patrolmen over 5 and under 10 years' service to proposed rate:			
202 patrolmen now at \$1200 per annum	242,400	262,600	20,200
5th—Cost of increasing patrolmen of over 10 years' service to proposed rate:			
564 patrolmen now at \$1200.....	676,800	789,600	112,800
Total increase			\$174,185

One Day Off in Seven.

To give one day off in seven would reduce the number of men on duty each day one-seventh. There are 1258 men in the police force, and one-seventh of that number is 180. To maintain the force at its present effective strength would therefore require the appointment of 180 men of all ranks. The full salary list of the present force is \$1,541,878.23 a year. One-seventh of that amount is \$220,268.17. That, therefore, would be substantially the cost of the day off in seven on the basis of present salaries. If the salaries were increased, as proposed in the salary order, the cost of maintaining the police force at its present strength, with one day off in seven, would be \$1,961,215.12, an increase of \$419,336.89.

I have given only the information asked for, but apart from the financial effect, there are questions of accommodation, efficiency and discipline which would call for consideration.

Very respectfully,

Stephen O'Meara,

Police Commissioner for the City of Boston.

Placed on file.

CLOTHING HOOKS—VETO.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Jan. 31, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return without my approval your

vote granting permission to Philip Cohen to project "hooks to hang clothing 12 feet above the sidewalk" at 9 Endicott St., Wd. 6, for the reason that if clothing were hung from such hooks it would undoubtedly be within ten feet of the sidewalk, which would be contrary to the statute authorizing the projection of signs.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SALARIES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Feb. 4, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner in answer to your order of Jan. 14, 1907, requesting an estimate of the cost of increasing the salaries paid to certain members of the Department.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Headquarters Fire Department,

City of Boston, Feb. 1, 1907.

His Honor John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Sir:—In reply to the enclosed order from the Board of Aldermen, I beg to report that the approximate increased cost, if the changes were made as indicated, would be \$131,000.

Yours respectfully,

Benj. W. Wells, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

INSPECTION OF SCALES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Feb. 4, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Sealer of Weights and Measures in answer to your order requesting information as to scales not inspected by his department.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Sealing of Weights and Measures Department,

Old Court House, Boston, Jan. 31, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of the City of Boston:

Sir:—In compliance with the request contained in the order of the Board of Aldermen, dated Jan. 21, 1907, I beg leave to report that all scales, weights and measures in this city, excepting those not used in buying or selling merchandise, are tested once in every year by the deputies of this department, as required by law. If complaint is made they are tested oftener. I know of no others that are not so tested. There is no law upon the statute books giving Sealers authority to test computing money values on so-called computing scales, and the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth has rendered an opinion that "Sealers are not required so to do." A bill is now pending before the Legislature which if acted upon favorably will give Sealers this authority.

Respectfully yours,

Henry B. Lovering,

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Placed on file.

DISPOSITION OF REFUSE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Feb. 4, 1907.

To the City Council:—

The subject of taking some effective action to remedy objectionable condi-

tions arising out of the shipment of ashes and garbage from Fort Hill Wharf has been receiving the close attention of various city authorities for the last six months. The only proposal looking to the removal of the nuisance now existing by means of the erection of a plant at Fort Hill Wharf conforming to proper sanitary requirements under the provisions of a contract for the purpose has been made by Mr. A. N. Pierson, who is identified with the City Refuse Utilization Company, which under contract with the city now operates a plant upon the Hecht Wharf property for the disposition of combustible waste. The examination of Mr. Pierson's plans and proposals by former Attorney-General Herbert Parker, who represents business interests adjacent to Fort Hill Wharf who are proceeding to secure the abatement of the nuisance there existing, and by the Superintendent of the Sanitary Department, the Corporation Counsel, the City Engineer, and Mr. Charles Logue, who was specially commissioned by me to report upon the matter, has led to the making of a contract between the city and the Sanitary Waste Disposal Company, a Massachusetts corporation organized by Mr. Pierson, which is now before me and which lacks only my signature to give it full effect. While the full power and responsibility in connection with the making of this contract on behalf of the city belongs, under the charter, to the executive branch of the city government, I desire before signing this contract to give the City Council an opportunity to provide, if it deems such course a preferable one, for the removal of the conditions complained of by direct action on the part of the city instead of through the making of a contract. Such action would require the making of a special loan appropriation of at least \$150,000 for the erection of a plant similar to that planned by Mr. Pierson and without infringing any proprietary rights which he may have in the plans and methods of operation which he has devised. In view of the attitude taken by Mr. Parker in reference to the proceeding against the city, and in view of the obvious necessity of speedy action if the conditions complained of are to be remedied during the coming summer, at which season the nuisance is at its worst, it is clearly necessary that speedy action of some sort should be taken. I therefore feel that not longer than one month can be allowed under existing conditions for the City Council to determine whether it deems it feasible and preferable to provide for the erection and operation of a municipal plant for this purpose, and if so to make the necessary loan appropriation.

To enable the City Council to have a full understanding of this matter I enclose herewith for your information copies of the following papers: (1) letters of the Board of Health dated respectively Aug. 3, 1906, and Jan. 21, 1907, (2) letters of Hon. Herbert Parker dated respectively Jan. 2 and Jan. 22, 1907, (3) letter of the City Engineer dated Jan. 23, 1907, (4) letter of Mr. Charles Logue dated Jan. 21, 1907, (5) letter addressed to the Corporation Counsel dated Feb. 2, 1907, with his reply thereto, dated Feb. 4, (6) report of Supt. Gillespie of the Sanitary Department dated Jan. 23, 1907, (7) letter addressed by me under date of Jan. 28, 1907, to Hon. Joseph H. O'Neil, President of the Federal Trust Company, and to Mr. Robert Winsor of Kidder, Peabody & Company, with their respective replies thereto, and (8) copy of contract dated Jan. 31, 1907.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Health Department,
Old Court House, Boston, Aug. 3, 1906.
Hon. J. F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir:—The Board of Health respectfully informs His Honor the Mayor that it has been called upon by representatives of the business concerns in the vicinity of Fort Hill Wharf, to abate a nuisance alleged to exist on said wharf. The petitioners have been heard, and the subject fully examined by the Board of Health. The complaints are well founded and deserve immediate attention.

The wharf is owned and used by the city for dumping garbage and other city wastes upon scows for removal from the city. That part of the present use of the wharf which relates to the dumping of general refuse from the end of the wharf into the Barney dumping boats for shipment to sea, was instituted by the Board of Health in 1886 as a temporary expedient to relieve the city of numerous nuisances made by the promiscuous dumping of this material into the docks and on vacant lots. This property and work were transferred to the Street Department in 1888.

The other use of the wharf, consisting of dumping kitchen garbage into a scow under the wharf, belonging to and used by the New England Sanitary Product Company between this wharf and Spectacle Island, was instituted eight years ago by the Street Department. Both of said uses are very offensive.

Complaints by people doing business in the neighborhood of this wharf were made some years ago, heard by the Board of Health, and recommendations made to the Street Department, and carried out with more or less temporary relief at that time. The Board of Health has not for many years regarded this method of disposal as one which ought to be continued. There is no doubt about the present use of the wharf constituting a public nuisance.

The Board of Health respectfully brings the subject to the attention of His Honor the Mayor, with the recommendation that the city institute such immediate changes to mitigate the offense as the city may be able to secure, with a view to more radical relief in due time. The Board of Health will be pleased to furnish such further information and aid as His Honor the Mayor may require.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) Samuel H. Durgin,
Chairman.

Health Department,
Old Court House, Jan. 21, 1907.
Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.
Dear Sir:—The Board of Health is in receipt of your communication concerning the erection and equipment of a plant at Fort Hill wharf for handling garbage, ashes and other wastes.

In reply the Board desires to say that while it does not feel warranted in expressing an approval of any particular plans for the construction of a proper and sanitary plant, it is quite ready to state its full belief that with a properly constructed plant, the operations now carried on by the city at Fort Hill wharf can be continued at that point without constituting a public nuisance.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) Samuel H. Durgin, Chairman.

Jan. 2, 1907.

To Honorable John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:—I desire, on behalf of my clients, to call your Honor's attention directly to the present situation in regard to the use of Fort Hill Wharf by

the city, in connection with the collection, shipment and disposal of ashes and garbage, which my clients believe to be a public nuisance that ought to be immediately abated.

While we have no desire to embarrass the municipal service of Boston in any unreasonable manner, we feel that we, in common with the public, have suffered so seriously, and for so long a time, through conditions at Fort Hill Wharf, that we are now entitled to have a prompt and definite relief either by immediate action by the city, or through the courts.

On or about the 7th of September, 1906, I filed, in behalf of my clients, the relators, an application with the Attorney General of the Commonwealth for leave to file and prosecute in his name an information in equity against the city of Boston and the New England Sanitary Product Company, to secure the abatement of the public nuisance which we claim to exist, and to have long existed, at the place above referred to.

Among the clients whom I represented in making this application were the following: Pettingill-Andrews Company, Eastern Steamship Company, Tileston & Livermore Company, Library Bureau, MacLean Oil & Supply Company, Hartford Rubber Works, D. K. & L. K. Phillips, F. E. Bacon & Co., Hill, Clarke & Co., Metropolitan Steamship Company. I may say that all the business concerns in the neighborhood of Fort Hill wharf strongly and rightfully object to the continuance of present conditions and are prepared to exhaust every legal remedy to secure relief.

After several hearings before the Attorney-General, at which the city was represented by the Corporation Counsel, the Attorney-General informed us that he was satisfied that a public nuisance existed, and that he would proceed as requested by our application. Before such action was taken, however, the Corporation Counsel, Mr. Babson, called to my attention a plan for the erection of a plant upon the site of Fort Hill wharf, which, it was claimed, would effectually and satisfactorily remedy the conditions now existing, and requested that further action upon the information of the Attorney-General should be suspended until such time as the plans of said plant could be examined by myself and by the city authorities in order to determine whether the present objectionable and obnoxious system could be disposed of by an effective agreement requiring the immediate erection and maintenance of such new plant. Accordingly, I had various conferences with the engineer who had prepared the plan submitted, and caused it to be examined by various sanitary experts, including Dr. Charles Harrington.

The matter was considered at length by the relators at a meeting held in the rooms and under the auspices of the Boston Merchants Association, which has, because of the public importance of the question, acted through these proceedings as the representatives of our clients. At that meeting our clients considered as above stated, subject, however, to certain added requirements suggested by Dr. Charles Harrington, which requirements are hereinafter referred to.

The question as to the method of providing and securing the erection of such plant, whether by direct action of the city under an immediate appropriation therefor, or by means of a contract under which the contractor would erect the plant at his own expense, did not particularly concern my clients, or the duties entrusted to me, but it was represented to me, and I have assumed it to be true, that there would be prac-

tically difficulty and delay in securing an immediate appropriation of the required amount of money by the city government, the necessary expenditure for the purpose having been estimated by the engineer submitting the plans at about one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and I am informed that the city has dealt with similar matters in the past by a contract under which the original cost is met by the contractor. Obviously my clients have no interest and assume none in this question. They are concerned primarily and imperatively in the adoption of such course as will give them and the public its speediest relief.

The result of the negotiations and conference above referred to was that a form of contract was drafted, which I have examined and which, I understand, has received the approval of the Superintendent of the Sanitary Department, and of the Corporation Counsel, which provides for the erection, at the expense of the contractor, of a plant of the required character, and in accordance with the plans and requirements herein alluded to. My clients have no concern with the financial provisions of such proposed contract, yet in their behalf I may say that they believe that the making of the proposed contract, and the immediate results so to be secured, would be a proper method of dealing with the existing and intolerable conditions, and that such course would insure them and the public speedier relief than any other method that has been suggested.

I understand that the question of the execution of such contract by the City is now before our Honor, and I deem it proper, therefore, for me to present the situation from the view point of my clients, and to state that I do not feel that they can be expected to delay longer in asking the Attorney-General to file the information as agreed to by him, and under which I would then be enabled to proceed.

Beside the matters properly covered by the proposed contract, there are certain other stipulations which my clients insist should be entered into for their protection, and that of the public, in connection with the settlement of the present issue, without proceeding with the litigation already authorized by the Attorney-General. These requirements are imperative and are to be collateral to and concurrent with the proposed contract, and are as follows:

"1. Suction blowers shall be in operation during the entire time that scows are berthed.

"2. Space is to be allowed within the plant sufficient to permit the cleansing by water, or otherwise, of all outgoing garbage carts.

"3. Regulations to be made and strictly enforced with regard to the separation of swill from other refuse matter in collection.

"4. Collection for garbage to be made more frequently than at present; if possible, daily.

"5. Swill carts to be modern (metal) and so planned as to permit thorough cleansing before leaving plant, such cleansing to be made compulsory.

"6. The City to agree, to the utmost of its powers under the contract with the New England Sanitary Product Company, and under every other power it thereto enabling, to require the garbage scows of said Company, to be so covered or otherwise enclosed or kept disinfected that, between the hours of six A. M., and ten P. M., no noxious odors therefrom shall escape while such scows are in transit between Fort Hill Wharf and Spectacle Island."

The first two stipulations are properly covered by the provisions of the contract as drafted. The Corporation

Counsel agrees with me that the remaining stipulations can be embodied in an agreement on behalf of the City with the relators in the proposed information, now in the hands of the Attorney-General, and suspended in consideration of the performance of the above stipulations, and the immediate construction and operation of the plant above referred to.

I am, with great respect,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) Herbert Parker.

Parker & Milton.

Jan. 22, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of Boston.

City Hall, Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Mayor:—I know that you are pursued every moment by a multitude of pressing duties, yet I venture to think that you recognize the consummation of the plans for the eradication of the nuisance at Fort Hill Wharf is a real and immediate public necessity. In order that the work may be so far advanced as to mitigate, if not remove, the evil before the summer season, it is necessary that the contract should be signed and the work proceed, as you know. Further, it is important that this consummation should be reached in view of the suspension of the proceedings in court to permit this plan, satisfactory to all parties, to be set on foot. May I, therefore, respectfully urge immediate action by Your Honor?

I am, with great respect,
Faithfully yours,
(Signed) Herbert Parker."

City of Boston,
Engineering Department,
Subject, Fort Hill Wharf, Garbage Plant.

Jan. 23, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Dear Sir:—In compliance with your request, I have examined the plans prepared by Mr. Pierson for the erection and equipment of a plant at Fort Hill Wharf for the disposition of combustible waste and the handling of ashes and garbage for shipment, and I find that the plans are carefully worked out, and in my opinion the proposed plant would, if properly conducted, serve its purpose without nuisance, and that it would remedy the conditions which have been complained of.

Yours respectfully,
(Signed) William Jackson,
City Engineer.

Boston, Jan. 21, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:—Some months ago, at your request, I made an examination of the conditions at Fort Hill Wharf, with a view to the improvement of the same, and I now submit the following report: I found that the facilities for handling the material delivered there, were entirely inadequate, teams having to wait in line for a chance to unload, causing a great loss of time and reducing the efficiency of the Sanitary and Street Departments and adding greatly to their expenses.

The wharves and sheds are in a dilapidated condition and very objectionable in appearance, and this will be more noticeable when the Northern Ave. bridge is completed.

I would recommend that steps be taken toward the remedying of these conditions by the erection of a new building covering the entire lot, so that all the work may be done under cover and in such a manner as will do away

with the great loss of time as well as the nuisance resulting from the present methods.

I have examined the plans prepared by Mr. Pierson for the erection of a new building upon the site and for the equipment of the same for the handling of combustible waste, garbage and ashes in a sanitary manner and under such conditions that no nuisance would be caused to the owners of adjacent property and they seem to me perfectly practicable and feasible.

The building designed to contain this plant would conform to the appearance of adjacent blocks and would in no way be objectionable in appearance. I see no reason why the apparatus as planned should not confine both the odor from the garbage and the dust from the ashes, etc., wholly within the building, and the arrangement for consuming these odors and dust by drawing them under the furnaces seem to me adequate. I believe that a plant constructed and equipped according to these plans could be operated with entire success and without leaving any just ground of complaint from neighboring business houses.

Some provision should of course be made for the dredging of the slip or dock.

Yours respectfully,
(Signed) Charles Logue.

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor,

Feb. 2, 1907.

Thomas M. Babson, Esq., Corporation Counsel.

Dear Sir:—I have already referred to you a letter addressed to me by Hon. Herbert Parker under date of Jan. 2, in regard to conditions at Fort Hill Wharf, and I have before me your letter of Jan. 11, giving your comments thereon. I now enclose to you herewith another letter from Mr. Parker, under date of Jan. 22, again urging immediate action by me upon this matter which is now before me for my approval.

After considering the full report upon this matter made to me by Supt. Gillespie of the Sanitary Department, under date of Jan. 23, I gave him my authority to enter into such contract without advertising, and I now have before me for my approval a contract entered into under date of Jan. 31 between the city and the Sanitary Waste Disposal Company.

Before finally affixing my signature to this important contract, I desire to ask you whether, in view of the situation in which the city is placed through the legal proceedings brought by Mr. Parker, you can see any better course open to the city, from a legal and administrative standpoint, than the making of the proposed contract which seems to offer the only effective remedy for existing conditions which has been proposed to the Superintendent of the Sanitary Department or to myself.

I enclose herewith for your further information a copy of the report of the Superintendent of the Sanitary Department above referred to.

I also enclose, for your information in considering this matter, copies of letters addressed to me by the Board of Health, City Engineer Jackson, and Mr. Charles Logue.

Yours respectfully,
(Signed) John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Law Department, Feb. 4, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Dear Sir:—I return herewith sundry communications concerning the contract for a plant for handling of waste materials upon the Fort Hill Wharf property, and the incidental erection thereon

of a building so constructed and equipped as to get rid of the nuisance existing at Fort Hill wharf which arises from the present manner of depositing garbage and swill in the scows at that point.

So great a nuisance exists at this place in the summer time that the use of the property for the purpose for which it is now used will undoubtedly be stopped by the courts unless the nuisance is remedied. It seems to me that only four courses are left open to the city.

First. To dump the garbage into scows at some other point. This would only change the place of the nuisance and would lead to new legal proceedings even if we could find another convenient spot.

Second. To have the garbage or swill destroyed or disposed of at quite a number of different points in the city. The practical difficulty in adopting this course is that a dozen or more different neighborhoods would be up in arms strenuously objecting to having such a plant erected in their midst.

Third. For the city to erect this plant itself. This would call for an immediate expenditure of a very large sum of money.

Fourth. To make a contract with the parties who make this proposal. If the terms proposed are reasonable, concerning which I know little, the making of this contract seems to me to be the only thing to do unless the city is prepared to put out itself a very large sum of money in erecting such plant of its own. As far as the terms of the contract itself are concerned I have spent considerable time and thought in trying to protect the interests of the city in case the contract was made, and I am of the opinion that the city is protected as far as it can be in such a contract.

Yours respectfully,
(Signed) Thomas M. Babson,
Corporation Counsel.

City of Boston,
Sanitary Department, Jan. 23, 1907.
Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:—In accordance with your request I now submit my report and recommendation in regard to the proposal of Mr. A. N. Pierson to erect and operate, under contract with the city, a plant for the handling of waste materials upon the Fort Hill Wharf property owned by the city. In common with the other city officials who were asked by Your Honor to examine and report upon these proposed plans, I have been closely investigating and considering this matter for the last two months, particularly from the standpoint of the economical and satisfactory operation of the Sanitary Department.

The use which this department now makes of Fort Hill Wharf as a point for the delivery of ashes and garbage for shipment by scows is of great importance. The present structure at that point was built many years ago, and it has long served as the most convenient and central point for the shipment of ashes and garbage collected by teams from the business portion of the city. While the making of the contracts now in force with the New England Sanitary Product Company and with the City Refuse Utilization Company temporarily relieved the pressure upon Fort Hill Wharf, the closing of many of the inland dumps and the great natural increase of waste matter has been such that it is again taxed to the limit of its capacity. Our records show that the cubic yards of material delivered at this point increased from 170,000

in 1900 to 271,000 in 1905; as more of the inland dumps still in use are closed to the department with the growth of the city, and as the quantity of waste material is continuously growing, it would only be a short time before the present facilities would have to be increased in some manner. The present dump structure is fast depreciating and it is an increasing source of expense for repairs, and within a few years it will have to be entirely rebuilt.

While it is not within the province of this department to determine whether the conditions which have existed at Fort Hill Wharf constitute a nuisance, which the courts would compel the city to remedy in some manner, I cannot honestly dispute the position which the Board of Health took in its letter to Your Honor under date of Aug. 3, that a nuisance exists, at least in the summer months. This department has used every endeavor to improve the conditions complained of, but I must frankly admit that the work of shipping ashes and garbage at this point cannot be carried on in the open air, whatever degree of care may be exercised, without affording just ground of complaint on the part of neighboring business interests. It is impossible to prevent clouds of dust from escaping at certain times as ashes are dumped, or to prevent the odors from decaying garbage from pervading the neighborhood.

While I have considered the possibility of entirely abandoning the use of Fort Hill Wharf for the purposes of this department, in order to remove the just grounds of complaint which have been so strongly urged, I am led to the conclusion that such a step should not be considered. The department would be subjected to a heavy additional expense for teaming if it were deprived of a wharf for this purpose centrally located near the business district; aside from the fact that the city owns Fort Hill Wharf, it could not obtain any other, even at a high rental, at which this work could be carried on without equally constituting a nuisance. I am therefore decidedly of the opinion that the only proper course is to provide for the continuance of the present use of Fort Hill Wharf in some manner which will not be unsanitary or objectionable.

The fundamental idea of the plans prepared by Mr. Pierson is that of combining in one plant the work of disposing of combustible waste, now carried on under contract by the City Refuse Company at its plant upon the Hecht Wharf immediately adjoining the Fort Hill Wharf, and the handling of ashes and garbage for shipment in scows. This feature of the plant has my unqualified approval. It is perfectly practicable and highly advisable to carry on these two lines of work at one and the same point, and this will effect a material saving in the time of men and teams and in the services of city inspectors. The burning of the combustible waste can be made to produce considerable power, which can be used to great advantage in disposing by means of suction fans of the dust from ashes and the odors from garbage.

Mr. Pierson's plans call for the erection of a building having a frontage of 103 feet and a depth of 224 feet, covering the whole of the Fort Hill property, or an area of over half an acre, from the line of the street to the harbor line. This building would have three stories on the front, practically fire-proof in construction, and two stories in the rear, and it would completely cover and enclose berths 135 feet in depth for the ashes and garbage scows. These berths would be shut in on the water side by means of movable doors which would be raised and lowered.

From the street the front of the building would have the appearance of a good business block, containing doorways for the city teams to pass in and out. The incoming teams would pass up by a ramp of easy grade to the second story of the dock building in the rear, where they would dump their load into the scows.

As all work is carried on within this enclosed building there is no opportunity for dust and odors to permeate the neighborhood as they do at present; they must, however, be disposed of in some manner within the building, and a vitally important feature of the plant is that they are conveyed by powerful exhaust fans to the combustion chambers of the furnaces. The grate area of these furnaces is nearly four times that of the furnaces in the present plant of the City Refuse Company, and the dimensions of the stack, 140 feet in height and 7 feet in diameter, ensure a powerful draft for the furnace fires, thus providing for the quick and smokeless combustion of the residue of the combustible waste left after useful materials have been removed from it. Of course, it is not proposed to burn any garbage in these furnaces, but merely to consume the gaseous odors arising from the garbage in certain conditions; this will continue to be delivered to the New England Sanitary Product Company under its contract with the city. The plant will only consume the same kind of material which is now burned without causing any complaint at the Hecht Wharf. A considerable quantity of the material which should properly be classed as combustible waste, probably nearly one-third of the total, is now delivered at Fort Hill Wharf mixed with ashes, and as this is dumped into the ash scows the city has to bear the expense of towing it to sea; under the proposed arrangement this material can be separated from the ashes and utilized in the plant, thus saving quite a little expense for towage.

At present the men and horses engaged in the work of delivering ashes and garbage into the scows are subjected to considerable hardship in bad weather, and storms interfere seriously with the work; as the capacity of the present ramp is very limited, there is also considerable delay at times, causing loss of time of men and teams to the department.

As all of this work will be carried on under cover in the proposed plant, weather conditions will not impede the work and there will be ample provision for any number of teams to dump their loads successively and pass out without any delay.

After studying as carefully as possible the sanitary features of the proposed plant, I am fully satisfied that it will enable the work of this department to be carried on without occasioning any nuisance or even affording any reasonable ground of complaint to the neighboring business interests or to the public. The fact that important steamship lines, largely patronized by the public, start from a point so near Fort Hill Wharf that their passengers are now seriously incommoded in the summer season, imposes an additional obligation upon the city to remedy the conditions complained of. I am satisfied that such passengers would have no cause to complain of the operation of the proposed plant. The new Northern Ave. bridge which is now under construction and which runs very near to Fort Hill Wharf affords an additional reason for endeavoring to protect the interests of the general public.

Coming now to the financial side of the proposed arrangement for the construction and operation of this plant, Mr. Pierson first stated to me that he

would have a fifteen-years' contract with the city to justify the considerable investment which would be required, estimated by him at about \$150,000 for the construction and equipment of the proposed plant, and to cover the risks of the undertaking. I was unwilling that this department should consent to a contract for so long a term, and succeeded after negotiation in securing a reduction of the length of the term to five years, with provisions giving the city a right to purchase the plant at the expiration of this term, and giving the contractor the right to a renewal for another term of five years in case the city did not care to exercise this option; the contract now proposed also contains provisions of a similar nature to take effect at the expiration of the second term of five years, if the contract runs so long. At the expiration of the contract the plant becomes the property of the city without compensation.

In view of the strong movement for municipal ownership, I have carefully considered the question whether it would not be practicable for the city to erect and operate such a plant itself; I have come to the conclusion that this would not at the present time be advisable, owing to the novel character of the proposed plant and the problems and risks involved in its successful construction and operation. Aside from any difficulty that might be met with in securing from the City Council the large appropriation which would be required, I believe that it would not be wise for the city to assume the initial risks of establishing this undertaking. Mr. Pierson has had ten years' practical experience as a sanitary engineer in connection with this particular line of work, and was associated with Colonel Waring when he was at the head of the New York Street Cleaning Department, in establishing the first plant in that city for the treatment of combustible waste; the record of the City Refuse Company under his management in carrying out its present contract with this city in a satisfactory manner satisfies me that he possesses the necessary qualifications to insure the successful construction and operation of the proposed plant. His plans are original in their character and are the result of long study by him of the particular conditions at Fort Hill Wharf; I should not know where to find another engineer as well qualified by experience to undertake this task. After the operation of the plant has been reduced to a system, I am decidedly of the opinion that the city should itself acquire and operate it, and I should not be willing to agree on behalf of this department to any contract which did not embody a suitable provision for enabling the city to exercise this option within a reasonable period of time.

The expenses which the city is now under in connection with present arrangements for disposing of combustible waste and handling ashes and garbage at Fort Hill Wharf are as follows:

Rental of Hecht Wharf property	\$11,500.00
Taxes on same now assumed by the city	4,253.25
Present payment to City Refuse Company	5,500.00
Estimated annual repairs at Fort Hill Wharf.....	2,500.00
Total.....	\$23,753.25

The new arrangement would enable the city to give up its present lease of the Hecht Wharf property, which expires March 1, 1908, and it would of course supersede the present contract with the City Refuse Company, which

expires at the same date. The annual bill for repairs at Fort Hill Wharf would of course also be saved, and I believe that the services of two inspectors which are now required could also be dispensed with at the new plant, making an additional saving of \$1700. Adding this sum to the above items, there would be a total saving under the new arrangement of \$25,453.25.

While the Street Department now shares in the lease of the Hecht Wharf I understand that its use of the same could be discontinued without much inconvenience or expense. I do not undertake to reduce to figures the savings above referred to in diminished towage and in avoiding waste of time of men and horses, but have no doubt that these would amount to several thousand dollars a year. The new contract would also cover the handling of combustible waste from the Charlestown district, which is not included under the present contract with the City Refuse Company, and this would also constitute an added feature of pecuniary value to the city.

The annual payment to be made by the city under the proposed contract is \$30,000 a year, and I have been unable to secure any reduction in this figure. If the city were not to make the savings above enumerated certainly covering five-sixths of this payment, if not the whole of it, and to secure the ownership of the plant at the end of the contract, I should regard the price as a higher one than the city could afford to pay, in spite of the advantages above mentioned. But the possible extra expense to the city under the proposed arrangement seems to me very small in comparison with the benefits secured. It must be borne in mind also that about half of this annual payment is absorbed by the estimated cost to the contractor of turning over the plant to the city as its property at the expiration of fifteen years. This calculation is as follows, estimating the building and equipment of the plant to be financed, as Mr. Pierson proposes, by the issue of \$150,000, of six per cent. (6 per cent.) fifteen year bonds, the annual sinking fund charge for the retirement of these bonds would be \$10,000 and the average interest charge for the whole period would be \$4500. Therefore, out of his annual payment of \$30,000, the contractor would be obliged to set aside annually to cover capital sunk in the plant and interest on the same \$14,500 I do not believe that the remaining payment of \$15,500 is at all excessive for the services to be rendered.

While the value of doing away with the present unsanitary conditions which have been declared by the Board of Health to constitute a nuisance, for the maintenance of which legal proceedings are now pending against the city, cannot be figured in dollars and cents, it is, of course, clear that the city should go to any reasonable additional expense to remedy this situation; and, as I have pointed out above, it would in my opinion be much more economical for the city to remedy the present conditions at Fort Hill Wharf at any reasonable cost than to be obliged to abandon its use of this site.

In order to submit this whole matter to Your Honor in definite form I have, with the assistance of the Law Department, caused a contract to be drafted embodying the various provisions now informally agreed upon between Mr. Pierson and myself; the form of this proposed contract, which is based almost entirely upon similar contracts which the city has made in the past, has now been informally approved by the Corporation Counsel, and a copy of

the same is enclosed herewith. In order that the proposed contract, if entered into, might relieve the city from the legal proceeding instituted by former Attorney-General Parker on behalf of his clients, the draft of the proposed contract has also been submitted to him, and after the incorporation of some suggestions made by him has I understand received his approval. As preliminary work should at once be undertaken if the contract is to be entered into and construction work begun by April first, I should be glad to have Your Honor arrive at a decision as soon as convenient as to whether the proposed contract will be authorized.

Mr. Pierson has organized under the laws of Massachusetts a corporation of which he is the president, capitalized at \$150,000, under the name of Sanitary Waste Disposal Company, and the proposed contract would be made with such corporation. I recommend that the amount of the surety bond to accompany the contract be fixed at \$25,000. Aside from my own knowledge of Mr. Pierson and personal inquiries in regard to him, I thought it proper, in view of the importance of this matter to the city, to ask for personal and financial references, which as contained in the letters enclosed herewith seem to me satisfactory.

I may state in conclusion that I fully recommend the making of this contract as affording a radical remedy for the present conditions at Fort Hill Wharf, as relieving the city at a comparatively small additional expense of the embarrassing situation in which it is now placed through its maintenance of a nuisance, and as promising to give to the city the most modern and complete plant which can be found anywhere in this country for the disposition and handling of waste materials.

In case this proposition meets with Your Honor's approval I hereby request your authority to make such contract without advertising for proposals. The fact that some action would have to be taken at Fort Hill Wharf has been made widely known through the press for nearly six months, and the fact that Mr. Pierson's plans were being seriously considered has been so made known for some two months, but no proposal has come to the department from any other source. Moreover, it is claimed that Mr. Pierson's plans embody novel features for which patents have been applied for, and that these features, all of which seem to be very important, cannot be used by any other contractor.

During the building of the proposed plant provisions will have to be made for carrying on the work of the department somewhere other than at Fort Hill. I believe that this could readily be arranged at a reasonable expense by erecting a temporary dump at the end of the Hecht Wharf. Mr. Pierson believes that he can have the proposed plant in full operation in six months from the date of beginning construction. When it goes into operation the city will be released from any further obligation or payment under its contract with the City Refuse Company.

Yours respectfully,
(Signed) Daniel H. Gillespie,
Superintendent.

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, Jan. 28, 1907.
Hon. Joseph H. O'Neil, Federal Trust Company, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:—The Superintendent of the Sanitary Department has recommended the making of a contract between the city and the Sanitary Waste Disposal Company, a Massachusetts corporation,

of which Mr. Arthur N. Pierson of New York is the President, for the erection of a plant on the Fort Hill Wharf property owned by the city for the disposition at that point of combustible waste and for the handling of ashes and garbage now shipped from that point. The estimated cost of building this plant is one hundred and fifty thousand (\$150,000) dollars, and the company proposes to raise this sum by issuing and selling one hundred and fifty thousand (\$150,000) dollars of six per cent (6 per cent) bonds, either maturing in 15 years with a sinking fund provision of one-fifteenth of the issue maturing each year for 15 years. The contract is to provide that the city shall pay to the company thirty thousand (\$30,000) dollars a year and shall have the right to purchase the plant at the expiration of five years for one hundred and twenty-five thousand (\$125,000) dollars or at the expiration of 10 years for seventy-five thousand (\$75,000) dollars; the plant is to become the property of the city without compensation at the expiration of 15 years if the option if purchased is not exercised before that time. Mr. Pierson, who practically controls this corporation, informs me that he can place this bond issue in New York at par. I very much prefer that a corporation of this nature which is to take an important contract with the city extending over a term of years should be financed in Boston rather than elsewhere, and before giving my approval to the contract, I desire to ascertain whether this cannot be done. I shall be very much obliged if you will give this matter sufficient consideration to enable you to advise me whether you or any financial interest which you may represent would be willing to take these bonds, or whether you can suggest any institution or individual who would be likely to consider doing so.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) John F. Fitzgerald.

Kidder, Peabody & Co.,
115 Devonshire St.

February 1, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, City Hall,
Boston.

Dear Sir:—I have your letter of Jan. 28, to which I have given careful consideration, and regret that the matter would be one which my firm would not care to consider, nor do I know of any other firm or individual who would be likely to consider the purchase of the bonds to which you refer.

The character of the bonds is such that it seems to me they would be more likely to find a market among the personal friends of the contractor than with a banking house.

I am much obliged to you for calling this matter to my attention, and very much regret that I can be of no assistance to you. Very truly yours,

(Signed) ROBERT A. WINSOR.

Federal Trust Company,

Boston, Jan. 31, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of
Boston.

Dear Sir:—In reply to your communication of Jan. 28, I have to say that after meeting Mr. Pierson and talking over with him the matter of purchasing the bonds which his company proposes to issue, I am obliged to conclude that his proposition is not an attractive one from a financial standpoint, and I know of no institution or individual who would be likely to consider it favorably. While the bonds which his company is to issue would be described as mortgage bonds, I cannot see any security back of them ex-

cept the ability of the Contractor to perform his contract with the city and to earn the payments which the contract provides for. Besides the fact that the plant which is to be erected out of the proceeds of these bonds is to be placed on land belonging to the city, the plant itself would have but little value as a security to foreclose upon. The proposition, therefore, is practically nothing but the financing of the Contractor, and I should say that this can only be done as usual in such cases by some institution or individual thoroughly acquainted with the business record of the Contractor and having personal confidence in him, and also having such acquaintance with the nature of the business to be undertaken as to be assured that it will be profitable to the Contractor. As Mr. Pierson's connections are in New York, I should think that he would be obliged to secure the capital there for this purpose; at any rate, I cannot suggest anyone who would be likely to entertain this proposition favorably in Boston.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) Federal Trust Co.,
J. H. O'Neil, President.

Contract for Disposing of Refuse of the City of Boston.

The city of Boston, a municipal corporation, in the state of Massachusetts, by the Superintendent of the Sanitary Department of said city, hereinafter designated as the Superintendent, and the Sanitary Waste Disposal Company, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, hereinafter designated as the Contractor, make the following contract to continue for the period of five (5) years from the date of the completion of the plant herein provided for and notice to said Superintendent that the same is ready to operate, and for such further period, or periods, as this contract may continue under its terms as hereinafter set forth.

ARTICLE I. Wherever used in this contract, the word "Mayor" shall mean the Mayor of the City of Boston, the word "Superintendent" shall mean the Superintendent of the Sanitary Department of the City of Boston and his assistants, within the authority conferred upon them by the Superintendent, the word "Contractor" shall mean the said corporation signing this contract other than the city, the word "plant" shall mean the building erected for separating and disposing of refuse as provided in this contract, the apparatus and machinery therein, and the lot of land upon which the building stands, the word "refuse" shall mean everything heretofore usually collected by the carts of the city except ashes, garbage and street sweepings.

ARTICLE II. The contractor, until the expiration of this contract, or until it shall cease to carry on the work to be done by it under this contract, shall, without compensation to the city therefor, have exclusive use for the purpose of carrying out this contract, of the lands, docks, wharves and appurtenances known as Fort Hill Wharf, being the premises bounded by red lines on a plan marked "Fort Hill Wharf" and filed with the plans and specifications, provision for the filing of which with the said Superintendent is hereafter set forth in this contract, possession of which lands and premises shall be given by the city to the Contractor not later than April 1, 1907. It being understood and agreed that any structures, or property on said land, or over the water, may be used by the Contractor as it may see fit, for the purpose of performing its contracts with the city

and subject to the requirements of the city, but not otherwise, and may be taken down and removed by it at its own expense, in which event they shall become the property of the Contractor, and the Contractor shall be held harmless by the city for or on account of any municipal taxes assessed upon said docks, wharves, land, premises, buildings, or any part of the plant erected under this contract.

ARTICLE III. The said Contractor shall on the premises aforesaid do the following work:

(a) Build a plant, or plants, upon said lot, premises and wharf, in accordance with plans and specifications signed by the parties hereto, dated December, 1906, and filed in the office of the said Superintendent at the time of the signing of this contract; begin work on said plant, as soon as possession is given by the city to the Contractor; equip said plant with all appurtenances and machinery as set forth in said plans and specifications, and proceed with reasonable diligence to the completion thereof which said plant when completed shall be capable of providing for the separation and disposition in a sanitary manner of all the refuse that shall be daily collected from all parts of the City and shall be delivered into said plant as hereinafter provided, which plant or plants when completed shall provide for the separation and disposition in a sanitary manner of the refuse that shall be delivered into said plant from the territory and in the manner hereinafter provided, and shall also provide in a manner satisfactory to the Board of Health of the City of Boston for the proper handling and dumping into scows for shipment of all garbage and ashes collected by the city and taken to said wharf for shipment by water in scows or flat boats; Provided, however, that if the City Board of Health shall make any decision adverse to the Contractor, the Contractor shall have an appeal to the State Board of Health, whose decision shall be final.

(b) Separate and dispose of, without creating a nuisance and in a sanitary manner, or burn in said plant all said refuse, and dispose of all substances, material, residue and waste of every kind therefrom without dumping or discharging any part thereof, except ashes from the said plant and harmless residuum which said city hereby agrees to allow the Contractor to place upon its ash carrying scows, or to dump at any of the various authorized dumps of the said city.

(c) And whereas improvements in the methods of systems of handling and disposing of refuse may be invented and perfected during the term of this contract, and it is the desire of both of the parties hereto that the work provided for under this contract shall be done in accordance with the most improved and economical methods and processes, it is agreed that the Contractor may, with the consent of the Superintendent, subject to the approval of the city Board of Health as aforesaid, use in handling and disposing of said refuse any new improvements, methods or systems in place of, or in addition to, the methods and systems to be used by the Contractor as hereinbefore provided.

(d) Keep exhaust fans in operation during such hours of the day or night as may be necessary to carry away all foul odors arising from refuse or from garbage, and dispose of such odors in a sanitary manner, so that they shall not be objectionable in any way to the health and comfort of the neighborhood; keep such fans in operation so that all dust will be kept in the building and will not escape into the out-

side air; and provide a space within the building of sufficient proportions to permit the cleaning, by water or otherwise, of all outgoing garbage carts.

(e) Carry on all said work in such a manner that the appearance, smell and operation of said plant, and the taking of any substances, materials, residues or waste therefrom, and the depositing or keeping of any thereof in any place, will not be objectionable to the public comfort, or create a nuisance.

ARTICLE IV. The Contractor shall not assign or sublet the plant, the work, or any part thereof, or any money to be received therefor, without the approval, in writing, of the Superintendent; shall keep the control and charge of the work; give proper personal supervision thereto, and keep a competent foreman always present where any part thereof is being done; shall give preference in employment on the work to citizens of Boston; shall not require any workman, laborer or mechanic in the employ of itself or of any sub-contractor or other person doing any part of said work to labor more than eight hours in any one calendar day upon the erection and construction of any building or other structure affixed to and becoming a part of said piece of real estate known as Fort Hill Wharf; shall put all necessary permits from, and give all notices required by, public authorities, and shall pay all charges and fees incident to the doing of the work.

ARTICLE V. The Contractor shall when requested by the Superintendent dismiss any employee, and shall not allow any employee so dismissed to be again employed on the work.

ARTICLE VI. The Contractor shall take all the responsibility of the work, shall bear all losses resulting to him therefrom, or from the amount of, or character or method of doing, the work, or from the nature of the land in or on which the work is done, and if the Contractor is delayed in doing the work by any act or neglect for which the city is legally responsible, he shall have no claim for damages therefor, but shall have further time for completing the work equal to the time he is delayed.

ARTICLE VII. The Contractor shall assume the defense of all claims and suits against the city, its agents and employees, or any of them, arising from the use in doing the work of any invention, patent, or patent right, material, labor or implement, or arising from any act, omission or neglect of the Contractor, his agents or employees, in doing the work, and shall indemnify and save harmless the city, its agents and employees, from all such claims and suits.

ARTICLE VIII. The Contractor shall permit the Superintendent, and persons designated by him, to enter upon and inspect the work at all times and places, and shall provide safe and proper facilities for such entry and inspection; shall conform to all determinations and directions of the Superintendent relating to the receiving or removing of said refuse, and the suitability, amount, quality and value of everything done or used by the city, and the amount of any losses, expenses and damage incurred by the city through the failure of the Contractor to do any part of the work, and the Superintendent shall be deemed the referee of both parties, to make such determinations and directions; the Contractor shall comply with all requirements of said Superintendent, and all regulations of law, or of the public authorities, relating to the receiving, transportation and disposing of said refuse.

ARTICLE IX. If the Contractor, from any cause except fire, or process

of law, or other extraordinary or unavoidable cause, as aforesaid, shall fail for more than five successive days to separate and dispose of such refuse as required in this contract, or to do any other act or thing required under the terms and provisions of this contract, the Superintendent, acting for the city, by notice in writing to that effect, signed by him and approved by the Board of Health of said city and by the Mayor, given to the Contractor or mailed to him at the business address given by him to the Superintendent, may cancel this contract, or using any labor, materials, implements and machinery of the contractor, with any others he may deem necessary, and by day labor, contract or otherwise, and without further notice, may take possession of the plant, forcibly if necessary, and thereafter do the things required in this contract of the Contractor; and in case of such cancellation or of the taking possession of such property, and the doing of such things as aforesaid, any expenses, losses and damages incurred by the city in each and every month of the term of this contract in removing and disposing of the refuse to be removed by the Contractor under this contract over and above the amount which would have been payable to the Contractor under this contract shall be paid to the city by the Contractor.

ARTICLE X. If the Contractor shall fail to do any of the work required of him as aforesaid, whether for said five days or for more or less than five days, the Superintendent, acting for the city, instead of cancelling this contract, or taking possession of the plant, as aforesaid, may at any time while such failure continues do the work which the Contractor so fails to do, or dispose of said refuse as he deems best, and the Contractor failing to do the work as aforesaid shall forfeit a reasonable portion of the payment for the work for the month in which the failure occurs, as determined by the Superintendent.

ARTICLE XI. The city, from any moneys of the Contractor in its possession, or in the possession of its City Treasurer, or from the sums to be allowed as payment for the work, may keep for its own the whole or any part of the amount of the expenses, losses and damages, as determined by the Superintendent, incurred by the city as aforesaid, or incurred by the city in consequence of any injury caused by said Contractor, his agents or employees, to the property of the city, and the Contractor shall, on or before the fifteenth day of each month, pay to the city the balance of the amount of such expenses, losses and damages incurred during the preceding month and not so kept by the city.

ARTICLE XII. The city, from the moneys and sums aforesaid remaining after keeping the amount of the expenses, losses and damages as aforesaid, may retain, until suits and claims are settled to the satisfaction of the Superintendent, such amount as the Superintendent may designate as being required to settle suits and claims against the city, its agents or employees, relating to the work, and suits and claims for labor or materials for the work, notice of which signed and sworn to by the claimants severally, shall have been filed in the office of the City Clerk of the city.

ARTICLE XIII. The city shall during the term of this contract cause all refuse that may be collected by it, or under its authority, from that part of the city of Boston bounded by the water front and by Massachusetts Ave. extended from the Harvard Bridge, upon the one side, to South Bay on the other,

and also from that portion of South Boston bounded by the water front and by E St. and Ames St. from the water front to Dorr St. and from Dorr St. to the water front, to be separated from all other material, and shall cause said refuse so separated to be delivered in such part of the plant of the contractor as he may designate, in such a condition of dryness that the same may be properly utilized by said plant, and shall there cause the same to be unloaded, said refuse when so collected to be and become the absolute property of the Contractor as part of the compensation to him for the work done hereunder. The city shall furnish and pay an Inspector, who shall at all times superintend the unloading of the carts to be done by the city and see that the same are properly done, and who shall keep a record by weight of all the refuse placed in the plant of the Contractor, which record shall be open at all proper times to the inspection of the Contractor. Provided, however, that if any portion of said refuse is delivered at said plant not in a dry condition, as hereinbefore provided, said Contractor may refuse to accept the same, and the same shall thereupon be removed by the city, but said Contractor shall have no claim for damages therefor against the city unless the city and its employees have failed to use reasonable care in the collection and delivery thereof; and provided, further, that such right of action shall not accrue unless and until in any one month more than three per cent. of the amounts of refuse delivered at such plant shall have been properly rejected by the Contractor as hereinbefore provided; and provided, further, that the city may, at its option, deliver all such refuse collected from that part of the city of Boston known as the Charlestown District, to said plant in the same manner and upon the same terms and conditions as is provided for the delivery of the refuse from the territory in this article hereinbefore provided.

ARTICLE XIV. The city, as payment for the work, including everything furnished or done by, or resulting to, the Contractor in doing the work, shall, from and after notice to the Superintendent as hereinbefore provided, and so long as the Contractor shall carry on the work under this contract, on or before the fifteenth day of each month of each year pay to the Contractor, as the payment for the preceding calendar month, one-twelfth of the sum of thirty thousand (\$30,000) dollars, viz.: \$2500 monthly; provided, however, that there shall first be deducted from such monthly payment so much as the Superintendent shall direct of the amounts to be kept by the city under Article XI., and of the amounts to be retained by it under Article XII.

ARTICLE XV. The city, on making monthly payments as aforesaid, shall be released from all claim by or liability to the Contractor for anything done or furnished for the work by the Contractor, or resulting to him in doing the work, prior to such payment, or for any act or neglect of the city, or of any person, relating to or affecting said work, prior to such payment, except for the balance, if any, there be, of the amounts retained under Article XII., as aforesaid, and said Contractor, on taking any such payment shall be released from all claims or liability for any past acts or omissions under this contract.

ARTICLE XVI. The city, at any time during the last six months of the first period of five years or of the second period of five years of the term of this contract, as herein provided, may by the Superintendent, or by any other person or persons designated therefor

by the Mayor, or by the City Council, examine all the books and accounts of the Contractor relating to his business under, or in connection with, this contract, and may, by notice signed by the Superintendent, notify him that it desires to purchase said plant on the expiration of said first period of five years, or of said second period of five years, as the case may be; and in such case this contract shall, from and after such expiration, constitute a good and sufficient bill of sale of said plant, other than the land, and of such other apparatus owned by the Contractor and used in doing the work, as may be designated by the Superintendent, and shall also constitute a license under any and all patents covering any part of the operation of said plant, in the manner in which the same shall have been operated by said Contractor, and said Contractor shall execute and deliver to the Mayor such instruments to that effect as the Mayor shall require, and shall give to the Superintendent, or his assistants, full and complete directions and information as to the proper operation of said plant; provided, however, that no such notice shall be given to the Contractor unless and until an appropriation for, and sufficient to pay for, said plant, as estimated by said Superintendent and Mayor, and of not less than the sum hereinafter specified, shall have been made by the City Council of said city; and upon the making of such purchase said city shall pay to the Contractor such sum as the price of said plant as shall be agreed upon by said Superintendent, with the approval of the Mayor, and by said Contractor, or in case they cannot agree, such sum as shall be determined by three disinterested appraisers, one of whom shall be selected by the city, one by the Contractor, and the third by the two so named; provided, however, that in case said city should not during the last six months of said first period of five years, as hereinbefore provided, make such appropriation, give such notice, and complete such purchase of said plant, then, and in such case, this contract shall continue for the further period of five years, under and in accordance with all the terms and conditions hereof; and provided, further, that if this contract shall continue for said two successive periods of five years, as hereinbefore provided, and the city shall not exercise its right of purchase, by making such appropriation, giving such notice, and completing such purchase, within the last six months of said second period of five years, then, and in such case, this contract shall continue for a still further and third period of five years, under and in accordance with all the terms and conditions hereof; and at the end of said third period of five years, making in all a term of fifteen years from the beginning of this contract, then said plant, machinery and appurtenances, and all the additions thereto made by the Contractor during the term of this contract, and all the buildings or wharves, or other structures, erected by him upon the premises leased to him by the city hereunder, shall be and become the absolute property of the city of Boston, free of all control of the Contractor, and free of any claim of interest on his part therein.

IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED by the parties hereto that in case the city shall seek to purchase the plant from the Contractor at the end of the first period of five years or said term, as hereinbefore provided, and the city and the Contractor cannot agree upon the value thereof, the Contractor shall not be obliged in any

case to accept therefor a less sum than one hundred and twenty-five thousand (\$125,000) dollars, and in case said city seeks to purchase said plant as aforesaid at the end of said second period of five years, and the parties hereto cannot agree upon the value thereof, as aforesaid, then at such time the Contractor shall not be obliged in any case to accept therefor a sum less than seventy-five thousand (\$75,000) dollars.

IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED that any damage done to the docks or property of the Contractor by the city, or any of its servants, agents or employees, in placing scows in berths, as shown on said plans or removing the same, or in any other manner, shall be borne by the city, or by the owners of said scows as the facts may appear, and the Contractor shall be reimbursed for any moneys expended by him in repairing any damage so caused by the servants or employees of the city, and the city shall also be responsible for keeping said berths properly dredged so that scows may have free ingress and egress.

Signed and sealed this 31st day of January, 1907.

City of Boston,
By Daniel H. Gillespie, Superintendent
Sanitary Department.

(Seal)
Sanitary Waste Disposal Co., Arthur
N. Pierson, President.
Approved by the Mayor.

BOND.

The undersigned hereby bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, to pay to the city of Boston the sum of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars.

This obligation is upon the condition that if the Sanitary Waste Disposal Company, party to the contract with the city of Boston hereto annexed, shall faithfully furnish and do everything required therein of the party to said contract other than the city, then this obligation shall be of no effect, otherwise it shall continue in full force.

Signed, sealed and delivered this day of 1907.

The surety corporation is incorporated in the state of

The name of the President is

The name of the Treasurer is

The place of business of the company in Boston is

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I move that the matter be referred to a special committee to be composed of three members of this Board with such as the Common Council may join.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I move to amend Ald. Bank's motion—that the committee consist of five members of this Board with such as the Common Council may join.

The CHAIR—If there is no objection, the Chair will accept the amendment suggested by Ald. Curley.

The motion, as amended by Ald. Curley, was adopted.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Managers of the Franklin Fund, for leave to excavate basement of proposed building at corner of Appleton and Berkeley Sts., Wd. 10 below grade 12.

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Salvatore De Milia, a sign, at 74 Moore St., Wd. 1.

Morris Revis, a sign, at 4 Washington St., north, Wd. 6.

A. Mendelsohn, an auctioneer's flag, at 255 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Edward R. Tolfree, an illuminated sign, at 406 Washington St., Wd. 7.

The Bradbury Press, a sign, at 96 Essex St., Wd. 7.

James D'Angelo, a barber pole, at 46 Charles St., Wd. 11.

William J. Simkins, a sign, at 776 Dudley St., Wd. 16.

Joe A. Pesce, a wooden sign, at 176 Maverick St., Wd. 2.

Lewis & Abely, a canvas sign, at corner Franklin and Washington Sts., Wd. 7.

Nicholas Anastasi, electric sign, 36 W. Broadway, Wd. 13.

Electric Wires.

Petitions of the N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., viz.:

For leave to erect poles,—one each on Falcon, Eagle, White, Liverpool, Saratoga, Eutaw, Trenton, Lexington, Havre, and Paris Sts., and two on London St., East Boston.

For leave to erect seventeen poles on Brandon St., and twenty poles on Belgrade Ave., Wd. 23.

Faneuil Hall.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

Irish Societies of Boston, on the evening of February 17.

Painters Union No. 11, on the evening of March 15.

Licenses.

Jessie Lockrey, for a permit for Ruth Francis, a child under 15 years of age, to appear at the Bowdoin Square Theatre during the week beginning March 18.

Hotel & Railroad Mutual Relief and Benefit Association, for permit for Harold F. Sargent et al., under 15 years of age, to appear at Dudley Street Opera House, Feb. 6-7.

Claims.

Mrs. George Bohannon, for compensation for damage to property in cellar of 263 Heath St. by overflow of sewer.

David Meagher, for compensation for damages to property at 263 Heath St. by overflow of sewer.

George W. Cobleigh, to be paid \$18 on account of breaking of drain connections by agents of the city on Kirtledge St., Wd. 23.

Chase & Sanborn, for compensation for damage to automobile by alleged carelessness of the driver of a team of the Street Cleaning Department.

Estate of Daniel Doherty, for compensation for injuries to a horse by a snow plow belonging to the city.

W. P. Nickerson & Joseph Provost, for a hearing on their claim on account of a defect in the highway in front of 1600 Centre St., West Roxbury.

Public Improvements.

Marietta W. Bowers, for release of restrictions on her land on Columbia Rd., Wd. 16.

LEAVE GRANTED ON PETITIONS.

Ald. DRAPER presented the following petitions for leave to project signs, etc., and moved that the rule be suspended and leave granted thereon, viz.:

Isaac Schneider, wooden sign, 60 Dearborn St., Wd. 17.

S. Robinson & Co., pawnbroker's sign, 140 Elliot St., Wd. 7.

L. Witte & Son, electric sign, 283 Washington St., Wd. 6.

The Board voted to suspend the rule and leave was granted on the usual conditions.

SALE OF UNCLAIMED BAGGAGE.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the petition of the Boston & Maine Railroad Company for leave to sell certain articles of unclaimed baggage, presented to the Board of Aldermen Oct. 1, 1906, be taken from the files and referred to a special committee to consist of two members of this Board.

Passed.

The CHAIRMAN appointed as said committee Ald. Bell and Woods.

A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Ald. CLARK—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a question of privilege.

The CHAIR—The gentleman will state his question of privilege.

Ald. CLARK—Mr. Chairman, it has come to my attention that the Chairman of this Board has been criticized, both in print and in conversation, for omitting to appoint me a member of the Committee on Celebration of Dorchester Day. I wish to state to the members of this Board, who, perhaps, are aware of my position, that I am opposed to spending the city's money for these local celebrations—not in one celebration in particular, but in any of them. Having had some experience upon those committees in the past, I requested the Chairman of this Board to not appoint me upon any one of those committees, and, instead of having my feelings hurt, I want to thank him for respecting my desires.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

On petitions for licenses to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, viz.:

1. Metropolitan Automobile Company, at 61 Stanhope St., Wd. 10.
 2. The Mattapan Garage (Weaver & Edgerly), at 1606 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 24.
- No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

ARMORY FOR CHARLESTOWN.

Ald. BANGS called up No. 22, special assignment, viz.:

22. Ordered. That there be erected in the Charlestown district of Boston an armory of the first class, sufficient in size to accommodate at least three companies of militia, and the Armory Commissioners of the Commonwealth be, and are hereby, requested to construct said armory at an expense not to exceed \$200,000; all as provided in Section 9 of Chapter 504 of the Acts of the Legislature of the year 1906.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, that order was introduced two weeks ago, was referred to the Committee on Armories, and the Committee on Armories reported "Ought to pass" at the last meeting of this Board. At that time the order was specially assigned, at the request of one of the members of the Board. I was present at the committee hearings, and I am firmly of the opinion, as I was then, that the order ought to pass. There is a crying need of an armory in Charlestown. The committee went into the matter carefully, and had before it the officers of the three companies of militia now located in Charlestown, and Councilman Donovan, who introduced the order. It appeared very strongly to the committee, upon evidence presented to them, that such an armory as this ought to be built. It will be a saving, rather than a loss, to the city, because if an armory of the first class is built, the state will make an allowance to the city which will

fully reimburse the city for any expenditure. So far as the committee can see, if this order is passed the city will not be out of pocket, but, on the contrary, will be in pocket, and it will have a first class armory where now it has three disgracefully poor ones. I see no reason why the order should not pass, and I sincerely trust that it will.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I move that the matter be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I certainly object very much to that reference. I see no reason why the order should be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements. It has already been referred to the appropriate committee, the Committee on Armories, and reported on favorably by that committee. I can conceive of no reason for further reference of the matter. It has been fully investigated by one committee, which has reported "Ought to pass."

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I simply desire a little more in the way of time. It is not my purpose to deprive Charlestown, or Charlestown's military companies, of anything in the way of an armory. A year ago I had occasion to find fault with something in the way of a high school building in Charlestown, simply because it did not appear that it was necessary at that time. I think that may be so here. The fact of the matter is that I think within 10 years they spent \$30,000 in Wd. 3 for an armory. They now say it is not altogether desirable, and that they want something else. Now, I feel that we should have a chance to talk with His Honor the Mayor in regard to this proposed expenditure of \$200,000, and that is the reason why I move reference to the Committee on Public Improvements. I move that it be referred to that committee with instructions to report back this afternoon.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I do not desire to prolong the discussion on the motion that it be referred to the committee with instructions to report back his afternoon, but I have talked with the member of the Council who presented this order (Councilman Donovan) and he has made rather an exhaustive inquiry into the subject. He informs me that at the present time the city is paying about \$1,500 in rentals on the property now used for armory purposes in Charlestown; that if this order is adopted and the armory is erected, the state will assume the expense of the purchase of site, construction, and of all other matters incidental to the erection and maintenance of the building; that the city in return will pay \$10,000 a year to the state for a period of 20 years; that at the end of 20 years the armory reverts back to the city and the state pays rental to the city for it. If this means a saving of \$1500 a year to the city during the 20 years, that is a considerable sum of money, more than \$30,000; and, in addition to that, the property becomes the property of the city, an asset of the city of Boston, at the end of the 20 years. During the interval the state assumes the entire charge and expense incidental to the erection and maintenance of the armory and the city pays but \$10,000 a year to the state, or less than it is paying now. In view of those facts, I see no reason why the order should not pass at this time.

Ald. Whelton's motion to refer with instructions was lost.

The order was declared passed.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I rise at this time to doubt the vote whereby No. 22 was adopted. I may be wrong, but it strikes me that for the adoption of an order under a legislative act, which carries with it an ex-

penditure, an appropriation of money, a roll call should be had. For that reason, I doubt the vote and ask for the yeas and nays.

The order was passed in concurrence, yeas 12, nay 1, Ald. WHELTON voting nay. Ald. LEARY moved to reconsider; lost.

CLOSING OF SOUTH ST.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on South St., between Commonwealth Ave. and Chestnut Hill Ave., Wd. 25, to public travel during the time necessary for the completion of improvements now in progress by the Sewer Department.

Passed.

HAND-BALL ALLEY, WD. 17.

9. Ordered, That from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500) be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Park Department for the construction and maintenance of a hand-ball alley at the Fellows St. playground.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I move that that matter be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, my position in reference to this order is identical with the position taken by the Alderman from Wd. 11 (Ald. Bangs) upon the order in which he was interested, a few moments ago. The proposition is this: At the last meeting of the Board this order passed, or the rules were suspended so that the order might be placed upon its passage, by a vote of 10 to 3. A roll call was not had on the question of passing the order, and since the order involved an expenditure of \$2500 and calls for an appropriation to be used by the Park Department, it was necessary that a roll call be had. The order was reintroduced into the Common Council in another form, in order that another opportunity might be had to place it upon its passage properly, this afternoon. I do not believe it is necessary for me to enter into the details of the proposition, because I do not feel that it would have any influence on the Alderman from Wd. 11, anyway. I might have all the merit of the world on the side of the proposition, but I don't think it would influence him in any degree. I will say, however, that some eight or ten years ago the city of Boston purchased a site for a playground in that section of Wd. 17 known as precinct 1, Wd. 17, and located at the corner of Hunneman and Fellows Sts. The city of Boston at that time paid in the vicinity of \$20,000 for the land. The city has up to the present time expended in filling in the land, grading and other work in the neighborhood, \$10,000 additional, making a total expenditure of \$30,000. The only portion of the site that is known as a playground, that is available, is a portion occupying one-third of the area, and that is used by children. There is no use whatsoever made of the other two-thirds of the playground. In other words, there is a site—or a playground, if we might call it that—one-third in use and the other two-thirds not in use, lying idle, of which no use has been made during the past eight years. This order is presented in order that the rest of this land for which the city expended \$20,000 may be made available for the use of persons living in the district. It carries with it a small appropriation, \$2500, which I think will be sufficient to erect a double handball alley that can be used by all the residents of the district who may see fit to go there. In view of the fact that

\$20,000 of the city's money has been spent for a playground that can only be called a cinder park at the present time, and has only been used as a cinder park and that the use of this \$2500 will make the other two-thirds available, I think it only fair that the order would be passed. In addition to that, we have the fact that the Board at the last meeting passed the order without any objection and voted to suspend the rule 10 to 3. Therefore, I can conceive of no objection to the passage of the order today. If there is any, I would like to have some member of the Board who proposes to vote against the proposition kindly state it.

Ald. CLARK—Mr. Chairman, there is a large number of these orders on the calendar today, and I understand that if they are all adopted a great deal more than the money available will be appropriated. In order that we may have a fair chance to discuss them together and consider them on their merits, I trust that they will all go to the Committee on Public Improvements, so that we can take them all up together and adopt those that are best.

Ald. BANGS motion, to refer No. 9 to the Committee on Public Improvements, was declared carried. Ald. CURLEY doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The motion to refer No. 9 to the Motion Committee on Public Improvements was carried, yeas 6, nays 5.

Yeas—Ald. Bangs, Beil, Berwin, Clark, Draper, Whelton—6.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Leary, Woods—5.

TRANSFERS AND LOANS.

Ald. CLARK moved that Nos. 5 to 18, inclusive, papers from the Common Council, be taken up, viz.:

5. Ordered, That from the sum received from a sale of Deer Island thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Bath Department for the erection of an all-year bath-house in the Charlestown district.

6. Ordered, That, from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, the sum of twelve thousand and one dollars (\$12,001) be and hereby is appropriated to be expended by the Park Commissioners for gymnasium apparatus at the North Brighton Playground.

7. Ordered, That, from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, six thousand and one dollars (\$6,001) be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be expended by the Park Department for "Speedway, Franklin Field, completion of."

8. Ordered, That from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island the sum of one thousand and one dollars (\$1001) be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be expended by the Park Department for the erection of bleachers, the placing of electric lights, and grading with loam the baseball diamonds in Wd. 9 Playground.

10. Ordered, That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) be, and the same hereby is appropriated, to be expended by the Park Department for "Franklin Field, Sanitary and Locker Building."

11. Ordered, That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Bath Commission for the construction of a new swimming pool and raft for the Spring St. bath-house, Wd. 23.

12. Ordered, That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of

Deer Island three thousand dollars (\$3000) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Park Department for "Strandway, enlargement of ball ground."

13. Ordered, That from the sum received from the sale of Deer Island \$10,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Board of Park Commissioners to place and maintain in suitable condition the grounds on Commonwealth Park, Wd. 13, for athletic games.

14. Ordered, That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to be expended by the Bath Commissioners for the construction of an all-the-year-round bath-house at Jamaica Plain, Wd. 22.

15. Ordered, That the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) be appropriated to be expended by the Fire Department for the purchase of a site and the erection of a fire-engine house on Parker Hill, Wd. 19; and that to meet such appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to the above amount.

16. Ordered, That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) be appropriated to be expended by the Public Buildings Department for shower baths in the basement of the Vine St. Church and hot water heating in place of the present furnaces, a hard pine flooring and new anteroom accommodations in the upper church; and that to meet such appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to the above amount.

17. Ordered, That the sum of five thousands dollars (\$5000) be appropriated to be expended by the Bath Trustees for bath-house on McKenzie beach; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

18. Ordered, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) be appropriated to be expended by the Bath Commissioners for an all-the-year bath-house and gymnasium at East Boston; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. CLARK.

PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

3. Notice of the indefinite postponement, January 31, of three orders passed by this Board January 23, for appropriations from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, viz.:

\$2,500 to be expended by the Park Department for the construction and maintenance of a hand-ball alley at the Fellows-St., Playground;

\$1,000 to be expended by the Park Department for the erection of bleachers and the placing of electric lights and grading with loam the baseball diamonds in Wd. 9 Playground; and

\$12,000 to be expended by the Park Commissioners for gymnasium and gymnastic apparatus at North Brighton Playground.

Placed on file.

4. Ordered, That, to correct a clerical error in the order passed by the City Council and approved by the Mayor, Jan. 25, 1907, granting a permit for a wooden addition to building on Ruth-erford Ave., the words "addition to"

in the third line of said order be and the same are hereby stricken out.
Passed in concurrence.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 19, unfinished business, viz.:

19. Action on the appointment by the Mayor of Sydney James Loup, to be a Weigher of Boilers and Heavy Machinery and a Weigher of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1907.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Draper and Curley. Whole number of ballots cast, 11; yes, 11; and the appointment was confirmed.

PARK AT SAVIN HILL.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 20, unfinished business, viz.:

20. Ordered, That from the sale of a portion of lands on Deer Island there be appropriated \$35,000 to be expended for the purchase of the top of Savin Hill, the same to be used under the direction of the Park Department.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. BELL.

STATE HIGHWAY, DORCHESTER.

Ald. CLARK called up No. 21, unfinished business, viz.:

21. Whereas, In the opinion of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the city of Boston, public necessity and convenience require that the Commonwealth take charge of a proposed highway from Columbia Rd. to King's Sq., Dorchester District, as described and shown in the accompanying petition, therefore be it

Ordered, That the Massachusetts Highway Commission be requested to acquire and lay out said proposed highway as a state highway, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 497 of the Acts of 1897, as amended by Chapter 476 of the Acts of 1898.

Ald. CLARK—Mr. Charman, this preamble and order were presented at the suggestion of His Honor the Mayor to petition the State Highway Commission to lay out a state highway from Columbia road, South Boston, to King's sq., Dorchester. It simply brings the matter before the Mayor for his action. If he approves of it he will sign the order and present the petition. If he does not, he will not do it. It involves no expense at all to the city.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, it is not my desire to oppose the passage of the order at this time, but I would like very much indeed to have a hearing on the matter in question. As I remember, there is something in the statutes relating to the Highway Commission whereby we relinquish rights—yes, perhaps quite a few; and at this time, while it is not my desire to argue the point in question, I would much prefer to have the matter referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. CLARK—Mr. Chairman, this matter came before the Board a week ago, and, because the gentleman wanted time to get information, I made no objection to its being laid over for a week. But he has had a week to look into the matter, and now he seems to have a desire for a hearing. There may be a hearing before the State Highway Commission grants this petition, if the petition ever gets as far as that. But up to that time I see no occasion for the hearing. It seems to me a week has given him time enough to look into

the matter. As for the city relinquishing any rights, this highway is to be laid out on private land, in which the city now has no rights whatever, and therefore I fail to see how the city can relinquish any rights.

The motion to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements was declared lost. Ald WHELTON doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

Ald. WHELTON'S motion to refer the preamble and order to the Committee on Public Improvements was carried, yeas 8, nays 5.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Berwin, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—8.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Clark, Curley—5.

PROJECTIONS, ETC.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:

Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for leave to project signs, etc.—that leave be granted, viz.:

Nicholas Anastasi, electric sign, 36 West Broadway, Wd. 13.

A. Mendelsohn, auctioneer's flag, 255 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Managers of Franklin Fund, to excavate basement of proposed building at corner of Appleton and Berkeley Sts., Wd. 10, below grade 13.

Edward R. Tolfree, illuminated sign, 406 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on usual conditions.

LICENSES.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 70 newsboys, 9 bootblacks and four vendors.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on petition of Hotel and Railroad Mutual Relief and Benefit Association (referred today), for permit for Harold F. Sargent, et al., under 15 years of age, to appear at the Dudley St. Opera House, Feb. 6-7—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on usual conditions.

COAL AND COKE LICENSES.

A list of coal and coke licenses granted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth was received.

Placed on file.

ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions for leave to project marquis—orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon Monday, Feb. 18, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:

Edison Electric Illuminating Company, Boston, 39 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

Suffolk Savings Bank, for Seamen and others, 53 Tremont St., Wd. 6.

On the petition of Dingoe-Wetherbee Company, for license to store oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at 177 Berkeley St., Wd. 10—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, Feb. 25, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

CITY RIGHTS IN LAND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Law Department,

Boston, Jan. 31, 1907.

The Honorable Board of Aldermen, City Hall, Boston:—

Dear Sirs:—I am requested by your Board to inform you "what rights, if any, the city of Boston has in a parcel of land now occupied by Stony Brook and situated east of the tracks of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, from Hogg's bridge, running south to Amory St., Wd. 22."

There seems to be some error in the description of the land, as Stony Brook is not in the place indicated by the question. I am informed that the question was meant to cover the new channel of Stony Brook, which was substituted by the Commissioners on the abolition of grade crossings of the Providence railroad for the channel which had been taken by the town of West Roxbury and afterwards improved by the city of Boston.

If that was the intention of the order, I would say that the city, by reason of the taking by West Roxbury, owned the channel of Stony Brook and some land on either side, the taking being in fee. In my opinion the true construction of the order of the grade crossing commission would be that it was intended to give the city the same rights in the new channel that it had in the old.

Yours truly,

Thomas M. Babson,
Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT.

The following was received:—

Boston Transit Commission.

15 Beacon St., Boston Feb. 4, 1907.

William Berwin, Esq., Acting Chairman, Board of Aldermen.

Dear Sir:—I have the honor to transmit herewith, in accordance with the provisions of Section 24, Chapter 548, Acts of 1894, the annual report of this commission.

By order of the commission,

B. Leighton Beal, Secretary.
(Annexed was the report referred to).
Sent down.

REMOVAL OF TREE.

Ald. FLANAGAN offered an order—that the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to have removed a dead tree in front of estate 327 Harrison Ave., the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

LAYING OUT OF PRESCOTT ST.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—that the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public way Prescott St., from Bremen St. to the bridge connecting Wood Island Park, East Boston.

Passed. Sent down.

PAVING OF WASHINGTON ST., WD. 23.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—that the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to provide in the first loan bill the sum of \$37,000 for the paving of Washington St., from Green St. to Forest Hill Sq., with granite blocks.

Passed. Sent down.

ENLARGEMENT OF SOCIAL LAW LIBRARY.

Ald. WHELTON, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted the following:

(1) Report on petition of the proprietors of the Social Law Library (referred Jan. 2), for the usual appropriation for support of said library—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to the proprietors of the Social Law Library the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000) for the maintenance and enlargement of said library during the present year; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for County of Suffolk.

Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Report on order (referred Jan. 2), for loan outside debt limit for separate building for Registry of Deeds and probate offices—that the order ought to pass.

Ald. WHELTON dissents.

The report was accepted.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I desire to state that I dissent from the report of the committee at this time, because of the fact that there is a matter pending before the Legislature in the way of the extension of the Court House. It may be possible to have a building apart, but to me that is not altogether definite, and I would rather at this time have the matter referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, so as to determine later on just what should be done with it.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted at 3:59 o'clock P. M. on motion of Ald. BANGS, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chair at 5:30 P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. BERWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on petition of First National Bank of Boston (referred Jan. 2), for leave to construct areas, etc.—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the First National Bank of Boston to construct, maintain and use areas with patent sidewalk covers, coal holes, and bulkheads, under and in the sidewalk on the northerly side of Franklin St. between Federal and Congress Sts., Wd. 7, as shown on a plan dated Jan. 1, 1907, on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department, the work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1907, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, the said permit to be granted on the further condition that the catch basins on Federal and Franklin Sts. are not to be destroyed or their capacity diminished.

Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Report on petition of William F. Lowe (referred Jan. 28), for leave to project one bay window from building No. 36 Myrtle St., Wd. 11—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on usual conditions.

(3) Report on petition of Marietta W. Bowers (referred today) for release of restrictions of her land on Columbia Rd., Wd. 16—that the same be referred to the Law Department.

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

(4) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for licenses to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum—that licenses be granted, viz.:

Metropolitan Automobile Co., 61 Stanhope St., Wd. 10.

Mattapan Garage (Weaver & Edgerly), 1606 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 24.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(5) Report on remonstrance of John J. Mahoney, et al. (referred Jan. 2), against noise emanating from laundry at 33 South Eden St., Charlestown—recommending reference of the same to the Board of Health with a request that a hearing be granted.

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

(6) Report on order (referred Jan. 28) that the corporation counsel be requested to give opinion on matter of placing billboards, etc., on city property—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(7) Report on message of Mayor and order (referred Jan. 28), recommending a consolidation or revision of all special acts relating to the city—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(8) Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred Jan. 14), recommending appropriation of \$75,000 for measles ward at City Hospital—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; message and order assigned to the next meeting and ordered printed on motion of Ald. CLARK.

(9) Report on order (referred today) for proposed state highway from Columbia Rd. to King's Sq. in Dorchester—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order assigned to the next meeting on motion of Ald. WHELTON.

(10) Report on the order (referred Jan. 28th) that His Honor the Mayor cause to be removed at once all bill board signs located or erected on city property—recommending the passage of the same.

Report accepted; said order passed in concurrence.

(11) Report on the order (referred today) that of the amount received for the sale of a portion of Deer Island \$2500 be appropriated for the construction and maintenance of a handball alley at the Fellows St. Playground—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed, in concurrence; yeas 10, nays 3.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Battis, Berwin, Curley, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—10.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Clark—3.

Ald. CURLEY moved to reconsider; lost.

(12) Report on the order (referred Jan. 2), that of the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island \$60,000 be appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Penal Institutions Commissioner for "Wall between land of United States Government and the city of Boston, and for removal of piggery"—that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order.

Ald. WHELTON moved assignment for one week; declared lost.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I make that motion for the purpose, as I stated in the Committee on Public Improvements, of determining whether or not this work is to be done by convict labor. If it is, I am opposed to the passage of the order. I would like

to get information from somebody who possesses the knowledge of what is to be done there in the way of employment of labor. If they are going to employ convict labor, I shall oppose the passage of the order. As I stated in the Committee on Public Improvements, I don't know whether the estimate is made by the United States Engineer or by the City Engineer. I am told that the City Engineer made the estimate. But before I vote to pass the order I would like to have the matter assigned to the next meeting. I doubt the vote by which the motion to assign was declared defeated.

The motion to assign was lost, yeas 6, nays 7.

Yeas—Ald. Berwin, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—6.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Bangs, Battis, Bell, Clark, Curley, Draper—7.

The order was declared passed. Ald. WHELTON doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The order was passed in concurrence; yeas 11, nays 2—Ald. Finigan and Whelton voting nay.

(13) Report on order (referred today) that of the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island \$6001 be appropriated to be expended by the Park Department for "speedway, Franklin Field, completion of"—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed in concurrence; yeas 13, nays 0. Ald. BELL moved to reconsider; lost.

(14) Report on the order (referred today) that the sum of \$50,000 to be raised by loan, be appropriated to be expended by the Bath Commissioners for an all-the-year bath-house and gymnasium at East Boston—that the same ought to pass.

On motion of Ald. BATTIS, the matter was assigned till the next meeting.

(15) Report on the order (referred today) that of the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island the sum of \$12,001 be appropriated, to be expended by the Park Commissioners for gymnasium apparatus at the North Brighton playground—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed in concurrence; yeas 8, nays 5.

Yeas—Ald. Battis, Baldwin, Curley, Draper, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—8.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Finigan—5.

Ald. WOODS moved to reconsider; lost.

Ald. CLARK—Mr. Chairman, does not that require a two-thirds vote?

The CHAIR—The Chair will rule that it does not.

(16) Report on the order (referred today) that of the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island the sum of \$1001 be appropriated, to be expended by the Park Department for the erection of bleachers and the placing of electric lights and grading with loam the baseball diamonds in Wd. 9 playground—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed in concurrence, yeas 9, nays 4.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Battis, Clark, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—9.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Berwin, Draper—4.

(17) Report on the order (referred today), that from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island \$3000 be appropriated to be expended by the Park Department for "Strandway, enlargement of ball grounds"—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; and the vote on passing the order was as follows: yeas 7, nays 6:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—7.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper—6.

The CHAIR—There not being the necessary two-thirds vote, the order is defeated.

On motion of Ald. BALDWIN, the Board reconsidered its action, and further consideration of the matter was assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

(18) Report on the order (referred today) that of the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island \$2500 be appropriated, to be expended by the Bath Commission, for the construction of a new swimming pool and raft for the Spring St. bathhouse, Wd. 23—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed in concurrence; yeas 13, nays none.

Ald. FINIGAN moved to reconsider; lost.

(19) Report on the order (referred today) that the sum of \$25,000, to be raised by loan, be appropriated, to be expended by the Public Buildings Department for shower baths in the basement of the Vine St. Church and hot water heating in place of the present furnaces, etc.—that the same ought to pass.

Report was accepted, and the Board refused to pass the order in concurrence; yeas 6, nays 6:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Woods, 6.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper—6.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY, it was voted to assign the question of reconsidering the Board's action to the next meeting.

(20) Report on the order (referred today) that the sum of \$5000, to be raised by loan, be appropriated, to be expended by the Bath Trustees for bath-house on McKenzie Beach—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed in concurrence; yeas 13, nays none.

(21) Report on the message of the Mayor (referred Jan. 28) vetoing permits to project poles from which to hang clothing (to Fannie Tushisky, 19 Salem St., Wd. 6, and Max Udin, 302 North St., Wd. 6)—that the veto be not sustained, and that said message be placed on file.

The report was accepted, the message was ordered placed on file, and the result of the vote on the question of granting the permits in spite of the Mayor's objection was as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Leary, Whelton—7.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan, Woods—6.

The necessary two-thirds vote not having been given, the Board refused to grant the permits over the Mayor's veto.

(22) Report on the message of the Mayor (referred today) vetoing permit to Phillip Cohen to project hooks from which to hang clothing at 9 Endicott St., Wd. 6, that the veto be not sustained, and that said message be placed on file.

The message was ordered placed on file, and the Board refused to grant the permit over the Mayor's veto (a two-thirds vote being necessary, yeas 7, nays 6):

Yeas—Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Leary, Whelton—7.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan, Woods—6.

REPAIR OF MERIDIAN ST. BRIDGE.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Committee on Appropriations be requested to appropriate in the appro-

apropriation bill the sum of \$10,000 for repair of Meridian St. Bridge, East Boston.

Ald. BATTIS—Mr. Chairman, the reason why I offer this order, hoping the Committee on Appropriations will take some notice of it, is at the request of the Superintendent of Bridges. They started on the repair of the Meridian St. Bridge last year and got about half done, and had to stop for want of money. At his request I asked that this amount be put into the appropriations.

The order was referred to the Committee on Appropriations, when appointed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. FLANAGAN, the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

SANITARY BRANCH, DORCHESTER.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Committee on Appropriations be requested to provide in the annual appropriation a sufficient additional amount in the appropriation for Sanitary Department to provide for the maintenance of a permanent branch in the Dorchester district.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, this order is introduced in connection with the communication that has been received by the City Council from the head of the Sanitary Department. The present system of collection of garbage, as well as offal, in the Dorchester district, is such as to give no general satisfaction to the residents of the district. It is done under a contract system. The contract price is so low that it is an impossibility for the contracting parties to pay reasonable or fair wages and to give reasonable or fair service to the residents of the district. The order is simply introduced to be referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and with another order to be referred to the Committee on Finance. I believe that the Dorchester district is sufficiently large to warrant the location and establishment of a yard in the district, to be maintained by the Sanitary Division for the benefit of the people of Dorchester. At the present time the best service that can be obtained from the contracting parties is the removal of garbage about once in two weeks, and the removal of ashes about once a week. Where the garbage is permitted to collect for two weeks it becomes a positive nuisance, and a condition prevails that should

not be permitted. If this condition can be relieved by the establishment of a sanitary yard in the Dorchester district I believe it will be good judgment on the part of this Board to favor an appropriation of this character, that such a system may be established there.

The order was declared referred to the Committee on Appropriations, when appointed.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to provide in the first loan bill a sum sufficient to purchase land and erect buildings for the establishment of a permanent branch of the Sanitary Department in the Dorchester district.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

ADDITIONAL POWER FOR SEALERS.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Committee on Legislative Matters on the part of the Board of Aldermen be instructed to appear before the Committee of the General Court having the matter in charge in favor of proposed legislation increasing the powers of Sealers of Weights and Measures.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, this order is introduced in connection with an order that was previously introduced by me in relation to the sealing of scales. There is no law under which the Sealer of Weights and Measures throughout the Commonwealth can seal what is known as "computing scales" and I believe it will be found after the same are sealed that there is as much irregularity in computing scales as is now found in the ordinary balance and spring scales. Some 2259 out of a total of 37,000 spring scales examined in the city of Boston last year were found incorrect, and an equally large proportion of balance scales were found incorrect. A hearing will be held before the Committee on Mercantile Affairs on Thursday, at 10:30 o'clock and I sincerely trust that the Committee on Legislative Matters on the part of the Board will attend that hearing and favor the passage of such a law as will give to the Sealer of Weights and Measures authority to test and examine the computing scales throughout the City of Boston. I believe it is only just to the general public that the same law that applies to balance and spring scales should apply to computing scales.

The order was passed.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. BELL, at 6:07 P. M., to meet on Monday, Feb. 11, at 3 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, Feb. 7, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P. M., President BARRETT in the chair.

COST OF PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, Feb. 7, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Park Department in answer to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of various improvements in the Gibson Playground, Wd. 20.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks.

Boston, Feb. 7, 1907.

Honorable John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, City Hall.

Dear Sir:—The Board has received and duly considered the enclosed order from the Common Council, requesting us through your Honor to submit to the Council an estimate of the cost of leveling and laying out a baseball diamond in the Gibson Playground, erecting bleachers and "a backstop" and building a suitable iron fence to enclose the playground. Our estimate is as follows:

70 lin. ft. retaining wall at \$7.00	\$5,390
6800 cu. yds. excavating and grading at \$1.00	6,800
2984 lin. ft. iron fence at \$1.75....	5,220
	\$17,410

At present the playground has a slope on an average of five feet in a hundred, which is a drawback to good play. The estimate of \$1 per cubic yard for excavating and grading covers the carting of the material to Savin Hill beach for grading there. Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

Placed on file.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. A message of the Mayor, relative to the disposal of ashes and garbage deposited at Fort Hill wharf, comes down referred for concurrence to a special committee of five members of the Board of Aldermen with such as the Common Council may join.

On motion of Mr. LILL of Wd. 8 it was voted that the committee on the part of the Common Council consist of eight members.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President may I ask for an explanation in regard to this? I have not followed it very closely and I would like to know something more about it.

The CLERK read the Mayor's message.

Said reference was ordered in concurrence.

2. Mayor's message in relation to a consolidation or revision of the special acts relating to the city of Boston, and

recommending the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be instructed to prepare, or cause to be prepared, a consolidation or revision of all of the special acts relating to the city, omitting such as have become obsolete, and to report a draft thereof to the City Council of this year, if possible, such draft to be as nearly as possible a codification of existing laws and to contain only such changes in the same as shall be specifically noted and as the Corporation Counsel may deem necessary or proper; and the Corporation Counsel is hereby authorized to expend for such purpose out of the appropriation for the Law Department a sum not exceeding \$10,000.

The communication was placed on file. The rule, on motion of Mr. MCCULLOUGH of Wd. 13, was suspended and the order was passed in concurrence.

3. Communication from the Boston Transit Commission transmitting, in accordance with the provisions of Section 24, Chapter 548, Acts of 1894, the annual report of said commission.

Placed on file.

4. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public way Prescott St., from Bremen St. to the bridge connecting Wood Island Park, East Boston.

Passed in concurrence.

5. Ordered, That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to provide in the first loan bill the sum of \$37,000 for the paving of Washington St., from Green St. to Forest Hill Sq., with granite blocks.

Passed in concurrence.

PAYMENT FOR PLAYGROUND.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 6, unfinished business, viz.:

6. Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Mrs. J. W. Robinson the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100), the same being in payment for use of land for playground in Neponset during 1906; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed in concurrence.

SHELTERS AT BRIDGES.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 7, unfinished business, viz.:

7. Ordered, That the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2000) be appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Bridges for shelters on the following bridges: Dover St., Broadway Extension and Federal St.; and to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount.

Mr. NOONAN of Wd. 13, moved to amend the order by striking out the words "two thousand" and inserting in place thereof the words "forty-five hundred."

The amendment was adopted, and the question came on the passage of the order as amended.

Mr. PIERCE, of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I am very sorry to have to oppose this order. Sometime ago I went into the affairs of the Bridge Department with some care and discovered that they were carrying more men than they needed. I think it would have been very easy to have saved at least \$18,000 a year—much more than enough to cover this expense; and I think that during the last year, although the Mount Washington bridge has been inoperative, they have still kept the full force of men on the payrolls for that bridge.

There was a chance to save more than enough to cover this expense, and apparently the opportunity was lost. I think that it would be encouraging extravagance and loose conduct of the department to pass this order. I believe they should be compelled to retrench in that department, and I hope the order will not pass.

Mr. NOONAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, in reply to Mr. Pierce of Wd. 11, I will say that I don't think the force of men employed in the Bridge Department has any bearing on the order. The order calls for an improvement which is not to be a local improvement, but one for the entire city, inasmuch as practically everybody in the city of Boston, perhaps, uses one of those bridges during the course of the year. The approaches to the Federal St., Broadway Extension and Dover St. bridges are very long, and there is no chance for any shelter whatever. The papers, since the order has been introduced, have expressed a desire to have this bill go through. The mere fact that some member thinks the department is carrying too many employees has no bearing whatever on the order. In introducing the original order I made the sum \$2000, thinking that I would like to keep it down as low as possible, but the Superintendent of Bridges has told me that it will be really necessary to have \$4500 for the four bridges. The reason why I have included the Naphen bridge is so that there may be a shelter there, and the Superintendent told me that for the four bridges the amount I have named in my amendment will be necessary. It is really a small amount for the purpose, and I hope the order as amended will pass.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, it seems to me that this is an order that might well go to the Committee on Finance. They can look into the matter and if it has merit can report the order to either the Board of Aldermen or the Council. I hope the gentlemen will vote to move it to that committee, and I move its reference to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, two years ago I introduced an order similar to No. 7, and at the advice of the then Superintendent of Bridges and the Mayor the order was referred to the Committee on Finance. Since then nothing has been done. This year the Superintendent of Bridges has assured my colleague from Wd. 13 that he believes this is a much needed improvement. Every member of the Council knows that South Boston may well be termed the section of bridges. We have Dover-St. bridge, which has long approaches on both sides the draws; Federal-St. bridge, and Broadway Extension bridge. Coming over those bridges daily are thousands of people, not only from South Boston, but from the Dorchester district, going to work. Very often, and especially in the winter season, hundreds are forced to stand outside without any protection. It is a matter that has been looked into by the Superintendent of Bridges, and we are assured that if the loan is authorized, His Honor the Mayor will issue it. I feel that the argument offered by the gentleman from Wd. 11 as to the number of employees there are working in the Bridge Department should not be taken into consideration tonight. If what the gentleman says is true, when the report of the Committee on Appropriations is presented here and it is proven to the members of this Board that there are being carried on the pay roll of the Bridge Department more men than are necessary, the gentleman from Wd. 11 will find the Councilman from Wd. 13 voting to decrease

the appropriation for the Bridge Department. That should not be taken into consideration, however, tonight. This is an entirely different matter. The question is whether or not we will appropriate \$4500 for the protection of the citizens, the working girls and men of Dorchester and South Boston. It is a small amount, and we feel that we are entitled to it.

The motion to refer to the Committee on Finance, when appointed, was lost.

The order was passed, yeas 60, nays 3:

Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Bramhall, Buckley, Carruth, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Daly (17), Daly (12), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, George, Green, Hackett, Hanrahan, Harding, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGregor, McLennan, Mealey, Montague, Murphy, Noonan, Noyes, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Peshorn, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Santosuosso, Sheenan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Willcutt, Woodside, Zeterman—60.

Nays—Davidson, Pierce, Wharton—3.

Absent or not voting—Barrett, Brown, Cronin, Ducey, Madden, McCabe, McGivern, Morgan, Purcell, Roberts, Troy, Wentworth—12.

Mr. NOONAN moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

SIDEWALK ORDINANCE.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 8, assignment, viz.:

8. An Ordinance to amend Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, concerning the use of streets.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 34 of Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, relating to prohibitions and penalties, as amended by Chapter 1 of the Ordinances of 1903, is hereby further amended by striking out, in the first and third lines of said section as amended, the words "in a," and by inserting instead the words "on a sidewalk or crosswalk in any," so that said section, when so amended, shall read as follows:

No person shall, on a sidewalk or crosswalk in any street, wilfully, maliciously and wantonly obstruct the free passage of foot travelers, nor shall any person on a sidewalk or crosswalk in any street, except in that part of Otis St. between Franklin St. and Summer St., during the part of the day between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M., wilfully, maliciously and wantonly saunter and loiter for more than five minutes after being directed by a police officer to move on.

Mr. HANRAHAN—Mr. President, I move a suspension of the rules, that the ordinance may go upon its passage tonight.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the question comes on the passage of the ordinance.

Mr. McCarthy of Wd. 8 offered the following as a substitute:

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, Concerning the Use of Streets.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 34 of Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, relating to prohibitions and penalties, as amended by Chapter 1 of the Ordinances of 1903, is hereby further amended so that said section shall read as follows:

No person shall, on a sidewalk or crosswalk in any street, obstruct the free passage of foot travelers, nor shall any person on a sidewalk or crosswalk

in any street, except in that part of Otis St. between Franklin St. and Summer St., during the part of the day between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M., loiter for more than five minutes after being directed by a police officer to move on.

The question came on the adoption of the substitute.

Mr. HANRAHAN—Mr. President, I hope the substitute will not be adopted. It is only a few years ago that those words, "wilfully, maliciously and wantonly," were inserted, and that is all that protects any person standing on the sidewalk. In my ordinance, I do not ask to have those words stricken out. My ordinance provides that persons shall be allowed to stand upon the street, and if they are injured they cannot recover damages. I do not think it is fair that those words should be stricken out. Do not take away the only protection which they have.

Mr. MCCARTHY—Mr. President, my reason for asking that those words be stricken out is that in the part of the city which I represent we have a large population. In order to get up town, we have to come through such streets as Greene St., Court St., Tremont Row, and Tremont St. That section of the city at the present time is very much overcrowded. On Court St. and Greene St., especially, during the past year or two, it has grown so crowded, and we have such a large number of sailors and marines from the vessels in the harbor gathered on those streets in the vicinity of the liquor stores that it has made it very bad for anybody, and especially women, to go through those streets. Only last Sunday, Mr. President, one of the clergymen in my section of the city preached a sermon on that very thing. He said: "The authorities have promised us a bigger, better and busier Boston. Of its being bigger and busier, I know nothing; but it is no better."

He also said that there was more depravity in the West End than in any of the large cities of Europe. He said that he had observed life as it appeared to the passerby in New York, Chicago, San Francisco, London, Paris, Vienna, Brussels, Glasgow and Belfast, and elsewhere abroad. He said: "The last two, I always believed the wickedest places I had seen, but they are outdone by the nightly exhibition on the thoroughfares from this church"—which is on Chambers St.—"to Court Sq. Leaving out the types of men met, there will be seen young girls by scores who ought to be at home. The streets I have indicated present a most disheartening picture for the well-wisher of the city, or of humanity." Under the ordinance which the gentleman has put in, the police captain down there has informed me that they cannot under any condition convict a man for loitering on the street. He says that if we will pass an ordinance such as I have offered tonight, he will clean up Court St., Greene St., and the rest of the streets in my section, inside of one week, and make them fit for people to go through, and so that they can go through them without being insulted. No man in my section of the city who has a wife or sister will let them go through Court St. or Greene St. if he can prevent it, because they are sure to be insulted by these men who congregate there. For that reason, I hope that my substitute ordinance will prevail.

Mr. HANRAHAN—Mr. President, I do not agree with the gentleman in the third division. He says that the police captain in charge of that division says that they cannot convict a man for loitering on the sidewalk. I know better than that, because I was in court

only about two weeks ago at a time when two young men were convicted for that offense. They were convicted of violating this ordinance in the lower court. The simple fact is that the police down in that district are not attending to their duty when they allow those sailors to stand on the street. If they did their duty, they would clear the street.

Mr. MONTAGUE of Wd. 10—Mr. President, it seems to me that the substitute ordinance should be adopted. The obstruction of a street is not a matter like the taking of human life, where malice or the lack of it is the very essence of the whole thing. Without malice, the taking of life is not murder; but when you come to the matter of obstructing a street, it does not make any difference whether it is done maliciously or otherwise—the effect is the same. It obstructs and interferes with the rights of the people who are passing and repassing along the street. If a man stands on the sidewalk for five minutes, he obstructs the street just as much whether he does it maliciously, or wilfully, or wantonly, or whether he does it without any apparent malice whatever. I think the gentleman in the third division is right when he says that under the ordinance offered by the gentleman in the fourth division (Mr. Hanrahan), no person could be convicted of obstructing a sidewalk; because malice is a state of mind, and the court would have to be a mind reader in order to determine what the state of mind was of the person who had obstructed the sidewalk. Unless it could read his mind and determine that which he did it he was acting maliciously, it could never convict. Now, the only object of convicting a person for obstructing the sidewalk is as a warning to others, so that the streets may be kept free. The streets ought to be free for people to come and go on them. It seems to me that the substitute order has the right of it.

Mr. SANTOSUOSSO of Wd. 6—Mr. President, I am opposed to the passage of the substitute ordinance, because it seems to me that it would strike mainly at the section of the city which I partly represent in this body. If the substitute ordinance were to go into effect, I am satisfied that the police of Station 1 could go down on Hanover St. or North Sq. on a Sunday morning and arrest anywhere from two hundred to three hundred people because of their obstructing the street. Such was the condition a year or so ago, when the captain of Station 1, in that section of the city, gave orders to certain police officers to make wholesale arrests. I remember that on one occasion they arrested in the neighborhood of 150 people in that section of the city for having obstructed the passage-way on certain sidewalks in the vicinity of the corner of Prince and Hanover Sts. I understood at that time that every one of those individuals were discharged from the court, as in the opinion of the court no one had violated any city ordinance. Some of the people who live in the North End section of the city are not as well accustomed to the conditions in this city and to the ordinances of the city of Boston as people are who have been born and brought up here in this country. Some of those who have come here from Italy and Russia know nothing of the laws of this city or state. On certain mornings they congregate on the various street corners in the North End and meet their friends from the old country. Many of them, I presume, have not the facilities for meeting one another in their private homes. They therefore meet them on the street,

and chat cheerfully and pleasantly with them for many minutes. If this substitute ordinance offered by Councilman McCarthy of Wd. 8 were to pass here tonight, I am satisfied that many of those citizens in the North End who are really law-abiding, would be arrested within a short time, for I know that that would add to the pleasure of many of the police officials of the section of the city that I come from. I admit that Court and Green Sts. are pretty bad places to pass through. The gentleman says that they are places of bad repute, and that those streets are crowded with sailors and marines, and that the officers have no opportunity of arresting them for any violation of the law. I desire to say, Mr. President, that if the police captain of that district would interest himself sufficiently to direct some individual officer of his station to go through that particular section frequently during the day or during the night, there would not be any insulting or assaulting of women and children, such as has been inferred here by the gentleman from Wd. 8. There has been an idea in the city that the North End section of the city has been a pretty rough place in the past. We have had no other ordinance in that section than the existing ordinance, the ordinance now in the book of ordinances; and the North End section of the city today, Mr. President, is as clean and as reputable as any other section of the city. We do not need this substitute ordinance in the North End, and I am satisfied that this ordinance is not needed in the West End section of the city. I know that it is not needed in those sections of Greene St. and Court St. which are within Wd. 6. I am satisfied, moreover, Mr. President, that if the police captain in that section of the city will interest himself to the extent of assigning some individual police officer to that section, and putting him on guard, this substitute order will not be needed. Therefore, I trust that this substitute ordinance will not be adopted, as I believe it will be a great detriment to many of my constituents in the North End section.

Mr. McCARTHY—Mr. President, just a word in answer to the gentleman. In regard to what he has said about people congregating in the streets and in North Sq., I wish to say that this ordinance does not affect the streets. They can congregate in the streets as much as they please, so long as they keep off the sidewalks. As for the gentleman speaking about the police captain putting a police officer on that street, the captain already has four men from Bowdoin Sq. to Sudbury St., put there for the purpose of keeping those people on the move, and he cannot keep them going. The present ordinance was offered by an old Wd. 8 man, Councilman Mancovitz, in 1903. He had two men, clients of his, and who lived in the North End, convicted in court and fined \$5 for obstructing the street. Being a member of the Council at that time, he came here the next Thursday evening and offered that order, so as to protect any more of his clients whom he might get. I think that the amendment which I have offered is a very pertinent one, and I do not think that it will affect the people in Wd. 6, in North Sq., any more than in any other section of the city. They have the whole street to congregate in, if they wish to congregate around there. I think the substitute order which I have offered is a good one, and ought to pass.

Mr. SANTOSUOSSO—I desire to say, Mr. President, for the benefit of the gentleman from Wd. 8, who has just

preceded me, that the people who congregate at the corner of Prince and Hanover Sts., or in North Sq., do most frequently congregate on the sidewalks, and therefore would be violating a city ordinance and liable to arrest if the gentleman's substitute ordinance were adopted, although they would not be wilfully and maliciously obstructing the sidewalk. If we should wipe out those words, the police could come down there, swarm down upon them, and arrest them by the wholesale. I do not think that the people of my section of the city want to see any ordinance such as the substitute ordinance passed here tonight? I do not believe that such an ordinance is necessary. We have streets in the North End which are sometimes overcrowded with sailors and marines, and I do not hear of any women being insulted in that section of the city. I have often passed through Greene and Court Sts. Mr. McCarthy knows that I frequently have passed through those streets. I recall no instance where I have seen any lady or child insulted or offended by any sailor or marine or any other obnoxious person; and if the police captain of Station 3 has delegated three police officers to take care of that crowd daily and nightly, I am satisfied that, if they did their duty, they would wipe out anything of that kind that exists there.

Mr. McCARTHY—Mr. President, in reference to what the gentleman from Wd. 6 says about his going through that section of the city a great deal, I wish to say that there is no doubt of that. His business frequently calls him to that section of the city. But as to his never having seen anybody insulted in that section of the city, I must say that the doctor must have been blind if he hasn't seen that.

Mr. BRAMHALL of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I would like to inquire of the gentleman in the fourth division why the people of Otis St., between Franklin St. and Summer St., should have the inestimable privilege of standing upon the street, which is denied to people in other sections of the city? Why is the exception made?

Mr. HANRAHAN—Mr. President, the Building Trades Council meets there and the laborers meet at the Mechanics' Exchange. A large number of mechanics go there and are hired, and that is why this exception is made in the case of that part of Otis St. This is contained in the old ordinances.

Mr. LILL of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I will say that, unless this substitute ordinance of Mr. McCarthy of Wd. 8 goes into effect, the effect of the ordinance will be in a measure to permit the captain of that police district to go down there and make wholesale arrests for obstruction. If the substitute is adopted, I believe we will have the proper ordinance. In other words, if the ordinance as framed by Councilman Hanrahan of Wd. 2 should go into effect the police authorities would be in a quandary at all times as to whether or not they would be able to bring a man into court and convict him. I believe, Mr. President and members of the Council, that the ordinance presented by Mr. McCarthy is a proper one. I started to look into the ordinance of 1905—that is, to read the ordinance as it originally stood before amendment; and I believe, if you will look at this time, you will find that the ordinance then read as Mr. McCarthy has now introduced it. I certainly hope, gentlemen, that the ordinance as offered by Mr. McCarthy will prevail.

Mr. McCarthy's substitute was declared rejected. Mr. McCarthy doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote. The Council stood divided, and the sub-

stitute was declared adopted, 31 members in favor, 30 against:

Mr. HANRAHAN further doubted the vote, and asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the substitute was rejected, yeas 29, nays 37:

Yeas—Anderson, Bramhall, Brown, Carruth, Clark (24), Cose, Davidson, Ferguson, George, Green, Hackett, Hayes, Lill, McCabe, McCarthy, McGregor, McLennan, Montague, Noonan, Noyes, O'Brien (5), Peshorn, Pierce, Roberts, Rosenberg, Sullivan (15), Wharton, Willcutt, Zetterman—29.

Nays—Bagley, Buckley, Clark (20), Colpoys, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hanrahan, Harding, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, McCormack, McCullough, Mealey, Murphy, O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Rachowsky, Sacks, Santosuosso, Sheehan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Woodside—37.

Absent or not voting—Barett, Ducey, Hatton, Madden, McGivern, Morgan, Purcell, Troy, Wentworth—9.

The question came on giving the original ordinance a second reading.

Mr. LILL of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I was going to move a reconsideration of the vote just taken, and that the same be assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will entertain that motion.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I don't want to vote against the motion of the gentleman, but it seems to me that this order has been on the calendar now for two or three weeks, and if we assign it to the next meeting of the Council, it will probably be delayed two or three weeks more. I think, inasmuch as there seems to be some opinion that the ordinance should be amended, that the proper place for the entire ordinance is in the Committee on Ordinances. If I am in order, I would move as a substitute motion that the entire subject be referred to the Committee on Ordinances, when appointed.

The PRESIDENT—The motion to assign takes precedence of the motion to refer. The question comes on assignment of reconsideration.

The Council refused to assign reconsideration.

Reconsideration was refused, and the question came on giving the original ordinance a second reading.

On motion of Mr. McCULLOUGH, the matter was referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

IMPROVEMENT OF M-ST. PLAYGROUND.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 9, assignment, viz.:

9. Ordered, That the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) be appropriated to be expended by the Park Department in placing the M-St. Playground in proper condition for public use; and that to meet such appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to the above amount.

The question came on motion of Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14 to reconsider the vote of Jan. 31, whereby the above order was rejected.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14—Mr. President, upon the question of reconsidering the vote on this order, which was rejected at the last meeting, I want to say that in looking over the proceedings I see a communication from the Park Commissioners calling for an expenditure of \$2000 for M St. playground; but I believe it will only take in the fixing up of the outdoor apparatus of the M St. playground. I believe

the only argument at the last meeting was that the \$4500 formerly passed by this Council was really too much. I think there were more than 10 items, referred to in connection with this order at the last meeting, matters that demand immediate attention. We know that work such as is demanded there costs money. We have already had before us, and have passed, an order for a hand-ball court, in another section, involving an expenditure of \$2500. So it can be seen, in connection with outside apparatus, that a hand-ball court alone would eat up a large part of the \$4500. We also have to bear in mind the fact that a great many things are demanded in connection with this outdoor gymnasium—the fixing up of the track, electric lights, baths, a layer of cinders, the fixing up of the ball field, arrangements for skating, arc lamps so that they can skate at night, and lights in connection with the proper working of the place. I feel, Mr. President and members of the Council, that we in South Boston are entitled to a properly equipped playground. Other orders have been passed by this body for playgrounds in different sections; but, instead of our getting the playground which we can use, in slang phrase we are getting a "lemon." We have got the name, that is all, and no playground. I feel as though the city government, before going to fixing up other playgrounds, should help us out in finishing our playground, that we may have what we are supposed to have. Instead of merely having the name, let us have a little of the game. I think South Boston is entitled to one good playground. I think the population over there comprises almost one-fourth of the city of Boston, and we should have at least one outdoor gymnasium; and should also have a chance for baths, so that the L St. bath will not be so much over-worked. I hope the order will go upon its passage to-night. I feel as though this is needed and that we are really entitled to it.

Mr. McLENNAN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I do not desire at this time or at any time to oppose an order for an appropriation that will be beneficial to any section of the community. I appreciate the efforts of the gentleman from Wd. 14 to secure this improvement; but, as I stated at our last meeting, when this order was introduced, Councilman Troy stated in the original order that the sum of \$4500 was sufficient to cover all necessary expenses. Both these orders were introduced on the same night, and either the two gentlemen did not get together, or else each did not know that the other was to introduce an order—because Councilman Troy introduced an order for \$4500 and Councilman Fitzgerald an order for \$10,000. It seems to me, in view of the statement of Mr. Troy of Wd. 14, that this sum will be sufficient to cover all necessary expenses, that it will be advisable to first find out whether \$4500 will be sufficient. If not, they can come and ask for another appropriation. It seems to me at this time inadvisable to grant another appropriation for this matter until they have found out that the \$4500 already appropriated will be insufficient, and I trust that reconsideration will not prevail.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 14—Mr. President, Mr. McLennan of Wd. 12 is somewhat confused, I believe, in his statement. Councilman Troy said that \$4500 was enough to finish the lockers for the outdoor gymnasium. Councilman Fitzgerald's order goes farther than Councilman Troy's order. Councilman Fitzgerald's order calls for an appropriation which will light both sides of the playground and which will put eight shower baths, as was originally intend-

ed, in the locker building, instead of the four dilapidated ones that are there now. It will also give people who take baths in the aforesaid locker building facilities for seeing their way in and out at night. It will also put some loam on the ground there, which at the present time is all gravel, and will accommodate those fellows who wish to play baseball or football there. It will eliminate the scratching and tearing of the skin on different parts of the body, while playing football and baseball there, because of gravel and glass. I trust that Mr. McLennan will take a different view of this matter. The \$10,000 order calls for an appropriation which will fix up the entire playground; Councilman Troy's order calls for an appropriation which will merely put in the lockers to finish the gymnasium.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I notice that an estimate was sent in by the Park Department—I think at the meeting before the last—of \$2000, which covered the gymnasium and the lockers. The gentleman speaks of the showers as if there were only four. As a matter of fact, there are eight there now, so they are provided for. Then he asks for a handball court. A handball court costs, I understand, \$3500. That makes the complete figure \$5500. You still have one thousand dollars too much in the original appropriation, and you ask for loam and lights. Now, do you think loam and lights are going to cost \$11,000? I do not.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14—Mr. President, Mr. Pierce says we have eight showers. We are supposed to have them, but we do not have them. The water supply is not large enough to supply eight showers. Now, taking it on a summer's night, when people are trying to get a good place for a bath, it is well known that the L St. bathhouse is so crowded that it is extremely difficult to get in there. I believe a reading over of the papers of last summer will show you how crowded the L St. bathhouse is in warm weather. Why, a man came from California for a bath over there. It is a fact that frequently you have to stand in line with from anywhere from 100 to 200 people to get in to the L St. baths; and I say it is now a fact that at M St. there are but four showers that can be used. It is impossible for more than four people to get in there and use them. I believe that state of affairs should be remedied. We should have a larger water main and shower baths. I also believe there should be an improvement of the ball field. Ball players now have to leave the grounds and go up on the common. I believe we should have a water fountain down there. The gentleman says it will cost about \$750 for a handball court. I believe an order passed at the last meeting for a handball court provided \$2500. I don't think the gentleman objected or said at that time that \$1500 was enough for a handball court. Mr. President, I will not believe that we are asking for one cent too much for the M St. playground, when you consider all that has to be done there. We have the name, as I have said, and I hope we will also have the game.

The Council voted to reconsider its action of last week rejecting No. 9, yeas 28, nays 23.

Yeas—Colpoys, Costello, Cronin, Daly (15), Daly (12), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hanrahan, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, McCabe, McCormack, McCullough, Mealey, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Peshorn, Rachkowsky, Sacks, Santosuosso, Sheenan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15)—38.

Nays—Anderson, Bagley, Bramhall, Brown, Carruth, Clark (24), Cose, Davidson, Ferguson, George, Green, Hackett, Harding, McCarthy, McGregor, McLennan, Noyes, Pierce, Roberts, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—23.

Absent or not voting—Parrett, Buckley, Clark (20), Ducey, Hatton, Lill, Madden, McGivern, Montague, Morgan, Purcell, Rosenberg, Troy, Wentworth—14.

The Council refused to pass the order (50 votes being required for passage), yeas 38, nays 23:

Yeas—Buckley, Colpoys, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hanrahan, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, McCabe, McCormack, McCullough, Mealey, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Sacks, Santosuosso, Sheenan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15)—38.

Nays—Anderson, Bagley, Bramhall, Brown, Carruth, Clark (24), Cose, Davidson, Ferguson, George, Hackett, Harding, Lill, McCarthy, McGregor, McLennan, Noyes, Pierce, Roberts, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—23.

Absent or not voting—Barrett, Clark (20), Daly (12), Ducey, Hatton, Green, Madden, McGivern, Montague, Morgan, Peshorn, Rosenberg, Troy, Wentworth—14.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The President announced the appointment of members on the part of the Common Council on the following committees, viz.:

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Appropriations—Barrett, Sullivan (15), Foley, Hanrahan, McCabe, Rachkowsky, McCullough, Carruth, Clark (20), Cose.

Art Department—Noyes, O'Brien (18), Kelly, Lill, Sacks, Davidson, Anderson, Mealey.

Assessing Department—Hayes, Joyce, Cronin, Leonard, Rosenberg, Anderson, Ferguson, Brown.

Auditing Department—Madden, Hatton, Doherty, Kelly, Sorenson, Brown, Hackett, Davidson.

Bath Department—Hanrahan, Buckley, Costello, Hayes, Spellman, Green, Peshorn, Bagley.

Building Department—McGivern, McCormack, Mealey, Kelly, Fitzgerald (14), McGregor, Wentworth, Willcutt.

Cemetery Department—Troy, Pendergast, Doyle, Colpoys, Barrett, Green, Carruth, McLennan.

City Clerk Department—McCarthy, Hayes, Kelly, Kohler, Sullivan (15), McLennan, Morgan, Roberts.

City Messenger Department—Pendergast, Fitzgerald (14), Kennedy, Madden, McGivern, Bramhall, Montague, Wharton.

Clerk of Committees Department—Rachkowsky, Buckley, Donovan, Foley, Hatton, Davidson, Green, Woodside.

Claims—Donovan, Santosuosso, Leonard, Sorenson, O'Brien (5), Woodside, George, Ferguson.

Collecting Department—Colpoys, Daly (12), Cronin, Hatton, Rosenberg, Cose, Ferguson, Willcutt.

Election Department—Driscoll, Sacks, O'Brien (18), Hanrahan, O'Brien (14), George, McGregor, Wentworth.

Engineering Department—Ducey, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Brien (5), Noonan, Wharton, Zetterman, McGregor.

Finance—Fitzgerald (3), Troy, Kennedy, Daly (12), Noonan, Sheeran, Colpoys, Bramhall, Noyes, Montague.

Fire Department—Lill, Buckley, Colpoys, Doyle, Foley, Harding, Carruth, Davidson.

Health Department—Ducey, McCullough, Foley, Joyce, McCormack, Cose, Willcutt, Woodside.

Hospital Department—Santosuosso, Costello, Daly (17), Lill, Driscoll, Carruth, Clark (20), Roberts.

Institutions Departments—Daly (17), O'Brien (14), Daly (12), Santosuosso, Fitzgerald (14), Clark (20), Morgan, Harding.

Lamp Department—Murphy, O'Brien (14), Buckley, McCullough, Purcell, Wentworth, Peshorn, Bagley.

Legislative Matters—Montague, Hayes, McCullough, O'Brien (5), Sheenan, O'Brien (14), Morgan, Pierce.

Library Department—Kohler, Doherty, Kennedy, Lill, Sullivan (15), Zetterman, Anderson, Noyes.

Market Department—McCullough, Foley, Madden, Joyce, Purcell, Pierce, Bagley, Clark (24).

Music Department—Joyce, Kennedy, Doherty, Leonard, Rosenberg, Morgan, Montague, Zetterman.

Ordinances and Law Department—Hayes, Pendergast, Donovan, Sheenan, O'Brien (14), Anderson, George, Cose.

Overseeing of the Poor Department—Foley, Donovan, Hayes, McGivern, Rachkowsky, Clark (20), Wharton, Carruth.

Park Department—Buckley, Fitzgerald (3), McCarthy, Purcell, Ducey, Cose, Woodside, Bagley.

Police—Sacks, Fitzgerald (14), Hanrahan, McCarthy, Rachkowsky, Pierce, Anderson, George.

Printing—Doherty, Sullivan (5), Driscoll, Spellman, Murphy, Green, Morgan, Hackett.

Public Buildings Department—Foley, Sorenson, Ducey, Fitzgerald (3), Sacks, Peshorn, Hackett, Harding.

Public Grounds Department—Noonan, Mealey, Kohler, Colpoys, Troy, McGregor, Zetterman, Hackett.

Public Lands—Hatton, Madden, Donovan, Fitzgerald (14), Sullivan (5), Brown, Bramhall, Willcutt.

Registry Department—Rosenberg, McCormack, O'Brien (18), McCabe, Driscoll, Pierce, Hackett, Montague.

Schools and Schoolhouses—Daly (17), Murphy, Hatton, McCarthy, McCormack, McGregor, Ferguson, Clark (24).

Statistics Department—Noonan, Joyce, McGivern, Pendergast, Sorenson, Harding, Anderson, Pierce.

Street Department—McCabe, Daly (12), Joyce, Kohler, Troy, Noyes, Harding, Peshorn.

Street Laying Out Department—Purcell, Leonard, Lill, McCullough, Madden, Willcutt, Wharton, Carruth.

Treasury Department—Sullivan (5), Lill, Daly (12), Fitzgerald (14), Mealey, McLennan, Wentworth, Noyes.

Vessels and Ballast Department—Driscoll, McCabe, Sullivan (5), Cronin, Pendergast, Bramhall, Davidson, Roberts.

Water Department—Costello, McCullough, Foley, O'Brien (18), Fitzgerald (14), Carruth, Morgan, Zetterman.

Weights and Measures Department—Mealey, McCormack, Ducey, O'Brien (18), Sheenan, McGregor, Roberts, Clark (20).

Wire Department—Sullivan (15), McGivern, Ducey, Cronin (18), Santosuosso, Clark (24), Pierce, Brown.

Joint Special Committees.

Brighton Day—Cose, McCabe, Zetterman, Murphy, Madden, Kohler.

Dorchester Day—Clark (24), Costello, Clark (20), McGivern, Bramhall, Willcutt, Kelly, Green, Harding.

Evacuation Day—O'Brien (14), Sullivan (15), Mealey, Troy, McCullough, Fitzgerald (14), Doyle, Noonan, Colpoys, Costello.

July Fourth—The President, Sorenson, Pendergast, McCormack, Hatton, Buckley, Rachkowsky, Foley, McCarthy, Driscoll, Montague, Roberts, Daly (12), Noonan, Fitzgerald (14), Sullivan (15), McGivern, Daly (17), Kohler, Bramhall, Ferguson, Morgan, Carruth, Green Cose.

June Seventeenth—Fitzgerald (3), Donovan, Hayes, Sullivan (5), McCormack, O'Brien (5), Hatton, Ducey Buckley.

Labor Day—Sullivan (15), Doyle, Spellman, Purcell, Ducey, Peshorn, Hackett, Green.

Mayor's Address—Santosuosso, Sullivan (15), Sacks, McCabe, Hanrahan, Pierce, Clark (24), McLennan.

Memorial Day—Doyle, Mealey, Murphy, Costello, O'Brien (14), Carruth, Zetterman, Woodside.

Patriots' Day—Rachkowsky, Santosuosso, Purcell.

Rules and Orders—Barrett, Costello, Kohler, Joyce, Lill, Clark (24), Cose, Morgan.

Common Council Committees.

Elections—Purcell, Rosenberg, Wharton, Kelly, McLennan.

Judiciary—Pierce, Fitzgerald (3), O'Brien (14).

Badges—Murphy, Troy, McGregor.

Rules and Orders—Barrett, Daly (12), Hatton, Pierce, Wharton.

Later in the session Mr. Pendergast of Wd. 2 resigned from the Committee on Fourth of July, and Mr. Doherty of Wd. 2 was appointed in his place.

HURLING, COMMONWEALTH PARK.

Mr. DOYLE of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place Commonwealth Park in proper condition for hurling and other sports, to be held there on March 17, 1907.

Referred to the Mayor.

FOOT-WALK, D ST.

Mr. DOYLE offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to construct a temporary foot-walk on D St., Wd. 13, to D St. gymnasium, during the present winter season.

Referred to the Mayor.

SUNDAY BATHING, D-ST. GYMNASIUM.

Mr. DOYLE offered an order—That the Bath Trustees, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to keep the D-St. Gymnasium open for bathing purposes on Sundays during the same hours as on week days.

Referred to the Mayor.

LAMP, WD. 13.

Mr. DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to cause a lamp to be erected in front of 108 West Broadway, Wd. 13.

Referred to the Mayor.

MUNICIPAL LIGHTING, WD. 13.

Mr. DOYLE offered an order—That the city of Boston be, and hereby is, authorized, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 34 of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts, to construct, purchase or lease or maintain within its limits, one or more plants for the manufacture or distribution of gas and electricity for furnishing light for mu-

nicipal use, and light, heat and power, except for the operation of electric cars, for the use of its inhabitants.

Assigned to the first meeting in August, on motion of Mr. DOYLE.

SPRINKLING OF WASHINGTON ST.

Mr. DRISCOLL of Wd. 9 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have Washington St. between Beach St. and Milk St. sprinkled with gravel and sand every morning when there is a frost or ice on the wooden pavement, where it is slippery traveling for horses.

Referred to the Mayor.

GYMNASIUM, WD. 19.

Mr. KOHLER of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the sum of \$50,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated to be expended by the Bath Commissioners for an all-the-year bath-house and gymnasium, Wd. 19, and to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time on request of the Mayor bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

The order was read once and takes its second reading at the next meeting, under the rule.

SHELTER AT CHARLES RIVER BRIDGE.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 5 offered an order—That the Finance Committee include in first loan order a sum sufficient to erect and maintain a shelter on each end of one side of Charles River Bridge, said bridge connecting Charlestown and North end districts of city proper.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

ORDINANCES FOR POLICEMEN.

Mr. FERGUSON of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Police Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide each member of the police force with one copy of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Referred to the Mayor.

PLAYGROUND, ETC., Wd. 21.

Mr. FERGUSON offered an order—That the sum of \$75,000 be appropriated to be expended by the Park Department for a playground and gymnasium in Wd. 21; and that to meet such appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to the above amount.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. FERGUSON

EXTENSION OF KEARSARGE AVE.

Mr. FERGUSON offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to extend Kearsarge Ave. from Warren to Greenville Sts., Wd. 17.

Passed. Sent up.

BOARD WALK, WARD 1.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested through His Honor the

Mayor to cause a board walk to be placed on Prescott St., between Bremen St. and Wood Island Park, Wd. 1.

Referred to the Mayor.

LAMPS ON SARATOGA ST.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a sufficient number of lamps on Saratoga St., Wd. 1, between Wordsworth and Boardman Sts.

Referred to the Mayor.

CARS FOR ORIENT HEIGHTS.

Mr. BAGLEY offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause the line of cars which now runs to Shelby St. only, to continue to Orient Heights, where it is most needed.

Referred to the Mayor.

TRACKS ON RUGGLES ST.

Mr. BARRETT of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to lay tracks on Ruggles St. between Washington St. and Huntington Ave.

Referred to the Mayor.

SEWER, WILLOW PARK.

Mr. BARRETT offered an order—That the Superintendent of Sewers be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to construct a sewer in Willow Park, Wd. 18.

Referred to the Mayor.

REPAVING OF SHAWMUT AVE.

Mr. BARRETT offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to repave Shawmut Ave., from Camden St. to Guild row, Wd. 18.

Referred to the Mayor.

RESURFACING OF HAMMOND ST.

Mr. BARRETT offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to resurface Hammond St., Wd. 18.

Referred to the Mayor.

RESURFACING OF LAMONT ST.

Mr. BARRETT offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to resurface Lamont St., Wd. 18.

Referred to the Mayor.

ACCEPTANCE OF TEMPLE ST.

Mr. DAVIDSON of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to grant a hearing on the acceptance and construction as a public highway, of that section of Temple St. lying between Ivy St. and Centre St., Wd. 23.

Referred to the Mayor.

SEWER ON SPRING ST.

Mr. DAVIDSON offered an order—That the Superintendent of Sewers

be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to give to this body an estimate of the cost of constructing a sewer on Spring St. from Gardner St., to connect with the Metropolitan Sewer, Wd. 23.

Referred to the Mayor.

CAR SERVICE, CITY POINT.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to run more cars to and from City Point, South Boston, and the business section of the city. Especially between the hours of 7-9 A. M., 12-2 P. M., and 5-7 P. M. o'clock.

Referred to the Mayor.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, Q ST.

Mr. O'BRIEN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place an electric arc light on Q St., corner of Third, bordering on Marine Park.

Referred to the Mayor.

DRINKING FOUNTAIN, MARINE PARK.

Mr. O'BRIEN offered an order—That the Park Commission, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a drinking fountain, bubble style, on that part of Marine Park between Farragut's statue and the Castle Island pier.

Referred to the Mayor.

WIDENING OF AMORY ST.

Mr. PENSHORN of Wd. 22 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to widen Amory St. from Centre St. to Dimock St., Wd. 22.

Passed. Sent up.

CLOSING OF MARKETS.

Mr. SHEENAN of Wd. 17 offered an order—That the Committee on Markets Department be requested, in renewing the leases for the Quincy and the Faneuil Hall Markets, to incorporate a clause in the leases to the effect that during the months of June, July and August the markets shall be closed at 1 P. M. on Wednesdays.

Passed. Sent up.

NEW FLOOR, CURTIS HALL.

Mr. SHEENAN offered an order—That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island \$1200 be and the same is hereby appropriated to be expended by the Public Buildings Department for a new floor in Curtis Hall, Wd. 22.

Passed under a suspension of the rules. Mr. SHEENAN moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

CROSSWALK, CIRCUIT ST.

Mr. HACKETT of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be instructed to place a crosswalk opposite No. 3 Circuit St., Wd. 21.

Referred to the Mayor.

BOARD WALK, WASHINGTON PARK.

Mr. HACKETT offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be instructed to place a board walk in Washington Park, at the junction of Paulding and Bainbridge Sts., to extend to the centre of the park, Wd. 21.

Referred to the Mayor.

ACCEPTANCE OF KILTON ST.

Mr. HARDING of Wd. 20 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public way Kilton St., Wd. 20, between Park St. and Talbot Ave.

Passed. Sent up.

NAMING OF SQUARE.

Mr. WOODSIDE of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the square situated at the junction of Lexington, Shelby and East Eagle Sts., Wd. 1, be, and hereby is, named Lexington Square.

Passed. Sent up.

FIRE ALARM BOX, WD. 10.

Mr. WHARTON of Wd. 10 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be instructed to place a fire alarm box on lamp post located at the junction of Chandler St. and Columbus Ave., Wd. 13.

Referred to the Mayor.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, WD. 1.

Mr. SORENSON of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to erect an electric light at the corner of Bennington and Wordsworth Sts., and to maintain and keep the same in proper repair.

Referred to the Mayor.

LAMP, GLENWAY STREET.

Chandler St. and Columbus Ave.
Mr. CLARK of Wd. 20 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a lamp on Glenway St., between Erie St. and Blue Hill Ave., Ward 20.

Referred to the Mayor.

CAR FOR WOMEN ON ELEVATED.

Mr. DALY of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide on all elevated trains for the exclusive use of females one car between 7:45 and 8:30 A. M. and 5:15 and 6:30 P. M. week days.

Referred to the Mayor.

BATH-HOUSE— CHELSEA BRIDGE.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the Bath Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place and maintain a floating bath-house at Chelsea bridge (north) during the bathing season of 1907.

Mr. DONOVAN—Mr. President, last year an order identical with the one now before the body was introduced, passed and sent to the Bath Trustees. They declined to locate a floating bath-house at the Chelsea bridge, advancing

as the reason that the vast majority of persons who bathed there when a bath-house was formerly at that place were people from Chelsea, and that it was not right or proper that the city of Boston should maintain a bath-house for the accommodation of the people from Chelsea. Since that time I have learned that that reason was not founded upon fact, and that, through no fault of the Bath Trustees, they were misled. At the expense of considerable effort I have gotten together indisputable evidence which shows that during the years that a bath-house was located at that bridge it was used in the great majority of instances either by taxpayers or by the children of taxpayers of the city of Boston. Consequently, I trust that when this order reaches the Bath Trustees they will take that fact into consideration, and will locate a bath-house at Chelsea bridge during the coming season.

Mr. McCORMACK of Wd. 3.—Mr. President, I desire to say a few words on this subject. Last year I offered an order here for the expenditure of \$30,000 for the benefit of my district. It has not come to a natural death yet, but I suppose that it will in time. The needs of the district that I partly represent should, and they will be, understood by every member of this body. We have absolutely no facilities of this kind in Charlestown, with the exception of Dewey Beach, which is in a very out-of-the-way place, and not a place that the majority of people can get to. There are a number of men who work in the vicinity of Chelsea Bridge, and this bath-house would be very handy for them. Many of those men are coal heavers. They can go to this place better than any other which could be provided for them. I feel that the location of this bath-house at Chelsea Bridge would certainly be of great benefit to the people of that district. The fix that that district is in at the present time is certainly a disgrace to the city of Boston. I trust that this matter will be considered in a favorable light, and that Charlestown will receive something of this kind.

The PRESIDENT—The order will be referred to His Honor the Mayor.

COUNCIL NOTE PAPER.

Mr. FOLEY of Wd. 7 offered an order—That the City Messenger provide each member of the Common Council with one ream of commercial note paper, in quality equal to No. 4 Baronial, white laid, plate finish, Old Berkshire, and suitably engraved at head; also with one box half thousand of envelopes to match; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for Common Council, Contingent Expenses, when made.

Passed.

GYMNASIUM, ROGERS PARK.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the sum of \$12,000 be appropriated, to be expended by the Park Commissioners, for a gymnasium and gymnastic apparatus, at Rogers Park, Wd. 25, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized from time to time, on request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. Zetterman.

AUBURNDALE - COMMONWEALTH AVE. CAR LINE.

Mr. ZETTERMAN offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His

Honor the Mayor, to furnish better car service on the Auburndale-Commonwealth Ave. line, running from Park St. between the hours of 6 A. M. and 10 A. M. and from 4 P. M. to 8 P. M.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

HARVARD SQ.-ALLSTON CAR LINE.

Mr. ZETTERMAN offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of connecting its car lines between Harvard Sq., Cambridge, and Allston Station, by North Harvard St., and Franklin St., Allston.

Referred to the Mayor.

TRANSFERS TO SCOLLAY SQUARE SUBWAY.

Mr. ZETTERMAN offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to take such action as may be necessary to enable the passengers of Allston and Brighton cars running to Scollay Square to transfer to the subway at the Scollay Square station.

Referred to the Mayor.

ICE FROM CHESTNUT HILL RESERVOIR.

Mr. ZETTERMAN offered an order—That the Water Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform the Common Council at its next meeting what action, if any, is necessary to enable the city to obtain ice from the Chestnut Hill Reservoir, for municipal or other purposes.

Referred to the Mayor.

ADDITIONAL LIGHTS, BRIGHTON.

Mr. ZETTERMAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to relocate the lights and provide a sufficient number of additional lights, so as to properly light the square at the junction of Market and Cambridge Sts., Brighton.

Referred to the Mayor.

ONLY LEGAL VOTERS TO REMOVE SNOW.

Mr. ZETTERMAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, and other departments engaged in the removal of snow, be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to employ only legal voters of the city for such work.

Referred to the Mayor.

AUTHORITY TO TUNNEL OR BRIDGE STREETS.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13, offered an order—That the Corporation Counsel inform this body at its next meeting by what right, and under what law, does the Board of Aldermen grant permits to erect tunnels or bridges between buildings, such as the one that now connects the Boston Herald building, on Tremont St., with its building on Mason St.

Passed.

LOAN TO LAY OUT NEW STREETS.

Mr. BRAMHALL of Wd. 20 offered an order—That the sum of \$500,000 be appropriated for the laying out and construction of highways, under the provisions of Chapter 393 of the Acts of the year 1906, and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

The order was ordered to a second reading, and went over to the next meeting.

FLAG STAFF, UPHAM'S CORNER.

Mr. BRAMHALL offered an order—That the Committee on Appropriations be requested to include in the appropriation for City Messenger Department the sum of \$500, for the purpose of defraying the expense of a flag staff, to be located at Upham's Corner, Wd. 20.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

CAR TRANSFERS IN DORCHESTER.

Mr. BRAMHALL offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to give transfers on inward bound cars on Washington St., Dorchester, for inward bound Columbia Rd. cars, (and to give transfers on outward bound Franklin Field and Mattapan cars for outward bound cars on Washington St., Dorchester.

Referred to the Mayor.

DRINKING FOUNTAIN, UPHAM'S CORNER.

Mr. BRAMHALL offered an order—That the Water Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a new drinking fountain for horses at Upham's Corner, Wd. 20.

Referred to the Mayor.

SAFETY OF HUB THEATRE.

Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17 offered an order—That the Building Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to this body at his earliest convenience as to whether or no the Hub Theatre, corner of Washington and Dover Sts., is a safe place to exhibit moving pictures.

Referred to the Mayor.

WOMEN AND CHILD WORKERS.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11 offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Council of Boston respectfully petitions the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and of the House of Representatives of the United States to make an adequate appropriation for carrying out the provisions of Senate Bill 5469, a bill which provides for the investigation by the Department of Commerce and Labor of the conditions of labor of the women and child workers in the United States; that the City Council of Boston believes that the proposed investigation will enable the state and municipal governments to legislate upon this most important question in a more intelligent and effective manner, and that therefore every facility for carrying on this investigation should be provided, and be it also

Ordered, That certified copies of this petition be transmitted by the City Clerk to Hon. James A. Tawney, chairman of the House Committee on Ap-

propriations, and Hon. William D. Allison, chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

Passed. Sent up.

HEBREW CHAPLAIN IN INSTITUTIONS.

Mr. ROSENBERG of Wd. 8 offered an order—That the Penal Institutions Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide for the institutions under his care a teacher of the Hebrew faith, and to provide for his compensation out of the regular appropriation or funds set aside for religious services and instruction.

Mr. ROSENBERG—Mr. President, before that order is referred to His Honor the Mayor, I would like to say a few words in regard to it. The reason that I have introduced that order at this time is that a number of my Hebrew friends who are real estate owners and tax-payers in the city of Boston have come to me and asked me why they were not entitled to a courtesy, which it seemed to be acknowledged rightfully belonged to all others. In the list of county and city officials and employees, I find that at the House of Correction there are two chaplains, one of them William B. Toulmin, who receives a salary of \$600, and the other William J. Richley, who also receives a salary of \$600. Neither of them are of the Hebrew faith. It may be true, Mr. President, that there are not very many Hebrews sent to the House of Correction or to any of the other institutions, but at the same time I believe that we are entitled to have one of the Hebrew faith there to teach those who are sent there, through some misfortune or other. It may very well be that the number is small, but I believe that the number could be very much reduced if we had a teacher there of our own faith, who would give to the Hebrews sent there the instruction which they should receive. I therefore hope, Mr. President, that His Honor the Mayor will consider this matter favorably.

The PRESIDENT—The order will be referred to His Honor the Mayor.

STREET SIGN, CARMEL ST.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a suitable street sign at the corner of Carmel and Tremont Sts., Wd. 19.

Referred to the Mayor.

BLEACHERS ON MARCELLA-ST. PLAYGROUND.

Mr. MURPHY offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to include in the appropriation bill for 1907 the sum of \$1000 for the erection of bleachers on the Marcella-St. Playground, Wd. 22.

Referred to the Mayor.

SWINGS AND SETTEES, RICHARDSON PARK.

Mr. KELLY of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide swings for children and settees for the public, in Richardson Park, Wd. 16.

Referred to the Mayor.

DORCHESTER DAY PARADE.

Mr. KELLY offered an order—That the Committee on Dorchester Day be requested to arrange that the procession on that day shall start from Edward Everett Sq., Wd. 16.

Referred to the Committee on Celebration of Dorchester Day.

DORCHESTER BAND CONCERTS.

Mr. KELLY offered an order—That the Music Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to arrange for a band concert in Andrew Sq. on Evacuation day, and one in Edward Everett Sq. on Dorchester day.

Referred to the Mayor.

EVACUATION DAY PROCESSION.

Mr. KELLY offered an order—That the Committee on Evacuation Day be requested to arrange that the procession on that day shall start from Edward Everett Sq. and pass through Columbia Rd. and Dorchester Ave.

Referred to the Committee on Evacuation Day.

SCHOOL PRIZES.

Mr. NOONAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the School Committee be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to offer prizes to the pupils in the various classes of the public schools for excellence in studies and deportment.

Referred to the Mayor.

CITY POINT CAR SERVICE.

Mr. NOONAN offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to better the street car service to and from City Point, South Boston.

Referred to the Mayor.

LAYING OUT BRIGHTON STREET

Mr. McCABE of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as public highways the following streets in Brighton; Spring St., from Market St. to Murdoch St.; Cupress Rd., from George St. to Dustin St.; Garden St., from George St. to Dustin St., and Maple Ave. from George St. to Dustin St.

Passed. Sent up.

GAS LAMP, PORTER PL.

Mr. PENDERGAST of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a gas lamp in Porter Pl., Wd. 2.

Referred to the Mayor.

FIRE ALARM BOX, WD. 23.

Mr. CARRUTH of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to install a fire alarm box at or near the corner of Custer and Ballard Sts., Wd. 23.

Referred to the Mayor.

LAYING OUT FLETCHER ST.

Mr. CARRUTH offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public way Fletcher St., Wd. 23.

Passed. Sent up.

BAND CONCERTS, WD. 7.

Mr. KENNEDY of Wd. 7 offered an order—That the Music Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to give a band concert at each of the following places during the season:

First—On Warrenton St., between Tremont and Eliot Sts., or Carver St., between Pleasant and Eliot Sts.

Second—On Hudson or Tyler St., between Oak and Harvard Sts.

Referred to the Mayor.

Adjourned at 10.01 P. M., on motion of Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19, to meet on Thursday, Feb. 14, at 7.45 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Feb. 11, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Ald. BERWIN, senior member, presiding and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. CLARK, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

JURORS DRAWN.

Four grand jurors were drawn for the United States circuit court, February term, to appear Feb. 26, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 514, Acts of 1894, viz.:

C. Henry Howard, Wd. 19; James L. Sumer, Wd. 10; James W. Hurley, Wd. 2; Edwin D. Porter, Wd. 17.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Feb. 11, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to confirmation by your Board I hereby appoint Oliver C. Elliot (17 Davis St., Wd. 9) and Donald J. Hayes (17 Davis St., Wd. 9), Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1907.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

ORNAMENTAL FENCE, O'REILLY MEMORIAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Feb. 11, 1907.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from Mr. A. Shuman, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the John Boyle O'Reilly Memorial Committee, offering in behalf of the Committee, to present to the City an ornamental fence to be placed around the monument in the Back Bay Fens which was erected by the Committee to perpetuate the memory of the late poet and patriot.

The Art Commission has approved the proposed fence in respect to design, and I recommend the passage of an order accepting the gift.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Shuman Corner, Boston,

Jan. 28, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of Boston, City Hall, Boston.

Dear Sir:—On June 20, 1896, it was my honor and privilege, as Chairman of the John Boyle O'Reilly Memorial Committee, to present the artistic O'Reilly memorial statue group to Boston, on behalf of the subscribers, through the Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor of the city.

This memorial, which is estimated by the entire country as one of the finest specimens of the sculptor's art in existence, has silently and majestically accomplished its purpose in keeping alive within the hearts of the people the memory of the patriot, poet and nature's nobleman, who possessed with-

in himself those attributes which enabled him to uplift his brother man.

It is now the desire of the committee to erect an ornamental fence or guard to protect this beautiful memorial, and I have taken pleasure in submitting to you a drawing of the same by Clarence H. Blackall, architect. This drawing has already been approved by Mr. Daniel C. French, the sculptor, and by the Art Commission on the 21st instant, and now awaits your official sanction, which kindly transmit to the undersigned, and believe me to be,

For the John Boyle O'Reilly Memorial Committee, Very truly yours,

A. Shuman.

Chairman Executive Committee.

(Annexed was drawing referred to.)

City of Boston.

Art Commission.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald.

Dear Sir:—The Art Commission has considered the latest plan for the detail of fence around the monument of John Boyle O'Reilly, which was sent to it on Jan. 19, 1907, and at a meeting held Jan. 21, voted to approve of the plan.

I am, respectfully yours,

J. T. Coolidge, Secretary.

Ordered, That the City Council gratefully accepts the offer of the John Boyle O'Reilly Memorial Committee to present to the city an ornamental fence to be placed around the monument in the Back Bay Fens erected in honor of John Boyle O'Reilly.

Order passed. Communications and order sent down.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Trustees of Boston City Hospital, for leave to construct basement of the East Boston Relief Station on Porter St, at grade 7.35, and boiler room at grade 5.35.

First National Bank of Boston, for leave to construct sub-basement of proposed building on Franklin St., Wd. 7, at grades varying from 7 to minus 6.

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Hotel Essex, an electric sign, at Atlantic Ave. and Essex St., Wd. 6.

Standard Life and Accident Insurance Company, a sign, at 23 Central St., Wd. 6.

Edward P. Niles, an illuminated sign, over Merrimac Sq., from building 1 Prospect St., Wd. 8.

Emma Heyman, an electric sign, at 82 Dartmouth St., Wd. 10.

A. L. Stark, an illuminated sign, at 1895 Washington St., Wd. 18.

A. Stowell & Co., Inc., illuminated clock sign, 24 Winter St., Wd. 7.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

The Music Trustees, on the evening of March 13.

M. J. F. Flynn, on the evening of Feb. 27.

Writers' Alliance Local 133, on the afternoon of March 10.

People's Protective League, on the evening of Feb. 28.

Claims.

Solomon Bushner, for a hearing on his claim on account of injuries caused by a defective sidewalk at H Allen St.

Ella M. Campbell, for compensation for personal injuries caused by her falling on a defective sidewalk.

Harry Clark, to be paid for damage to coat torn by a post on Washington St., between Brookline and West Newton Sts.

Catherine Blanchard, for compensation for injuries caused by her being struck by a team of the sewer department.

T. Feeney & Co., for compensation for damage to property at 157 Leverett St. by a ladder truck.

Public Improvements.

George R. Dugad, for leave to erect two guy posts on Newbury St., Wd. 11.

Alexander Cook, for a sidewalk, at 133-135 H St., Wd. 14.

ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On petition of Annie C. Burns for leave to project one bay window from building 43 Q St., corner East Third St., over East Third St., Wd. 14—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, Feb. 25, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting there-to may appear and be heard.

On the petition of J. J. Richards for license to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at Oakland Pl., Wd. 24—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, March 4, at 3 o'clock, P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

SIDEWALK SCHEDULE.

A report was received from the Superintendent of Streets recommending the passage of an order as follows: That the persons named in the within schedule be and they hereby are charged and assessed with one-half the sums set to their respective names as their proportional parts of the cost of constructing sidewalks with granite edgestones in front of their estates on said street, and the same was ordered to be certified, and notice given to the parties aforesaid.

On Florence St., Wd. 23, to the amount of \$827.06.

The order was passed.

CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The City Treasurer, after having duly approved of the same, submitted the constable's bond of William L. Simmons.

Approved by the Board.

NIGHT CAR SERVICE, EAST BOSTON.

A communication was received from the Board of Railroad Commissioners on petition for night service of cars through the East Boston tunnel, saying that "in our opinion that need has now been fairly proved through the changing conditions of the traffic, and the increased importance of travel at night in this direction. The petition is therefore granted and a recommendation made that the company furnish a night service through the East Boston tunnel."

Placed on file.

PAYMENT OF SUPERIOR COURT BILL.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, in order that it may be a matter of public record I desire to submit to the Board an opinion of the Corporation Counsel regarding the payment of money by Francis A. Campbell.

The following was the opinion:
City of Boston.

Law Department, Feb. 6, 1907.

To the Committee of the Board of Aldermen on County Accounts, Gentlemen:—Mr. Doyle, assistant clerk of committees, has forwarded to me a request for my opinion as to the payment of a bill of Francis A. Campbell, clerk of the Superior Court, to be reimbursed certain expenses paid by him in defending his title to the office of clerk of the Superior Court for civil business for the County of Suffolk.

The bill cannot be paid out of the appropriation for Suffolk County, the appropriation having been made for the purpose of paying the expenses of carrying on the business of the county. In my opinion it cannot be paid as a bill at all out of public monies. It is within the power of the City Government to reimburse its officers for money paid by them in defending their title to their office or in defending their official conduct or actions before courts, investigating committees or other tribunals.

If Mr. Campbell was a city officer the City Council could vote to reimburse him for these expenses. Mr. Campbell is not an officer or agent of the city. The connection of the city with the matter arises from the statute requirement that the city should pay all the expenses of the county of Suffolk with the exception of amounts paid for county roads and bridges in Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop. The Board of Aldermen of Boston act as County Commissioners except in regard to certain matters in Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop, where the County Commissioners of Middlesex are to be called in.

Although it is a matter of serious doubt as to whether Mr. Campbell can be reimbursed at all, I am inclined to the opinion that if a vote was passed by the City Council authorizing the payment of this sum to him, and a vote was passed by the Board of Aldermen as County Commissioners authorizing the payment of this sum to him, one or both votes would be found by the court sufficient authority for the reimbursement to him of these expenses.

I return herewith the petition and bill of Mr. Campbell.

Yours truly,

Thomas M. Babson,
Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file, on motion of Ald. WHELTON.

PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

1. Notice of appointments on the part of the Common Council on joint standing and joint special committees.

Placed on file.

There being no objection the Chair called up Nos. 2 to 7, inclusive, together, viz.:

2. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public way Fletcher St., Wd. 23.

3. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to extend Kearsarge Ave. from Warren St. to Greenville St., Wd. 17.

4. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public way Kilton St., Wd. 20, between Park St. and Tabot Ave.

5. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as public highways the following streets in Brighton: Spring St. from Market to Murdock St., Cypress Rd. from George to Dustin St., Garden St. from George to Dustin St., and Maple Ave. from George to Dustin St.

6. Ordered, That the Board of Street

Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to widen Amory St. from Centre St. to Dimock St. Wd. 22.

7. Ordered, That the square situated at the junction of Lexington, Shelby and East Eagle Sts., Wd. 1, be, and hereby is, named Lexington Sq.

Severally passed in concurrence.

8. Ordered, That the Committee on Market Department be requested, in renewing the leases for the Quincy and the Faneuil Hall Markets, to incorporate a clause in the leases to the effect that during the months of June, July and August the markets shall be closed at 1 P. M. on Wednesdays.

Referred to the Committee on Markets, on motion of Ald. BATTIS.

9. Ordered, That the City Council of Boston respectfully petitions the Committees on Appropriation of the Senate and of the House of Representatives of the United States to make an adequate appropriation for carrying out the provisions of Senate Bill 5469, a bill which provides for the investigation by the Department of Commerce and Labor of the conditions of labor of the woman and child workers in the United States; that the City Council of Boston believes that the proposed investigation will enable the state and municipal governments to legislate upon this most important question in a more intelligent and effective manner, and that therefore every facility for carrying on this investigation should be provided; and be it also

Ordered, That certified copies of this petition be transmitted by the City Clerk to Hon. James A. Tawney, chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, and Hon. William B. Allison, chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

Passed in concurrence.

10. Ordered, That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island \$1200 be and the same is hereby appropriated to be expended by the Public Buildings Department for a new floor in Curtis Hall, Wd. 22.

The order was declared passed in concurrence. Ald. BANGS doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote, and the order against.

11. Ordered, That the sum of forty-five hundred dollars (\$4500) be appropriated to be expended by the Superintendent of Bridges for shelters on the following bridges: Dover street, Broadway extension and Federal street; and to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

Passed in concurrence—yeas 10, nays 3. Ald. Bangs, Battis and Berwin voting nay.

Ald. BALDWIN moved to reconsider; lost.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 12, unfinished business, viz:

12. Action on the appointment of John H. Griffin to be a constable for the term ending April 30, 1907.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Woods and Bell. Whole number of ballots cast 13, yeas 13, and the appointment was confirmed.

MEASLES WARD, CITY HOSPITAL.

Ald. BELL called up No. 17, special assignments, viz.:

17. Message of the Mayor recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Trustees of the Boston City Hos-

pital for the erection of a building to contain a measles ward; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount. (Doc. 59.)

The question came on the passage of the order.

Ald. BELL—Just a word, please, Mr. Chairman. At the last meeting I had this matter laid over to this meeting in order that I might examine into the necessity of it. Since that time I have seen the Chairman of the Trustees of the City Hospital, Mr. Shuman, and one or two of the doctors, and they say that this is something which is absolutely necessary, that there is no place now in Boston where measles patients can be taken. It is something that the city has been contemplating for years, and I trust that the order will be unanimously passed today.

The order was passed, yeas 13, nays none. Message and order sent down.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT.

The Chair announced as the Committee of the Disposition of Garbage, etc., Ald. Bangs, Curley, Draper, Clark, Woods.

LICENSES.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 55 newsboys and 2 vendors.

Reports severally accepted; licenses approved by the Board.

CLEANING OF SIDEWALKS.

Ald. BELL presented the following:

City of Boston:

In the year nineteen hundred and seven.

AN ORDINANCE.

Relative to the Cleaning of Sidewalks. Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in Section 42 by inserting after the word "snow" in the third line of said section the following words "slush or mixture composed of melting snow or ice and other material."

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

ARRANGEMENT OF COURT FILES.

Ald. BANGS presented the petition of John Noble for an additional appropriation for arranging early court files of Suffolk County.

In connection with the above, Ald. BANGS offered an order:

Ordered, That, in addition to the amounts heretofore appropriated for arranging and indexing the early court files of Suffolk County, there be allowed the further sum of six thousand dollars (\$6000); said sum to be expended under the direction of the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court, and to be charged to the appropriation for County of Suffolk.

Referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

PROJECTIONS, ETC.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.) submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions referred Feb. 4, recommending that leave be granted, as follows:

Joe A. Pesce, to project a wooden sign at 176 Maverick St., Wd. 2.

The Bradbury Press, to project a sign at 96 Essex St., Wd. 7.

William J. Simkins, to project a sign at 76 Dudley St., Wd. 16.

James D'Angelo, to project a barber pole at 46 Charles St., Wd. 11.

Salvatore De Milla, to project a sign at 74 Moore St., Wd. 1.

Morris Revis, to project a sign at 4 Washington St., North, Wd. 6.

Lewis & Abely, to project a canvas sign at corner Franklin and Washington Sts., Wd. 7.

Reports accepted; leave granted on usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions referred today, recommending that leave be granted, as follows:

Trustees of Boston City Hospital, to construct basement of East Boston Relief Station on Porter St. at grade 7.35 and boiler room at grade 5.35.

First National Bank of Boston, to construct sub-basement of proposed building on Franklin St., Wd. 7, to grades varying from 7 to minus 6.

Edward P. Niles, to project an illuminated sign over Merrimac Square, from building 1 Prospect St., Wd. 8.

Hotel Essex, to project an electric sign at 23 Central St., Wd. 6.

Emma Heyman, to project an electric sign at 82 Dartmouth St., Wd. 10.

A. L. Stark, to project an illuminated sign at 1395 Washington St., Wd. 18.

A. Stowell & Co., Inc., to project an illuminated lock sign at 24 Winter St., Wd. 7.

Reports accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

EXTRA DEPUTY SEALERS.

Ald. FINIGAN offered the following:

City of Boston.

In the year nineteen hundred and seven.

AN ORDINANCE.

Relative to Additional Deputy Sealers of Weights and Measures.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter 43 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in section one by striking out the words "ten" in the third line of said section and inserting in place thereof the word "eighteen."

The CHAIR—The Chair will refer the matter to the Committee on Ordinances.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I would move as an amendment that the rule be suspended, that the ordinance may be placed upon its passage.

The order was read for Ald. Bell's information.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I would at this time move a suspension of the rule that the ordinance may be placed upon its passage. In doing so I desire to state that I, as a member of the Committee on Legislative Matters, attended a hearing at the State House on a proposition to enlarge the powers of the Sealers of Weights and Measures, so that they might have authority to inspect and seal what are known as the computing scales. Ald. Bangs and Clark, also members of the Committee on Legislative Matters, also appeared at the hearing. There were at least half a dozen representative citizens of the Commonwealth, including the former Sealer of Weights and Measures, who appeared in favor of this proposition, and no one appeared in opposition to it. I want to say, further, that I called at the Sealer of Weights and Measures office before attending the session of the committee and saw one of the computing scales, manufactured

in Dayton, O., and called the "Boston Butcher Boy Scale," in operation. The scale, instead of being graduated on the ratio of 16 ounces to the pound, is graduated on eighths or sixths. That is to say, if a person desires to purchase a pound of any commodity, at 30 cents a pound, it might cost him five or six cents additional for a single ounce over a pound. That is, if he had to spend 30 cents for the original pound he would have to pay an undue proportion of that for just an ounce above the pound, the instrument not being graduated on the ounce basis. As I stated at the legislative hearing, I spent some few years in the grocery business, and I appreciate the evils that result from the sale of any commodity on what are known as spring balance scales. It is customary for the merchant to throw the article into the scale and take his weight at the first figure that appears on the spring balance scale. I well recollect that when these so-called computing scales, manufactured in Dayton, O., were first introduced here in Massachusetts, I was in the grocery business. The price of the scales was about three times that of the ordinary scale, but the story told by the agents sent out to dispose of those scales was that they were of such a valuable character that, though the merchant had to pay \$60, \$75 or even \$100 for the scale, it would earn the price paid for it in six months. After seeing one of those scales in operation at the Sealer of Weights and Measures office, I am convinced that a man would not have to wait six months for the scale to be paid for, if he did any business at all. It would earn its own price in six weeks, and possibly even in six days. That irregularity does exist in such scales throughout the city generally is evidenced by the report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures, on scales regularly tested. These scales have been in operation for a period of from eight to ten years. Under the existing law the Sealer of Weights and Measures Department has never had the right to seal or inspect those scales. With the bill which has been presented to the Legislature it will be possible for the Sealer of Weights and Measures Department to make the same inspection of those scales that he is now making of the ordinary balance or counter scales. In view of the fact that there are possibly 2500 merchants in our city engaged in business where these scales are used, and they are using them for the sales they make to the general public in this city, comprising a population of about 600,000, I certainly feel that we owe it to the public to take some action in the matter. We have an opportunity to see that the general public shall obtain fair treatment, and I believe, in all fairness to the public, that the ordinance should be placed upon its passage today. I cannot conceive, of the State Sealer cannot conceive, of any reason why some such regulation should not be generally applied throughout the state—a law giving the sealers the right to inspect these scales. There is no reason why the general public in Boston or in other parts of the state should contribute twice the cost of any article to the merchants with whom they do business. A merchant may be absolutely honest, but may be compelled to cheat his customers, if he uses that kind of scale; and I do not believe we should be a party to a merchant cheating his customers, if we can avoid it. I trust that the rule will be suspended and that the ordinance will be placed upon its passage.

Ald. CLARK—Mr. Chairman, I agree with all the gentleman has said, but it seems to me that it might be fully as well if we should wait until the Legis-

lature passes the law making it necessary or expedient for us to have these additional inspectors. If the law is not passed or amended, as proposed, there may be no necessity for this. I would, therefore, move that the matter be referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

The CHAIR—The Chair will rule that, unless Ald. Curley makes a motion to the contrary, the matter has already been referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I served on the Committee on Ordinances last year and the previous year. I realize that it is sometimes difficult to get the Committee on Ordinances together, and I believe perhaps a fairer way out of the matter would be to assign further consideration of the matter for three weeks. I believe the Legislature is desirous of acting speedily on the proposition.

The matter was assigned to March 4.

NEW FIRE BOAT.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to provide in the first loan bill the sum of \$75,000 for a new fire boat.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

ORIENT HEIGHTS CAR SERVICE.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to inform this Board what action has been taken relative to the improvement of the car service at Orient Heights and if any arrangement has been made between the Boston Elevated Railway Company and the Boston & Northern Street Railway Company relative to the running of the Elevated cars over the tracks of the latter company.

Passed.

PROJECTION OF SIGN.

Chairman BERWIN presented the petition of Philip Cohen for a sign at 9 Endicott St., Wd. 6.

The rule, on motion of the Chair, was suspended, and leave was granted on the usual conditions.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted at 3:37 o'clock P. M., on motion of Ald. WHELTON, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chair at 3:46 o'clock P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. BERWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition of George R. Dugad (referred today), to erect two guyposts on Newbury St., Wd. 11—recommending the passage of an order.

That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to George R. Dugad to erect, maintain and use guy posts with the necessary ropes attached thereto in and over Newbury St., Wd. 11, as follows: One opposite No. 336, one opposite vacant lot between Nos. 337 and 349, for the during the erection of a building, the work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1907, according to the terms and conditions expressed by the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Report on the petition of Celia Urofsky (referred Jan. 28) for leave to project one bay window from building on corner of 363 Washington St. and Market St., Wd. 25—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on general conditions.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

FANEUIL HALL, ETC.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions:

Irish Societies of Boston (referred Feb. 4) for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of Feb. 24.

Painters' Union No. 11 (referred Feb. 4), for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of March 15.

The Music Trustees (referred today), for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of March 13.

M. J. F. Flynn (referred today), for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of Feb. 27.

People's Protective League of Boston (referred today), for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of Feb. 28.

Waiters' Alliance Local 183 (referred today), for the use of Faneuil Hall on the afternoon of March 10.

Reports accepted; leave granted on usual conditions.

NEXT MEETING.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Monday, Feb. 25, at 3 o'clock P. M., and that hearings under orders of notice assigned to a prior date be postponed accordingly.

Passed.

Adjourned at 3:51 o'clock P. M., on motion of Ald. CURLEY, to meet on Monday, Feb. 25, at 3 o'clock P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, Feb. 14, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P. M., President BARRETT in the chair.

PLAYGROUND, WD. 12.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Feb. 14, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Park Department in answer to your order requesting a report as to the expediency and expense of providing a playground in Wd. 12. Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks,

Boston, Feb. 14, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, City Hall.

Dear Sir:—The Board has received and duly considered the enclosed order of the Common Council requesting us to report to it through you on the expediency and expense of providing a suitable playground in Wd. 12.

We are of the opinion that no playground large enough for ball playing could be obtained within the limits of the ward for less cost than \$300,000 or more, judging from the prices that the city has been compelled to pay for land taken. One or two children's playgrounds might be obtained at a cost of \$40,000 or \$50,000 each. All these figures are for the cost of the land alone and do not cover any improvement or development for playground purposes.

The Columbus Ave. Playground touches the boundary of Wd. 12 on one side. The Children's Playground on Fellows St. is very near the boundary of the ward. The Randolph St. Playground is only about 1600 feet from the ward line.

Under the circumstances and in the present condition of the city's finances we do not believe in the expediency of the purchase of a playground in this ward other than a children's playground. Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

HEBREW TEACHER AT INSTITUTION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Feb. 14, 1907

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Penal Institutions Commissioner in answer to your order requesting that the Hebrew faith be taught at Deer Island.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Penal Institutions Department,
Feb. 14, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Sir:—In reply to the enclosed communication, I beg leave to state that there are at present at the House of Correction at Deer Island fifteen (15) inmates of the Hebrew faith. I am advised that they are visited twice a month, and also on all Jewish holidays, by a Hebrew minister and instructor. There is no compensation given them for their services.

Respectfully yours,
John B. Martin, Commissioner.
Placed on file.

SAFETY OF HUB THEATRE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Feb. 14, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Building Commission in answer to your order requesting a report as to whether or not the Hub Theatre is a safe place in which to exhibit moving pictures.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Building Department, Feb. 14, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor,

Dear Sir,—In answer to the order of the Common Council, under date of Feb. 7, 1907,—

"That the Building Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to this body at his earliest convenience as to whether or not the Hub Theatre, corner Washington and Dover streets, is a safe place to exhibit moving pictures,"

would reply that the building was inspected Feb. 14 and no change was found from its condition as reported at the last monthly inspection.

This building has been used for several years for a theatre. The last statement shows the building to conform to the requirements of law for theatres, and I can see no distinction as regards its safety whether occupied for the purposes of pictures or dramatic performances. Respectfully yours,

John A. Rooney,
Building Commissioner.

Placed on file.

SEWER ASSESSMENTS COLLECTED.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Feb. 14, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the City Collector, in answer to your order requesting a statement of the amount of money collected by the city each year for the last 20 years as sewer assessments.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Collecting Department,
Feb. 13, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Sir:—In compliance with the enclosed order of the Common Council, I am pleased to enclose a statement showing the amount of money collected by the city each year for the last twenty years as sewer assessments.

Respectfully yours,
Garrett W. Scollard,
City Collector.

Statement showing the Amount of Money Collected by the City Each Year for the Last Twenty Years as Sewer Assessments:

Year.	Chapter 323 Acts of 1891		Ch. 426-1897 Ch. 450-1899 Ch. 478-1900	Total.
	Sewers.	Highways. Making of Sewers.	Sewerage Works.	
1886-1887	\$71,609.29			\$71,609.29
1887-1888	68,128.06			68,128.06
1888-1889	124,650.28			124,650.28
1889-1890	82,525.42			82,525.42
1890-1891	32,736.04			32,736.04
1891-1892	22,875.90			22,875.90
1892-1893	38,951.89	\$15,810.48		54,762.37
1893-1894	14,868.32	42,091.86		56,960.18
1894-1895	5,342.11	74,741.16		80,083.27
1895-1896	5,106.71	116,646.77		121,753.48
1896-1897	4,420.54	102,410.95		106,831.49
1897-1898	3,024.72	80,467.01		83,491.73
1898-1899	961.52	77,753.31		78,714.83
1899-1900	9,722.01	41,310.65	\$21,518.14	72,550.80
1900-1901	11,279.55	35,019.93	71,044.97	117,344.45
1901-1902	5,614.99	30,486.58	70,216.74	106,318.31
1902-1903	1,653.42	28,470.23	63,630.61	93,754.26
1903-1904	205.28	23,060.71	82,981.50	106,247.49
1904-1905	1,903.19	19,508.36	100,656.72	122,068.27
1905-1906	1,411.12	27,192.86	86,653.98	115,257.96
1906-1907	316.12	15,102.13	96,376.13	111,794.38
	\$507,306.48	\$730,102.99	\$593,078.79	\$1,830,488.26

Ordered printed as a city document, on motion of Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11, and placed on file.

AMENDMENTS TO FINANCE COMMISSION.

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Feb. 14, 1907.
To the City Council:—

I respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying order amending the order passed by your bodies and approved by me, creating a Finance Commission to investigate the finances of the city of Boston. These amendments have been approved by the following organizations, each of which under the original order is entitled to select a member of the commission: Chamber of Commerce, Associated Boards of Trade, Real Estate Exchange, Clearing House Committee, Central Labor Union and Merchants' Association. It was my intention, as expressed to the presidents of the citizens' and local improvement associations of the city, to await their action before sending the proposed amendments to the City Council; but I have concluded that inasmuch as the organizations are so widely scattered, and as it may take some time for them to act upon the matter, it would be more expeditious to make these recommendations to the City Council at once.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Ordered, That the order of the City Council authorizing the appointment of a Finance Commission, approved Jan. 29, 1907, be amended as follows:

(1) Strike out the last sentence of paragraph 1, reading, "Such commission may by vote, approved by the Mayor, add to its own membership if it deem such action advisable," and insert the following: "In case of any vacancy in the membership of the commission, it will be filled by an appointment made upon the recommendation of the organization upon whose recommendation the

original appointment was made. Such commission shall serve until Dec. 31, 1908, unless it shall be dissolved by its own vote before said date, and it shall make its final report to the City Council not later than said date."

(2) Strike out the last two paragraphs of said order, beginning with the words "Such Commission may make partial reports, etc.," and insert in place thereof the following: "The members of such Commission shall serve without pay and shall be authorized to employ such experts, counsel and other assistants and to incur such other expenses as they may deem necessary or proper, not exceeding in the aggregate the sum hereby appropriated. The sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) is hereby appropriated to be expended by such Commission for the purposes hereby authorized at any time during the calendar years 1907 and 1908. All expenses incurred by such Commission shall be duly authorized by vote passed by the affirmative votes of a majority of its members and shall be approved for payment by the Chairman of such Commission. All officers and employees of the city shall furnish to such Commission all information and assistance which it may require in the discharge of its duties."

The message was read and sent up. The order was passed. Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3 moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Notice of announcement of appointment of Ald. Bangs, Curley, Draper, Clark and Woods on Joint Special Committee on Disposal of Garbage and Ashes.

The notice was placed on file. The President appointed as members of the committee on the part of the Common Council Messrs. Fitzgerald of Wd. 3, Lill of Wd. 8, Pierce of Wd. 11, Noves of Wd. 11, Sullivan of Wd. 15, Murphy of Wd. 19, Doherty of Wd. 2 and Ferguson of Wd. 21.

Later in the session Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11 said:

Mr. Chairman, I believe the Chair appointed me as a member on the part of the Council of the Joint Special Committee on Disposal of Garbage and Ashes. I appreciate the honor, but, owing to press of private business, which will take me away from town at the time this committee should sit, I most respectfully resign, and trust that the Chair will accept the resignation.

The President—The Chair accepts the resignation and substitutes for the name of Mr. Noyes the name of Mr. Davidson of Wd. 23.

2. Mayor's message transmitting a communication from Mr. A. Shuman, offering, in behalf of the John Boyle O'Reilly Memorial Committee, to present to the city a fence, approved by the Art Commission, to be placed around the monument in the Back Bay Fens.

The following order accompanies said message:

Ordered, That the City Council gratefully accepts the offer of the John Boyle O'Reilly Memorial Committee to present to the city an ornamental fence to be placed around the monument in the Back Bay Fens erected in honor of John Boyle O'Reilly.

The message was placed on file and the order was passed in concurrence.

3. Mayor's message transmitting a communication from the Hospital Department calling attention to the necessity for a building in which to locate a ward for the treatment of measles at the south department of the hospital.

The passage of the following order is recommended in said message:

Ordered, That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital for the erection of a building to contain a measles ward; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

The message was placed on file, the rule was suspended on motion of Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3, and the order was passed in concurrence, yeas 61, nays 0.

Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Barrett, Bramhall, Carruth, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Green, Hackett, Hanrahan, Harding, Hattan, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Leonard, Lill, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McGregor, McLennan, Mealey, Murphy, Noonan, Noyes, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Penhorn, Pierce, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Wharton, Woodside, Zetterman—61.

Nays—0.

Absent or not voting—Brown, Buckley, Daly (17), Ducey, George, Kohler, Madden, Montague, Morgan, Purcell, Roberts, Santosuosso, Sheenan, Willcutt—14.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 moved to reconsider. Lost.

LOAN FOR HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION.

The President called up No. 5, unfinished business, viz.:

5. Ordered, That the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) be appropriated for the laying out and construction of highways, under the provisions of Chapter 393 of the Acts of the year 1906; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer

be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

The question came on the passage of the order, and the roll call resulted as follows:

Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Barrett, Bramhall, Carruth, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Daly (17), Davidson, Donovan, Doyle, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (3), Green, Hackett, Harding, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Leonard, Lill, McCabe, McCarthy, McCullough, Morgan, Noonan, O'Brien (5), Pendergast, Penhorn, Pierce, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Rosenberg, Sorenson, Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Wharton, Zetterman—42.

Nays—Doherty, Hanrahan, Hattan, McCormack, Noyes, Sacks, Woodside—7.

Absent or not voting—Brown, Buckley, Costello, Cronin, Daly (12), Driscoll, Ducey, Fitzgerald (14), Foley, George, Kohler, Madden, McGivern, McGregor, McLennan, Mealey, Montague, Murphy, O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Purcell, Santosuosso, Sheenan, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Willcutt—26.

The order was rejected, fifty votes being required for passage.

Mr. BRAMHALL moved a reconsideration, and that the same be assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I hope the gentleman in the third division will withdraw his motion and that the question will be put on reconsideration at 10 minutes of 9. That will give the administration an opportunity to pass this measure, and it will give me the opportunity to ask for the ordinary information, which I attempted to ask of the gentleman in the third division. The reason why I have voted "No" on this order is that I have not the slightest idea what it is for. Here is an order for \$500,000 put in at one meeting, at the next meeting it comes up on the calendar, a rollcall is ordered, and nobody vouchsafes any information. Mr. President, that was my reason for voting "No," hoping that my vote would help to stave off action until we might have a chance to learn something about the matter. I would like to examine the recent decisions of the court more carefully. I must say that I have rather a hazy idea of the whole thing. I have an impression that the executions of court will take most of this money, but that is a matter upon which I would like definite information. I hope the gentleman in the third division, Mr. Bramhall, will furnish us the necessary information in regard to this order, which proposes to borrow \$500,000 under the provisions of Chapter 393 of the Acts of the year 1906. I would like to ask Mr. Bramhall, through you, Mr. President, how the act of the year 1906 differs from the act of any other year. Further, I should like to know how much of this money is to be used in street improvement or street construction, the laying out of streets, and how much is to be spent in satisfying court executions. I have not the slightest idea of fighting this or putting it off. For that reason, I hope Mr. Bramhall will, through you, withdraw his motion to assign to the next meeting and assign the motion to reconsider to 8:50 o'clock tonight. In the meantime, I trust that the desired information in regard to this half million dollar loan will be furnished, and if the facts warrant it I hope we will vote for the order and passage.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that, unless the gentleman from Wd. 20 (Mr. Bramhall) withdraws his motion, his motion will take precedence, as being for the longer time.

Mr. BRAMHALL—Mr. President, I

will withdraw my motion to assign reconsideration to the next meeting.

The Council voted, on Mr. NOYES' motion, to assign reconsideration to 8:50 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. BRAMHALL—Mr. President, I would like to say in regard to this order of mine, for a loan of \$500,000—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that no debate upon this matter is now in order, the matter having been disposed of for the present.

Later in the session the President called up No. 5, and the question came on reconsideration.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 moved that further consideration of the matter be assigned to the next meeting of the Council; declared lost.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3 moved a reconsideration of the vote just taken; carried.

Mr. McCullough's motion to assign reconsideration of the rejection of the order to the next meeting was carried.

CARS TO FOREST HILLS.

Mr. DAVIDSON of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to extend the Jamaica Plain-South Huntington Ave. line of cars to Forest Hills Sq.

Referred to the Mayor.

CAR SERVICE, BAY VIEW.

Mr. MEALEY of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to furnish better car service on the Bay View line between the hours of 6 and 9 A. M. and 4 and 7 P. M.

Referred to the Mayor.

PLAYGROUND, EVERETT ST., BRIGHTON.

Mr. COSE of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be authorized to hire the vacant lot of land belonging to W. W. Marsh and located on Everett St., Brighton, to be used as a playground as in former years, and to expend not exceeding the sum of \$200 for the purpose; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed. Sent up.

CONVENIENCE STATION, MARINE PARK.

Mr. TROY of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to report to the Common Council an estimate of the cost of providing a public convenience station at Marine Park.

Referred to the Mayor.

EVACUATION DAY PARADE.

Mr. TROY offered an order—That the Committee on Evacuation Day be requested to provide an allowance for the local divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians to meet the expenses of their taking part in the parade on the 18th instant.

Referred to the Committee on Evacuation Day.

WD. 14 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. TROY offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner be requested,

through His Honor the Mayor, to provide Engine 2, Wd. 14, with a three-horse hitch.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. TROY offered an order—That the Water Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to substitute for the present drinking fountain in Independence Sq., Wd. 14, a new fountain so constructed that the water may be iced.

Referred to the Mayor.

BUILDING, FRANKLIN FIELD.

Mr. CLARK of Wd. 20 offered an order—That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) be appropriated to be expended by the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks for "Sanitary and Locker Building, Franklin Field"; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount.

The order was read a second time and the rule, on motion of Mr. CLARK, was suspended so the order could go upon its passage.

The order was rejected, yeas 39, nays 12 (fifty votes being necessary).

Yeas—Bagley, Bramhall, Buckley, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Daly (12), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (3), Hackett, Hanrahan, Harding, Hatton, Hayes, Kelly, Kennedy, Lill, McCabe, McCullough, McGregor, Mealey, Morgan, Murphy, Nooran, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), Pendergast, Rachkowsky, Sorenson, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—39.

Nays—Anderson, Brown, Carruth, Davidson, Driscoll, McCarthy, Penhorn, Pierce, Roberts, Sacks, Wentworth, Wharton—12.

Absent or not voting—Barrett, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Ducey, Fitzgerald (14), Foley, George, Green, Joyce, Kohler, Leonard, Madden, McCormack, McGivern, McLennan, Montague, Noyes, O'Brien (14), Purcell, Rosenberg, Santosuso, Sheehan, Spellman—24.

The vote, whereby the order was rejected was reconsidered, on motion of Mr. CLARK, and reconsideration was assigned to the next meeting.

CHELSEA BRIDGE CARS.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to establish a line of cars to run from Scollay Sq. through the East Boston Tunnel to Chelsea Bridge and return; same to be designated as "Chelsea Bridge Only," so that East Boston people may have the benefit of better car service.

Referred to the Mayor.

IMPROVEMENT, MARCELLA ST. PLAYGROUND.

Mr. MORGAN of Wd. 22 offered an order—That the sum of forty-five hundred dollars (\$4500) be appropriated to be expended by the Park Department for the completion of lavatory building, including showers and lockers, and for grading, drainage and fencing of the Marcella St. Playground, Wd. 22; and to meet such appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

The order was read once and takes its second reading at the next meeting, under the rule.

USE OF PROFANE LANGUAGE.

Mr. PENDERGAST of Wd. 2 offered the following:

City of Boston.

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Seven.

An Ordinance

To amend Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 (concerning obscene or profane language).

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in the 50th section thereof by inserting after the word "street" in the first line of said section the words "or public place."

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances, on motion of Mr. HANRAHAN of Wd. 2.

TRANSFERS—OAK SQ. CARS.

Mr. McCABE of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested by His Honor the Mayor to furnish free transfers to and from the subway on all Brighton cars that run between Oak Square and Scollay Square.

Referred to the Mayor.

FIRE APPARATUS—WINTHOP ST. HOUSE.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 5 offered an order—That the Finance Committee include in the first loan bill the sum of \$30,000 for the erection and installing of a fire engine apparatus at the Winthrop St. Station, Wd. 5.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

PAVING OF ELIOT ST.

Mr. KENNEDY of Wd. 7 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to repave Eliot St. from Tremont St. to Columbus Ave.

Referred to the Mayor.

GYMNASTIC APPARATUS, CHARLESTOWN PLAYGROUND.

Mr. HAYES of Wd. 4 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to include in his recommendation to the Appropriation Committee the sum of \$3000, to be expended by the Park Department for the erection of gymnasium apparatus on the Charlestown Playground, Wd. 4.

Referred to the Mayor.

PLAYGROUND, EAGLE HILL.

Mr. WOODSIDE of Wd. 1 offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be and hereby is requested to lay out so much of the East Boston Reservoir lot on Eagle Hill, East Boston, as lies within the lines of Eagle St., extended westerly to Brooks St., as a highway.

Ordered, That the Water Commissioner, with the approval of the Mayor, sell at public or private sale so much of said reservoir lot as lies north of said proposed extension of Eagle St., either as a whole or in building lots, and under such restrictions as they may deem advisable.

Ordered, That so much of said reservoir lot as lies south of said proposed extension of Eagle St. be and hereby is placed in the custody of the Board of Park Commissioners to be used as a public playground, and the said Board

is hereby authorized to do such filling and grading and excavating as may be necessary for such use and to sell such material as may not be needed, and to devote the proceeds of such sales and the proceeds from the sale of the northerly portion of the lot hereinbefore described for the construction of the playground herein authorized and for providing suitable buildings and apparatus therefor.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. WOODSIDE.

BAND CONCERTS, BRIGHTON.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Music Trustees, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to arrange for band concerts on North Brighton Playground on one evening each in July and August.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. ZETTERMAN offered an order—That the Music Trustees, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to arrange for band concerts in Rogers Park on July 4th and Aug. 31st.

Referred to the Mayor.

SIGN FOR COTTAGE COURT.

Mr. COSTELLO of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be instructed to place a sign marking Cottage Ct., Wd. 16.

Referred to the Mayor.

BAND CONCERTS, WD. 16.

Mr. COSTELLO offered an order—That the Music Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to give band concerts at the following places during the coming season:

Howard Ave. and Balfour St., Wd. 16.
Andrew Sq., Wd. 16.

Referred to the Mayor.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CHARLESTOWN.

Mr. BUCKLEY of Wd. 5 offered an order—That the sum of \$30,000 be appropriated for land for a municipal building in Charlestown.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

BAND CONCERTS, WD. 2.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Music Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to arrange for a band concert at Maverick Sq., and one at the Cottage St. Playground, Wd. 2, during the coming summer season.

Referred to the Mayor.

NON-RESIDENT EMPLOYEES.

Mr. DOHERTY offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to call the attention of heads of departments to the provisions of Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, as amended by Chapter 2 of the Ordinances of 1899, and direct a more precise observance of said provisions by all heads of departments.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, in connection with that order, I desire to call the attention of the Mayor and of the members of the Council to an ordinance which is in our Book of Ordinances. It is an ordinance relating to the employment of citizens by the city of Boston. It is Chapter 2 of the Ordinances of 1899, and is as follows:

An ordinance to amend Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in Section 12 by striking out the words "of the United States in any capacity, and shall give preferences in all cases to citizens of Boston," and inserting in place thereof the words, "and, if male subordinates, legal voters of Boston, in any capacity."

That ordinance was returned by the Mayor within ten days after its passage by the City Council with the Mayor's objections thereto, and was again passed by the City Council on April 3, 1899, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding, in the manner prescribed by law. Mr. President, it is very evident, in looking over the list of city employees which is printed for us every year, that heads of departments take no cognizance whatsoever of that ordinance. In looking over that list I find many non-residents to be in the employ of the city of Boston. That is a condition of affairs that I do not think is fair to the city of Boston. It is not fair to the citizens of Boston. It is not fair to the taxpayers of the city of Boston. I find that the Hospital Department has in its employ some non-residents—and, with the indulgence of the Council, I will enumerate a few, simply giving the positions and omitting the names of the persons holding the offices. The Hospital Department has in its employ an engineer, Mr. President and members of the Council, who is paid at the rate of \$1500 a year, and who lives in Everett. They have also a typewriter, paid at the rate of \$15 a week, and who lives in Cambridge. They also have a house cleaner, paid \$6 a week, and who lives in Cambridge. And they have a photographer, paid \$3.50 per day, who lives in Newton; and also a telephone operator, paid \$9 a week, who lives in Malden. Our eminent Law Department, for which everybody in Boston has a high regard, employs a secretary, at a salary of \$2000 per annum, who resides in aristocratic Newton. The Library Department, I find, evidently takes no notice of this ordinance. The worthy librarian himself, who receives the high salary of \$5000 per year, does not think well enough of Boston to live here. He resides in Reading. He also has an assistant, a gentleman who is paid at the rate of \$3000 a year. He resides in Cambridge. I find the department also has a record clerk, paid at the rate of \$16.50 per week, and comes from Arlington. It also has a cataloguer, paid at the rate of \$15 a week, and who lives in Brookline; another paid at the rate of \$13 per week, and who comes from Newton; and another, paid \$12 per week, who comes from Watertown. It also has a clerk, paid \$9 per week, who lives in Brookline. I find that most of the chiefs of the various subdepartments of the Library Department are non-residents. The chief of the Auditing Department received \$1500 a year, and resides in Watertown. The assistant gift clerk receives \$10.50 per week, and lives in Brookline. The chief of the issue department receives \$1500 per year, and resides in Newtonville. The special libraries department has a first assistant, paid \$20 per week, who resides in Somerville. The chief of the Statistical Department receives \$3000 per year, and resides in Cambridge. That department also has a linotype operator, paid \$17.47 per week, who also resides in Cambridge. In the bindery there are two sewers, one receiving \$10.50 per week, and living in Somerville, and the other paid \$8 per week, and living in Cambridge. The library also has an elevator

man, paid \$10 per week, who resides in Wellington. In the branch department of the Public Library they have many assistants who live outside the city of Boston. The first assistant in the branch department receives \$17.50 per week, and resides in Wellesley; the second assistant receives \$15.50 a week, and resides in Melrose; and a cataloguer receives \$14 a week, and lives in Auburndale. I also find that over in the South Boston branch the custodian of the South Boston branch, paid at the rate of \$17.50 per week, resides in Cambridge. It is an unusual thing for anything to get away from South Boston. In Station J the custodian receives \$10 per week, and resides in Brookline. The custodian of Station W is paid at the rate of \$13 per week, and also resides in Brookline. In the Park Department I find that there is a woman superintendent of the Charlesbank, who is paid \$60 a month, and who lives in Cambridge. I don't understand how Martin stands for that. [Laughter.] In the Police Department I find very few non-residents. I find the name of one clerk, receiving \$1150 per year, who resides in Newtonville. As for the School Department, Mr. President and members of the Council, that is an old question. I do not know that we can ever remedy the condition of affairs there, but by calling attention to it we may get the School Committee of this city to either compel the teachers in its employ to reside in the city of Boston, or at least to appoint no further teachers unless they be residents of the city of Boston. I counted up approximately 560 non-residents in the School Department list, and then I got tired. Almost every one of those non-residents receives a high salary. The larger part of the big masters reside outside of the city of Boston. I have also received information from different members of the Fire Department that it is understood that certain captains in the Fire Department register from the fire houses to which they are attached, and that their families do not live in the city of Boston. Now, Mr. President, I think it is well to call the attention of the heads of departments, and also the members of this Council, to this condition of affairs. We may thereby bring it about that these people who receive their compensation from the city of Boston shall be compelled to live in the city of Boston. I believe that any man who receives a salary from the city of Boston, and who earns his livelihood in that way, should be made to live in the city of Boston, so that the money that comes from the taxpayers of the city will be returned to the taxpayers of the city in some form or other. That is the reason why I have offered this order here to-night, Mr. President. I hope that it will have the effect that I desire—and that is, the effect of creating positions in the city of Boston for Bostonians.

The PRESIDENT—The order will be referred to His Honor the Mayor.

NEXT MEETING.

Mr. DOHERTY offered an order—That when this Council adjourns it be to meet again on Thursday, Feb. 28, at 7:45 o'clock, P. M.
Passed.

TEMPORARY FOOTWALK, C ST.

Mr. DOYLE of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to construct a temporary footwalk on C St., Wd. 13, from First St. to Commonwealth Park.
Referred to the Mayor.

BRANCH LIBRARY, WD. 19.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Trustees of the Boston Public Library be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to establish a branch reading and delivery room on Tremont St., in the vicinity of the Mission Church, Wd. 19.
Referred to the Mayor.

BLEACHERS, MARCELLA ST. PLAYGROUND.

Mr. MURPHY offered an order—That from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island the sum of \$1000 be appropriated to be expended by the Park Department for the erection of bleachers on the Marcella St. Playground, Wd. 22.
Ordered to a second reading, and laid over to the next meeting.

B. & A. R. R. COUPON TICKETS.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Boston & Albany Railroad Company, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to issue coupon tickets, five for twenty-five cents, from Boston to Allston, Brighton and Faneuil stations.
Referred to the Mayor.

MARKET LEASES.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Markets be authorized, with the approval of the Mayor, to renew for a term of five years from April 1, 1907, all leases of space in the Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market buildings on the same terms and conditions as at present in force.
Referred to the Committee on Market Department.

LOAN FOR SEWERAGE WORKS.

Mr. McCULLOUGH offered an order—That the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) be appropriated for the construction of sewerage works under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, and acts in amendment of or in addition thereto; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.
The order was read once, and takes its second reading at the next meeting under the rule.

PROPER CARE OF OFFAL.

Mr. McCULLOUGH offered the following:

An Ordinance

To Amend Chapter 18 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, concerning the proper care of offal.

Be it ordained, etc.

Chapter 18 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following new section:

Section 5. Said board shall make such regulations as may be necessary to provide that all offal shall be kept in odorless sanitary garbage cans with proper disinfecting appliances, on all premises occupied as hotels, restaurants and dwellings, and in other places in which refuse matter collects.

The ordinance was passed. Mr. McCULLOUGH moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

CREET LAYING OUT, WD. 20.

Mr. HARDING of Wd. 20 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to lay out as public highways Wellesley Park, East and West, and Clement St., Wd. 20.
Passed. Sent up.

SEATS AND LIGHTS, GIBSON PLAYGROUND.

Mr. HARDING offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide seats and lights on the Gibson Playground, Wd. 20.
Referred to the Mayor.

RULE AGAINST SMOKING.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair wishes to call the attention of the members and others connected with the Council to that section of Rule 4, which says: "The President shall forbid smoking in the Council Chamber." This rule is violated at almost every meeting. The Chair does not propose to allow it to be violated in the future.

CROSSWALK, SAVIN HILL AVE.

Mr. BRAMHALL of Wd. 20 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be instructed to place a crosswalk on Savin Hill Ave. at Gardner Ave., Wd. 20.
Referred to the Mayor.

CROSSWALK, DORCHESTER AVE.

Mr. BRAMHALL offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be instructed to place a crosswalk on Dorchester Ave. at Doris St., Wd. 20.
Referred to the Mayor.

TOBOGGAN CHUTE, FRANKLIN PARK.

Mr. DALY of Wd. 17 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to advise this body of the probable cost of erecting and maintaining an extra toboggan chute at Franklin Park.
Referred to the Mayor.

LOAN FOR SURFACE DRAINAGE.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3 offered an order—That, in accordance with Chapter 383 of the Acts of 1903, the Superintendent of Sewers construct, in connection with the Metropolitan sewers, branch intercepting sewers, connections of existing sewers with intercepting sewers, branch drains, sewers or drains, in any street where one thereof only shall have been built, and all necessary connections with such sewers or drains, but shall not incur any expenses therefor in excess of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000); and to meet said expenses the City Treasurer shall, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, issue and sell bonds of the city of Boston to the amount required therefor, the same to be outside the debt limit.

The order was read once and takes its second reading at the next meeting, under the rule.

BATH-HOUSE, WARD 8.

Mr. ROSENBERG of Wd. 8 offered an order—That the sum of \$60,000 be appropriated, to be expended by the Bath Trustees for an all-year-round bath-house in Wd. 8; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount.

Ordered to a second reading and laid over to the next meeting.

CROSSWALKS, DORCHESTER AVE.

Mr. KELLY of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to put crosswalks on Dorchester Ave. on the north and south side of Columbia Road, Wd. 16.

Referred to the Mayor.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. MEALEY of Wd. 15, at 9:10 P. M., to meet on Feb. 28, at 7:45 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Feb. 18, 1907.

Special meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 2:30 o'clock P. M., Ald. BERWIN, senior member present, presiding, and a quorum present.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 514, Acts of 1894, viz.:

Fourteen petit, United States Circuit Court, February term, to appear Feb. 26, viz.:

Francis C. Stacey, Wd. 3; Michael E. Lane, Wd. 20; Albert J. Taylor, Wd. 15; William A. Courtney, Wd. 25; William A. McLeod, Wd. 23; John J. Fitzgerald, Wd. 13; Everett T. Davis, Wd. 20; Robert A. Dobson, Wd. 24; Maurice F. Shannon, Wd. 15; Robert A. McGee, Wd. 3; George H. Stevens, Wd. 11; George F. Cutter, Wd. 8; John F. Cotter, Wd. 19; Jacob Smith, Wd. 20.

Fifteen traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fourth Session, to appear Feb. 27, viz.:

Lawrence F. Shealey, Wd. 13; Laster E. Ballou, Wd. 25; Harry F. Ratchesky, Wd. 11; Michael H. Leary, Wd. 6; Simon Rudnick, Wd. 8; Julius Meyer, Wd. 23; Arthur W. Wheelwright, Wd. 11; James Corliss, Wd. 18; David Sheehan, Wd. 16;

William J. Sullivan, Wd. 20; Henry Redelsheimer, Wd. 16; William C. Herrick, Wd. 21; John J. Hayes, Wd. 20; Albert S. Claridge, Wd. 10; Michael H. Corcoran, Jr., Wd. 14.

Eight traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, fifth session, to appear Feb. 25, viz.:

Joseph H. Williams, Wd. 2; George J. Uriot, Wd. 7; Harry L. Doten, Wd. 20; John F. Kelley, Wd. 3; Frederick H. Perrin, Wd. 24; Charles A. Worthley, Wd. 5; Dennis F. O'Brien, Wd. 9; Charles Delcey, Wd. 20.

Forty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear March 4, viz.:

John W. Day, Jr., Wd. 22; Daniel E. Barry, Wd. 15; John P. F. Irving, Wd. 10; William J. Breen, Wd. 19; Henry J. Rochford, Wd. 19; Henry M. Hyams, Wd. 19; Frederick Smith, Wd. 4; Charles E. Avery, Wd. 21; Florentine K. Bradman, Wd. 6; Demeron L. Dean, Wd. 8; J. Curtis Swain, Wd. 23; Michael Harkins, Wd. 22; John T. Leary, Wd. 9; L. Wallace Gurney, Wd. 24; Edward E. Moulton, Wd. 23; Frederick W. Proctor, Wd. 2; James F. Dailey, Wd. 23; Charles W. York, Wd. 2; Francis H. Rich, Wd. 21; John Finn, Wd. 21; John F. Lambert, Wd. 5; Michael O'Riordan, Wd. 16; Edward W. Huntress, Wd. 12; Alfred Spear, Wd. 9; John J. Fennessy, Wd. 14; David H. Cohen, Wd. 9; Russell S. Hyde, Wd. 22; Daniel E. Lynch, Wd. 20; Thomas McKenzie, Wd. 15; John I. Taylor, Wd. 11; Henry H. Allen, Wd. 24; Edward L. Kelly, Wd. 19; Timothy A. Gallivan, Wd. 7; Daniel Ross, Wd. 22; Matthew C. Walsh, Wd. 21; Daniel Leary, Wd. 20; Rollin A. Fisk, Wd. 22; Paul Franke, Wd. 19; George E. Bates, Wd. 20; Patrick Murray, Wd. 25; Humphrey Fitzgerald, Wd. 7.

Adjourned at 3 o'clock P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Feb. 25, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Ald. BERWIN, senior member, presiding and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. FLANAGAN, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

ANNUAL ESTIMATES.

The following was received:

Office of the Mayor,
Boston, Mass., Feb. 25, 1907.

To the City Council:—

In accordance with Section 8 of Chapter 266 of the Acts of 1885, I transmit herewith the estimates of the several departments for the financial year 1907-1908, together with a list of the appropriations which I recommend:

I also transmit for your information the basis of estimate prepared by the city auditor, showing the amount which can be raised this year within the tax limit for the current expenditures of the city, together with his estimate of the income for the present financial year, which is also included within the total amount which the City Council can appropriate.

The gross amount requested by the various heads of departments is \$14,083,525; this, together with \$6,014,916, the sum required for interest and sinking fund requirements and county expenses, is \$20,103,441; and I have recommended that \$18,397,867 be appropriated. This is \$500,000 less than the total amount the City Council is authorized to raise by taxation under the law, and this reservation is made in order to prevent any increase in the tax rate. An increase in the rate is, of course, undesirable, and the present condition of the finances of the city would not warrant such action on the part of the City Council or the Chief Executive.

Substantial increases have been allowed the departments which employ large numbers of men receiving \$2 per day. It has been my judgment for some time that the men who receive this amount as a day's wage should be given an increase of twenty-five cents per day. The cost of living has increased very materially during the past ten years, and the wages of men in outside employments have been generally increased. It would therefore appear that men who give honest and faithful service to the city as laborers ought to receive at least \$2.25 per day. The financial condition of the city will not permit of the increase being made at once, but it is my intention to inaugurate such a policy as soon as possible, the exact time depending altogether upon weather conditions during the coming few months. The present winter has been a particularly severe one, and the cost to the city on account of snow removal has been abnormal. If we are spared further large expenditure for this purpose, and no occasions for other extraordinary expenses arise, it will be possible to give the men this increase within six months at the latest. I am confident, if the city government will follow the sug-

gestions made herein, that this increase can be brought about without necessitating any addition to the city's tax rate.

I am strongly of the opinion that all the public business of the city can be accomplished within these appropriations, and I earnestly recommend the adoption of the amounts stipulated by me.

It should be the purpose of every member of the City Government to keep the tax rate down as low as possible, and to this end I ask your earnest co-operation.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Appropriation and Tax Orders for the Financial Year 1907-1908.

Ordered, That to meet the current expenses payable during the financial year beginning with the first day of February, 1907, of performing the duties and exercising the powers devolved by statute or ordinance, or by vote of the City Council during the year, upon the city of Boston, or the County of Suffolk, or the departments or officers thereof, and to meet their respective obligations for interest on debts, sinking fund requirements, and maturing debt not provided for by sinking fund, the respective sums of money hereinafter specified be, and the same are, hereby appropriated for the several departments, and for the objects and purposes hereinafter stated.

Ordered, That the appropriations for Water Department, current expenses, and the payments to the state under the provisions of Chapter 488 of the Acts of 1895 and acts in addition or amendment thereto, and for the interest requirement for loans issued for water purposes, be met by the income from said works and any excess over income from taxes; that the other appropriations hereinafter specified be met out of the money remaining in the treasury at the close of business on Jan. 31, 1907, exclusive of the money raised by loan or needed to carry out the requirements of any statute, gift, trust or special appropriation, and by the income of the financial year, beginning Feb. 1, 1907, and by taxes to the amount of \$14,409,867, and that said amount be raised by taxation on the polls and estates taxable in the city of Boston.

Ordered, That all sums of money which form no part of the income of the city, but shall be paid for services rendered or work done by any department or division for any other department or division, or for any person or corporation other than the city of Boston, be paid into the general treasury and then credited to the appropriation of the department or division rendering such service or doing such work, and that all contributions made to any appropriation be expended for the objects and purposes directed by the several contributors thereof.

Ordered, That to provide temporarily money to meet the appropriations aforesaid, the City Treasurer issue and sell, at such times and in such amounts as he may deem best, notes or certificates of indebtedness of the city of Boston, not exceeding nine million dollars in the total, in anticipation of the taxes of the current municipal year; that all such notes or certificates of indebtedness be dated the day the money for the same is received, be made payable with the interest thereon at the office of the City Treasurer within the current municipal year, from the taxes of said year, and bear interest from their date until the same are made payable at such rate as said Treasurer shall deem proper.

Ordered, That all taxes raised to meet the appropriations of the City Council, and all taxes assessed for meeting the city's proportion of the state tax of the year 1907, or of any other taxes or assessments payable to the Commonwealth, be due and payable on the first day of October, 1907; that all such taxes paid after the first day of November, 1907, bear interest from and including said day until paid, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, except the taxes assessed upon shares of stock of national banks shall bear interest at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum from and including said first day of November until paid; and that all interest which shall have become due on taxes shall be added to and be a part of such taxes.

Ordered, That the City Auditor, from

time to time during the year, may, with the approval of the Mayor, make transfers within any department from the appropriation for current expenses of one division of a department to the appropriation for current expenses of any other division of the same department, and may, with the further approval of the Committee on Finance, make transfers from the Reserve Fund to the Committee on Finance, make transfers from the Reserve Fund to any appropriation for current expenses of a department; and that said Auditor may, with the approval of the Mayor, between Dec. 1, 1907, and Feb. 1, 1908, make transfers from any appropriation to any other appropriation, and apply any of the income and taxes not disposed of in closing the accounts for the financial year.

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Art Department—Four hundred dollars		\$400.00
Assessing Department—One hundred ninety-five thousand dollars		195,000.00
Auditing Department—Forty-two thousand dollars		42,000.00
Bath Department—One hundred eighty-five thousand dollars.....		185,000.00
Board of Aldermen—Thirty thousand five hundred dollars—		
Salaries	\$21,500.00	
Contingent expenses	9,000.00	
		30,500.00
Building Department—One hundred fourteen thousand dollars....		114,000.00
Board of Appeal—Two thousand dollars		2,000.00
Cemetery Department—Ninety-five thousand dollars		95,000.00
City Clerk Department—Fifty-three thousand dollars		53,000.00
City Council—Seventy-one thousand three hundred dollars—		
Incidental expenses	\$50,000.00	
City Council proceedings	21,300.00	
		71,300.00
City Messenger Department—Thirty-seven thousand two hundred dollars.....		37,200.00
Clerk of Committees Department—Eighteen thousand two hundred fifty dollars		18,250.00
Collecting Department—One hundred fifty-five thousand dollars....		155,000.00
Common Council—Thirty thousand five hundred dollars—		
Salaries of Councilmen.....	\$22,500.00	
Contingent expenses	2,500.00	
Salaries of clerk and assistants.....	5,500.00	
		30,500.00
Consumptives' Hospital Department—Forty thousand dollars.....		40,000.00
Election Department—One hundred seventy thousand dollars.....		170,000.00
Engineering Department—Eighty-two thousand dollars		82,000.00
Fire Department—One million four hundred forty-seven thousand dollars—		
Current expenses	\$1,365,000.00	
Pensions	82,000.00	
		1,447,000.00
Health Department—Two hundred ten thousand dollars		210,000.00
Hospital Department—Four hundred eighty-five thousand dollars.....		485,000.00
Institutions:		
Children's Institutions Department—One hundred eighty-seven thousand dollars—		
Placing Out and Office Division	\$85,000.00	
Parental School	60,000.00	
Suffolk School for Boys.....	42,000.00	
		187,000.00
Insane Hospital Department		
Boston Insane Hospital—One hundred sixty-five thousand dollars		165,000.00
Institutions Registration Department—Twenty-three thousand five hundred dollars		23,500.00
Pauper Institutions Department—Two hundred five thousand four hundred dollars—		
Boston Almshouse and Hospital.....	\$160,000.00	
Almshouse, Charlestown	16,000.00	
Epileptics, etc., care of	14,000.00	
Office expenses	3,900.00	
Pauper expenses	3,500.00	
Steamer "John Howard"	8,000.00	
		205,400.00
Steamer "Monitor"—Twenty-five thousand dollars		25,000.00
Lamp Department—Eight hundred thirty-five thousand dollars.....		835,000.00
Law Department—Sixty-five thousand dollars—		
Law Department	\$55,000.00	
Codification of Statutes.....	10,000.00	
		65,000.00
Library Department—Three hundred twenty five thousand dollars		325,000.00
Market Department—Eleven thousand six hundred dollars.....		11,600.00
Mayor—One hundred forty thousand dollars—		
Office expenses, etc.....	\$100,000.00	
Public celebrations	40,000.00	
		140,000.00

Music Department—Twenty-five thousand dollars	25,000.00
Overseeing of the Poor Department—One hundred thirty-five thousand dollars	135,000.00
Park Department—Three hundred thousand dollars	300,000.00
Police Department—One million nine hundred forty-six thousand seven hundred eight dollars—	
Current expenses	\$1,820,000.00
Pensions	126,708.00
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Printing Department—Forty thousand dollars—	
City Documents, salary of Superintendent, etc	40,000.00
Operating expenses (to be met by revenue).....	
Licensing Board—Fifty thousand dollars	50,000.00
Public Buildings Department—Two hundred fifty thousand dollars	250,000.00
Public Grounds Department—One hundred fifty thousand dollars..	150,000.00
Registry Department—Forty-one thousand dollars	41,000.00
Reserve Fund for the payment of claims, executions of court, court fees, expert witnesses and other legal expenses, and for transfers)—Two hundred forty-nine thousand seven hundred ninety-three dollars.....	249,793.00
Sinking Funds Department—Three thousand dollars.....	3,000.00
Soldiers' Relief Department—Two hundred fifty-four thousand dollars.....	254,000.00
Statistics Department—Twelve thousand five hundred dollars.....	12,500.00
Streets:	
Bridge Department—Two hundred one thousand dollars.....	201,000.00
Sanitary Department—Seven hundred fifty-five thousand dollars	755,000.00
Sewer Department—Three hundred ninety thousand dollars.....	390,000.00
Street Cleaning and Watering Department—Six hundred eighty thousand dollars.....	680,000.00
Street Department—One million two hundred ten thousand dollars—	
Street Department.....	\$960,000.00
Ferry Division.....	250,000.00
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Supply Department—Seventeen thousand five hundred dollars.....	17,500.00
Street Laying-out Department—Eighty-five thousand dollars.....	85,000.00
Treasury Department—Fifty-two thousand five hundred dollars..	52,500.00
Weights and Measures Department—Twenty-four thousand three hundred dollars.....	24,300.00
Wire Department—Sixty-five thousand dollars.....	65,000.00
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	\$12,382,951.00
City Debt Requirements:	
Sinking funds.....	1,545,802.00
Interest.....	3,130,000.00
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	\$17,058,753.00
County of Suffolk—One million three hundred thirty-nine thousand one hundred fourteen dollars—	
General expenses.....	\$960,000.00
House of Correction.....	177,000.00
Office Expenses of Penal Institutions	
Commissioner.....	20,000.00
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	\$1,157,000.00
County Dept Requirements:	
Sinking fund and principal.....	\$58,584.00
Interest.....	123,130.00
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	\$182,114.00
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	1,339,114.00
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	\$18,397,867.00
Water Department—Seven hundred seventy-nine thousand dollars. (To be paid by water income.)	
Current Expenses and Extension of mains.....	\$600,000.00
Debt requirements. (Interest).....	179,000.00
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	\$779,000.00
BASIS OF ESTIMATE.	
Average valuation, \$1,225,429,222.	1906-1907.
\$7.10 on a thousand brings.....	\$8,728,947.47
Estimated income.....	3,503,303.00
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City debt for sinking funds.....	\$12,232,250.47
Interest.....	1,512,515.00
County, for sinking fund and principal.....	2,975,000.00
Interest.....	59,065.00
Appropriation.....	123,640.00
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	1,135,000.00
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	\$18,037,470.47
Average valuation, \$1,252,810,110.	1907-1908.
\$7.10 on a thousand brings.....	\$8,894,951.78
Estimated income.....	3,988,000.00
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City debt, for sinking funds.....	\$12,882,951.78
Interest.....	1,545,802.00
County, for sinking fund and principal.....	3,130,000.00
Interest.....	58,984.00
Appropriation.....	123,130.00
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	1,157,000.00
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	\$18,897,867.78

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Feb. 25, 1907.
To the Board of Aldermen:—
Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint the following-named Truant Officers, employed by the School Committee, to be Constables of the city of Boston (to serve without bonds) for the term ending April 30, 1907:
William A. O'Brien, 34 Monmouth St., Wd. 1,
Philip Davis, 112 Salem St., Wd. 6.
Richard F. Quirk, 564 Broadway, Wd. 14, and
John S. Clark, 20 Gleason St., Wd. 20.
Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.
Severally laid over, under the law.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Feb. 25, 1907.
To the Board of Aldermen:—
Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint Mabel McQuade (1 Faulkner Circle, Wd. 20) a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1907. Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.
Laid over, under the law.

PLANS OF BOSTON ELEVATED RAILWAY COMPANY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Feb. 13, 1907.
To the Board of Aldermen:—
I transmit herewith, in order that they may be placed in the files of the City Clerk, the following plans of proposed additions to and changes in the elevated structure of the Boston Elevated Railway Company:
(1) No. 25,220, showing typical design of proposed siding on Washington St., between Hawthorne Ave. and Dudley St.
(2) No. 26,192, showing proposed location of siding at elevated level on Washington St., between Hawthorne Ave. and Dudley St.
(3) No. 27,579, showing proposed changes in elevated level at Dudley St.
(4) No. 27,580, showing elevations and sections of proposed changes at Dudley St. station.

The above plans have been approved by me, under the provisions of Chapter 500 of the Acts of 1897, as to architectural appearance and obstruction to light and air, with the understanding that the owners of property to be affected by the proposed siding on Washington St. and changes in the station at Dudley St. would be compensated for any damage to their properties by reason of the proposed changes in or additions to the present elevated structure, regardless of any agreement heretofore made between the company and the said owners in respect to damages caused by the elevated structure.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.
(The plans referred to were annexed.)
Placed on file.

BRIDGE SHELTER—VETO.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Feb. 21, 1907.
To the City Council:—
I return herewith without my approval loan order passed Feb. 7-11, 1907, appropriating \$4500 for shelters on Dover St., Broadway and Federal St.

bridges. An expenditure of this nature should be made from the maintenance appropriation of the Bridge Department, and not from funds raised by loan. In a communication from the Superintendent of Bridges recently transmitted to the Common Council (C. C. minutes, page 80), it states that the erection of such shelters is under consideration, and that two will be placed on the Broadway and Dover St. bridges if the appropriation will admit.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.
Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. BALDWIN.

PAYMENT FOR PLAYGROUND—VETO.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Feb. 16, 1907.
To the City Council:—
I return herewith without my approval an order passed Jan. 28, Feb. 7, 1907, providing for the payment of \$100 to Mrs. J. W. Robinson "for use of land for a playground in Neponset during 1906," for the reason that there does not appear to have been any authority vested in the Public Grounds Department to rent this property for playground or other purposes. Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.
Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. CLARK.

CLOTHES SIGN—VETO.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Feb. 21, 1907.
To the Board of Aldermen:—
I return herewith without my approval vote of your Board granting permission to Philip Cohen to project a sign upon which to hang clothing from 9 Endicott St., Wd. 6, for the reason that the maintenance of such a sign would be in violation of the statute authorizing their projection over the public streets.
Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.
Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of the Chair.

COMPLETION OF WD. 15 BATH HOUSE—VETO.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Feb. 12, 1907.
To the City Council:—
I return herewith without my approval order passed Jan. 28, 1907, providing "that from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island the sum of \$25,000 be and hereby is appropriated, to be expended by the Bath Department for the completion of the bath house, Wd. 15," for the reason that there is not a sufficient sum of money remaining from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island to meet the requirements of the order.
Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. BALDWIN.

HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of the Suffolk Savings Bank for Seamen and Others for leave to project a marquee at 53 Tremont St., Wd. 6.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Department (Ald.).

2. On petition of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston for leave to project a marquee at 39 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

The rule was suspended, on motion of Ald. BALDWIN, and leave was granted.

3. On petition of Annie C. Burns for leave to project a bay window over East Third St., from building 43 Q St., corner of East Third St., Wd. 14.

Not having advertised, in accordance with the law, the petitioner was given leave to withdraw.

4. On petition of Dingle-Wetherbee Company for license to store naphtha in an underground tank in yard at 177 Berkeley St., Wd. 10.

No objection. Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Tony Barrasso, a barber pole, at 287 Sumner St., Wd. 2.

W. H. Stringer, three barber poles, at 38 Perkins St., Wd. 4.

Joe Sesonksy, an electric sign, at 270 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

P. Barone & Son, an iron clock sign, at 9 Fleet St., Wd. 6.

O. S. Roberts, an illuminated sign, at 133 Court St., Wd. 6.

Lazarus Goldstein, an illuminated sign, at 213 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Boston Auto School, an illuminated sign, at 343 Tremont St., Wd. 10.

The Salvation Army, a transparency, at 899 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Bernard H. Goodrich, a sign, at 4 Portland St., Wd. 6.

Rosnov & Fishman, two signs, at 47 Pleasant St., Wd. 7.

National Sportsman (Inc.), a gun sign, at 75 Federal St., Wd. 7.

Joseph Palmer, an illuminated sign, at 392 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7.

J. L. Clapp, an illuminated sign, at 54 Bromfield St., Wd. 7.

Wing Lee, a sign, at 34 Lowell St., Wd. 8.

Henry Gediman, an illuminated sign, at 60 Cambridge St., Wd. 8.

Stone & Shaw, an illuminated sign, at 10 Howard St., Wd. 10.

Martin F. Tuohy, an illuminated sign, 10 Howard St., Wd. 6.

Philip Alibrandi, four barber poles, at 124 Hampden St., Wd. 17.

H. E. Lombard, an electric sign, at 112 Court St., Wd. 6.

Phelan & Steptoe, a board sign, at 42 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

Keep Manufacturing Company, an illuminated sign, at 301 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Joseph Squire Company, two gas arc lights, at 35 and 41 North St., Wd. 6.

Herbert E. Lombard, an electric sign, at 112 Court St., Wd. 6.

Philip Cohen, a pole for display of goods, at 9 Endicott St., Wd. 6.

F. L. Colpoys, transparency sign, 361 Broadway, Wd. 15.

The Henry H. Tuttle Company, sign, 159 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

American Poultry Company, illuminated sign, at 5 Way St., Wd. 9.

Henlein & Murphy, illuminated sign, 8 Province St., Wd. 7.

Claims.

Mary E. Peffer, for compensation for personal injuries received on account of an alleged defective condition of Park St., Charlestown, Feb. 12, 1907.

Aurion V. Chevers, for compensation for personal injuries caused by a fall on defective sidewalk at or near 156 Mt. Vernon St., Wd. 11.

Henry Kane, to be paid for expense of opening drain at 33 North Bennett St., on account of a defective sewer in said street.

Clara Sanborn, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in a sidewalk.

Kate Hasey, to be allowed certain wages alleged to be due her husband, Edward Hasey, also to be paid for injury and death of her said husband caused by an accident which occurred while he was employed in the Sanitary Department.

Rachel L. Trainor, for compensation for personal injuries caused by an alleged defect in a polling booth on Springfield St.

Jeremiah Sullivan, for a hearing on his claim on account of an alleged defect in Columbus avenue.

Agnes Hogan, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in a bridge on Broadway.

Public Improvements.

I. A. & A. C. Ratschky, for leave to place sidewalk light covers in sidewalk at 637-639 Washington St. and 1-9 Bromfield St., Wd. 7.

B. Heber Richardson, trustee, for leave to construct a bulkhead in sidewalk at 430-432 Tremont St., Wd. 9.

Chinese Merchants' Association, for leave to discharge firecrackers on Harrison Ave., between Beach and Essex Sts., on the evening of March 4, between 6 and 8 P. M.

Mary A. Harris, for payment of annuity to her as allowed by Section 2 of Chapter 178 of the Acts of 1887, she being the widow of Patrolman Harris, who died from injuries received in performance of his duty.

Electric Wires.

Fire Commissioner, for leave to erect a post for a fire alarm box on Chandler St., at corner of Clarendon St., Wd. 10.

South End Motor Car Company, for leave to stretch three wires across East Concord St., from No. 24 to No. 25.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

Irish Societies of Boston, on the evening of March 10.

The Metropolitan Church Association, March 2 to March 10, inclusive, each day at noon.

Massachusetts Woman's Suffrage Association, on the evening of May 7.

Licenses.

Rev. W. H. Grant, for a permit for Charles Ducey and other children under 15 years of age, to appear at St. Augustine Hall, E St., on the evening of Feb. 21, and the afternoon and evening of Feb. 22.

Railroads.

West End Street Railway Company, for extension of time in which to lay tracks at Dudley St. and vicinity.

West End Street Railway Company, for location for tracks from Washington St., south of Lotus Pl., to and connecting with said company's land, also for a cross connection on Washington St. south of Lotus Pl.

West End Street Railway Company, for leave to lay a single track in Battery St., with the right to use the overhead electric system on same.

Boston & Maine Railroad, for leave to lay additional tracks on Water St., and Warren Ave., Charlestown.

EXTENSION OF PIPES.

Ald. BANGS offered the petitions of the Quincy Market Cold Storage and Warehouse Company for leave to extend its pipes in certain streets, and the petition of the American House, et al, that said petition be granted.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I move that those matters be referred to the Committee on Markets.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I should like to ask the gentleman his reasons why they should be referred to the Committee on Markets.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, this is a matter affecting the market district. It is a petition to extend the license now held by the Quincy Market Cold Storage Warehouse, so that it may extend its pipes and mains through the streets beyond the present limits. That company now cools refrigerators in the market by a solution of brine conducted through mains in the streets, and their license covers the market district. They have been requested by various hotels just outside the market district to extend their service to those hotels, and this application is the result. They want to get an extension of their license, a little beyond the present limits. It seems to me the Committee on Markets is a very proper committee to refer the matter to. I am not particular about it, but it seems to me that it is an appropriate committee. But if anybody else thinks the Committee on Public Improvements is better, I will substitute that motion.

The CHAIR—If there are no objections, the Chair will consider the motion made by Ald. Bangs withdrawn, and the matter will be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The petitions were referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

NEW WATER PIPES.

Ald. BALWIN offered an order—That the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) be appropriated, to be expended by the Water Commissioner for the construction of new, and the replacing of old water pipes; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

SALARY OF SUPERINTENDENT OF BRIDGES.

Ald. BALDWIN offered the following:
City of Boston,
In the year Nineteen Hundred and Seven.

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter Three of the Ordinances of 1906.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 2 of Chapter 3 of the Ordinances of 1906 amending Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is further amended by inserting after the words "the Superintendent of Bridges \$3000" the words "as Boston and Cambridge Bridge Commissioner \$700."

The rule was suspended and the ordinance was passed. Sent down.

NEW BUILDINGS, PARENTAL SCHOOL.

Ald. BANGS offered an order—That the sum of \$75,000 be appropriated, to be expended by the Trustees for Children for the construction and equipment of a new building or buildings at the

Parental School, and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I have had a number of interviews with various members of that Board of Trustees. I am satisfied that they really need this new building. I understand that the accommodations are very inadequate and have been for a number of years, and at the request of one of the trustees I introduced this order. I sincerely hope that it will go upon its passage this afternoon.

The CHAIR—The order will be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Later in the session Ald. BANGS said:

Mr. Chairman, I move that the reference of the order introduced by me authorizing the borrowing of \$75,000, to be expended by the trustees for children for the construction and equipment of a new building or buildings at the Parental School be revoked, and that that order be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I sincerely trust that reconsideration will not prevail. I believe the Committee on Finance is the proper committee to consider a proposition of this character, involving the expenditure, as it does, of \$75,000. There is legislation pending before the Massachusetts Legislature at the present time looking to a change in the present law regarding the commitment of truant. Personally, I believe that the present system, which removes the child from the care of its parents for anywhere from six months to nine years, whatever time the authorities in charge of the children may see fit to require, is a vicious one. I believe that home influence is of greater benefit to the child in shaping its ideas, its natural bent, than is the rigorous system and influence with which he comes in contact while committed to the Parental School. I will say further, Mr. Chairman, that the question whether additional buildings should be erected and placed in charge of the Parental School trustees, or the Children's Institution Department, so called, is of some importance. The present cost of maintenance at the Children's Institution Department represents an expenditure of \$5 a week, or of \$260 a year, in the case of each child so committed. Children are committed there usually for a two-year term, but during the term of commitment they are not only under the control of the Children's Institution trustees, but in a degree under the control of the State Board of Charities, who have the right, it appears, to farm these children out wherever they see fit. If the law were lived up to as regards truant, both in the case of the rich and the poor, I would have no objection to additional buildings there; but the present law works great hardship to the poor and no great injury to the wealthy class in the community. It is safe to say that 99 per cent. of the children committed to the Parental School are the children of parents in extremely poor circumstances, and that less than 1 per cent. are children of parents in well-to-do circumstances. What is the result? In the case of a child of wealthy parents, who is guilty of truancy, and whose violations of the rules are sufficient to warrant a commitment to the Parental School, the parents are usually notified by the master of the school or by the truant officer, and as a rule the child is immediately taken from the public schools and is sent to some private school. He is never committed to the Parental School for truancy. I believe all boys, regardless of the financial

condition of their parents, should be treated on the same scale. I believe if the law requiring the commitment of children for truancy is good it should be applied in the case of children of wealthy parents just as it is in the case of children whose parents are in extremely poor circumstances. I believe this question is sufficiently broad, and certainly involves a large enough expenditure, to warrant consideration by the Committee on Finance. I believe no great injury will be done if the order is permitted to remain with the Committee on Finance for their consideration. I do not believe undue haste is required or warranted, and I sincerely trust reconsideration of the reference will not prevail.

The motion to reconsider reference to the Committee on Finance was declared carried. Ald. CURLEY doubted the vote, and asked for the yeas and nays. Reconsideration of the reference was refused, yeas 4, nays 7:

Yeas—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Berwin, Whelton—4.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—7.

EAST BOSTON TRANSFERS.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to issue transfers from all other lines to tunnel cars run between 12, midnight, and 6 A. M., as is the custom during the other hours of the day.

Passed.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEPTUNE AVE.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested to lay out and construct Neptune Ave., a connecting highway between Wood Island Park and the Bennington-St. boulevard.

Passed. Sent down.

LICENSES.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 61 newsboys, 3 bootblacks and 1 vender.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on petition of Rev. W. H. Grant (referred today), for permit for Charles Ducey, et al., children under 15 years of age, to appear at St. Augustine's Hall, E St., on evening of Feb. 21 and afternoon and evening of Feb. 22—that permit be granted.

Report accepted; permit granted on the usual conditions.

RINGING OF BELLS.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to cause the bells to be rung at 9 A. M., noon and sunset on Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Evacuation Day, Patriots' Day, Seventeenth of June, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, incidental expenses.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. BANGS.

SALE OF UNCLAIMED BAGGAGE.

Ald. BELL, for the special committee for sale of unclaimed baggage, submitted a report on petition of the Bos-

ton & Maine Railroad Company (taken from files Feb. 4), for leave to sell certain articles of unclaimed baggage—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Boston & Maine Railroad be hereby authorized to sell, at public auction, on or before Sept. 1, 1907, and after publication of the time and place of sale, according to law, the articles left and remaining unclaimed in the passenger station of said company in the city of Boston.

Report accepted; order passed.

EXPENSE OF PRECINCT PLAN, ETC.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Special Committee appointed to consider the subject of new precincts in Wd. 20, be authorized to prepare and report a plan for said purpose; the expense attending the same to be charged to the contingent fund of the Board of Aldermen.

Passed.

VOTING PRECINCTS, WD. 20.

Ald. BELL submitted the following:

The Special Committee of the Board of Aldermen appointed to prepare a plan for a new division of Wd. 20 into voting precincts, having considered the subject, respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

For the committee,

Tilton S. Bell, Chairman.

Ordered, That a new division into voting precincts be made of Wd. 20, and said precincts are hereby constituted as follows:

Ward Twenty.

Fifteen Precincts—9652 Voters.

Precinct One—All that part of said ward lying within the following described line: Beginning at the intersection of the centre lines of Greenwich and Freeport Sts.; thence by the centre lines of Freeport St., Dorchester Ave., Hancock and Pleasant Sts., Savin Hill Ave., to the centre line of the location of the Old Colony system of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad; thence by said centre line of location to its intersection with Columbia Rd.; thence by said Columbia Rd. to the harbor line; thence by the harbor line to Greenwich St. extended; thence through the centre of Greenwich St. extended to the point of beginning—696 voters.

Precinct Two—All that part of said ward lying within the following described lines: Beginning at the intersection of the centre lines of Savin Hill and Dorchester Aves., thence by the centre line of Dorchester Ave., Harbor View and Newport Sts. and Crescent Ave., to the centre line of the location of the Old Colony system of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad; thence by the said centre line of location to its intersection with Savin Hill Ave. to the point of beginning—729 voters.

Precinct Three—All that part of said ward lying within the following described line: Beginning at the intersection of the centre lines of Dorchester Ave. and Savin Hill Ave.; thence by the centre lines of Savin Hill Ave., Sawyer Ave., Cushing Ave., Salcombe St., Stoughton St. and Columbia road, to Edward Everett Sq.; thence through the centre line of East Cottage St., Crescent Ave., Newport St., Harbor View St. and Dorchester Ave. to the point of beginning—652 voters.

Precinct Four—All that part of said ward lying within the following described line: Beginning at the intersection of the centre lines of Savin Hill Ave. and Pleasant St., thence by the

centre lines of Pleasant St., Hancock St., High St., Church St., Bowdoin St., Quincy St., Columbia Rd., Stoughton St., Salcombe St., Cushing Ave. and Sawyer Ave. to the point of beginning—717 voters.

Precinct Five—All that part of said ward lying within the following described line: Beginning at the intersection of the centre lines of Dorchester Ave. and Adams St.; thence through the centre line of Adams St., Homes Ave., Draper St. and Bowdoin St. to Eaton Sq.; thence through the centre lines of Church St., High St. and Hancock St. to Dorchester Ave.; thence through the centre line of Dorchester Ave. to Freeport St.; thence through the centre line of Freeport St. to the ward line; thence by said ward line through Greenwich St. and Dorchester Ave. to the point of beginning—672 voters.

Precinct Six—All that part of said ward lying within the following described line: Beginning at the intersection of the centre lines of Geneva Ave. and Bowdoin St.; thence through the centre line of Bowdoin St., Draper St. and Homes Ave., to Adams St.; thence by the centre line of Adams St. and Dorchester Ave. to the intersection of the centre line of the location of the Shawmut Branch of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad; thence by the said centre line of location, to its intersection with Geneva Ave.; thence through the centre line of Geneva Ave. to the point of beginning—760 voters.

Precinct Seven—All that part of said ward lying within the following described line: Beginning at the intersection of the centre line of Park St. and Washington St.; thence by the centre line of Washington St., Bowdoin St. and Geneva Ave., to its intersection with the centre line of the location of the Shawmut Branch of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad; thence by said centre line of location to its intersection with the centre line of Park St.; thence by the centre line of Park St. to the point of beginning—598 voters.

Precinct Eight—All that part of said ward lying within the following described line: Beginning at the intersection of the centre line of Dorchester Ave. and Centre Ave., thence by the centre line of Centre Ave., Centre St., Washington St. and Park St., to the centre line of the location of the Shawmut branch of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad; thence by said centre line of location to its intersection with the centre line of Dorchester Ave.; thence by said centre line of Dorchester Ave. to the point of beginning—633 voters.

Precinct Nine—All that part of said ward lying within the following described line: Beginning at the intersection of the centre lines of Washington St. and Talbot Ave.; thence by the centre line of Talbot Ave. to the centre line of the location of the Midland Division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad; thence by said centre line of location to its intersection with the centre line of Harvard St.; thence by the centre lines of Harvard St., School St. and Washington St. to the point of beginning—591 voters.

Precinct Ten—All that part of said ward lying within the following described line: Beginning at the intersection of the centre lines of the location of the Midland Division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad and the ward line; thence by said ward line through Talbot Ave. and Blue Hill Ave. to the centre line of McLellan St.; thence by the centre lines of McLellan St., Bradshaw St., Glenway St. and Harvard St., to the centre line of the

location of the Midland Division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad; thence by the said centre line of location to the point of beginning—617 voters.

Precinct Eleven—All that part of said ward lying within the following described line: Beginning at the intersection of the centre line of Harvard St. and the centre line of the location of the Midland Division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad; thence by the centre lines of Harvard St., Glenway St., Bradshaw St. and McLellan St., to Blue Hill Ave.; thence by the centre line of Blue Hill Ave. to Columbia Rd., thence by the centre line of Columbia Rd., Hewins St., Erie St. and Washington St. to the centre line of the location of the Midland Division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad; thence by the said centre line of location to the point of beginning—530 voters.

Precinct Twelve—All that part of said ward lying within the following described line: Beginning at the intersection of the centre line of Harvard St. and the centre line of the location of the Midland Division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad; thence by said centre line of location to its intersection with the centre line of Geneva Ave.; thence by the centre line of Geneva Ave. to Bowdoin St.; thence by the centre line of Bowdoin St., Washington St., School St. and Harvard St. to the point of beginning—635 voters.

Precinct Thirteen—All that part of said ward lying within the following described line: Beginning at the intersection of the centre lines of Columbia Road and Blue Hill Ave.; thence through the centre line of Blue Hill Ave. to Stanwood St.; thence through the centre lines of Stanwood St., Normandy St. and Devon St., to Columbia Road; thence through the centre line of Columbia Road to Wales Pl.; thence by the centre line of Wales Pl. to the centre line of the location of the Midland Division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad; thence by said centre line of location to its intersection with the centre line of Washington St.; thence by the centre line of Washington St., Erie St. and Hewins St., to Columbia Road to the point of beginning—512 voters.

Precinct Fourteen—All that part of said ward lying within the following described line: Beginning at the intersection of the centre lines of Bowdoin St. and Geneva Ave.; thence by the centre line of Geneva Ave. to the centre line of the location of the Midland Division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad; thence by said centre line of location to its intersection with the centre line of Columbia road; thence by the centre line of Columbia road to the centre line of Quincy St.; thence by the centre line of Quincy St. and Bowdoin St. to the point of beginning—736 voters.

Precinct Fifteen—All that part of said ward lying within the following described line: Beginning at the intersection of the centre lines of Blue Hill Ave. and Stanwood St.; thence by the centre line of Blue Hill Ave., Quincy St. and Columbia Road, to the centre line of the location of the Midland Division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad; thence by said centre line of location to Wales Place; thence through the centre line of Wales Place, Columbia Road, Devon St., Normandy St. and Stanwood St., to the point of beginning—514 voters.

The report was accepted, the order was passed and the whole was ordered printed as a city document, on motion of Ald. BELL.

MONTHLY STATEMENT OF CONTRACTS.

Ald. BELL offered the following:

City of Boston.

In the year nineteen hundred and seven.

An Ordinance

To Amend Chapter 6 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, Relative to the Auditing Department.

Chapter 6 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered Section 9, as follows:

Section 9. The City Auditor shall, immediately after the first day of each month, transmit to the City Council, through the Mayor, a full and complete statement of all contracts in his possession of sums of \$250 or more, which have been made by city officers, and which have not been included in any preceding report. Said statement shall give the names of the contracting parties, the nature of the contract, and the amount thereof; and if any of said contracts have not been advertised, he shall include in his report the reasons assigned for not publicly advertising for proposals.

The CHAIR—The ordinance will be referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I object to the reference to the Committee on Ordinances, for this reason. Three times last year I introduced a similar order, which each time was referred to the Committee on Ordinances, where it was buried, and where this one will be buried if it is so referred. The gentleman who sits opposite me and who comes from the Roxbury district (Ald. Curley) asks, by wireless telegraphy, to have this referred to the Committee on Ordinances. I expected just such a request, coming from just such a quarter; so I armed myself with the ammunition he used a meeting or two ago, when another motion was made to refer a matter to the Committee on Ordinances. The gentleman stated that he served on the Committee on Ordinances last year and the previous year, and that he realized that it was sometimes difficult to get the Committee on Ordinances together. The same Alderman is on the Committee on Ordinances this year, and I realize that if this ordinance is referred to the Committee on Ordinances it will be buried, just the same as it was during the year 1906. I ask that this matter be assigned for a week and printed on the calendar, and I give notice that next Monday I shall call it up and shall demand that the members of the Board vote either one way or the other. If a member of the Board has not the sand or nerve to vote for it, let him vote against it; but the members of the Board must vote one way or the other, if I can force them to it. It is a fair order, there is no objection to it, and I want to see it adopted. Therefore, I move that it be assigned for a week.

The CHAIR—Under the rules, the Chair is compelled to rule that the order just read must be referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I move a suspension of the rules, that the order may be assigned for one week.

The CHAIR—If the honorable Alderman will move a reconsideration of that reference, the Chair will entertain it.

Ald. BELL—I so move, Mr. Chairman. Reconsideration of reference to the Committee on Ordinances prevailed, and, on motion of Ald. Bell, the ordinance was assigned to the next meeting.

REVOCATION OF DOG MUZZLING ORDER.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the order of the Board of Aldermen, adopted Dec. 23, 1906, and approved by the Mayor Jan. 4, 1907, relating to the muzzling and restraining of dogs for a period of three months, be, and the same is, hereby revoked.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I introduce this order at this time because I believe that the order as passed last December, and for which I voted at that time, is an absolutely foolish order, and one that really has no effect. If any one will take the pains to notice, they will find that there are just as many dogs in the city of Boston that are not muzzled as there are that are muzzled. In so much as the scare of rabies is all over, and inasmuch as the action taken has been a hardship on the dogs that are muzzled, I think the City Council can well afford to rescind the vote passed last December. I trust, therefore, that this order will be adopted.

The order was referred, on motion of Ald. CURLEY, to the Committee on Public Improvements.

RESOLVE CONCERNING TERMINAL.

Ald. CURLEY offered the following: Whereas, It has come to the attention of the City Council of Boston, through the press and other sources, that the Boston & Albany Railroad Company would like to secure the Park Sq. property for its Boston terminal; and

Whereas, We, the members of the Boston City Council, believe that the acquisition of said property by said railroad company would be of immense advantage to the municipality and its inhabitants by increasing and developing property in the vicinity of Park Sq., and by locating a business district thereabouts whereby said section would be benefited financially and commercially; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the City Council of Boston, hereby heartily endorse the project of the taking of the old Park Sq. station for a terminal for the Boston & Albany Railroad Company.

The question came on the adoption of the resolution.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I do not believe it is necessary for me to say anything on this proposition. I am satisfied that every member of this Board and every business man in Boston—with the exception of those whose business may have increased in the last few years as a result of the erection of the terminal station on Summer St. and Atlantic Ave.—will heartily endorse and approve of this proposition. I want to say that the property values in the Park Sq. district have depreciated since the station has ceased to be used as a terminal fully 50 per cent. I have been informed by owners of property in that section that it is an impossibility to let property today at better than 50 per cent of the amount received less than 10 years ago. On that section of Columbus Ave. in the vicinity of Park Sq., as a result of the terminal being closed, it was no uncommon sight during the past year in the summer time to find grass growing between the bricks on the sidewalk. The subway, running under the Common, with its outlet at Boylston St., offers splendid facilities to those persons who desire to use electric cars or elevated trains to any portion of the city. The accommodations and facilities in that section for transportation to any part of the city are excellent. I believe the

Park Sq. terminal should be opened up, for the best interests of the business men in that section and for the best interests of the city itself. I feel that the transfer of the enormous traffic that would be transferred as a result of the opening up of the Park Sq. terminal would not be of such volume as to injure to any great extent the business of that section of the city where the South terminal is now located, and I sincerely trust that the resolution will pass.

On motion of Ald. CLARK the resolution was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

COST OF NEW NEPONSET BRIDGE.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the City Engineer be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to submit to this Board an estimate of the cost of constructing a turn-table bridge to take the place of what is known as the "Neponset Bridge" between Neponset and Quincy, the present bridge being in an unsafe condition.

Passed.

LOAN FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the sum of \$500,000 be and hereby is appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Streets for "street improvements"; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

PROJECTIONS OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:

Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for leave to project signs, etc.—that leave be granted, viz.:

F. L. Colpoys, transparency sign, 361 Broadway, Wd. 15.

The Henry H. Tuttle Company, sign, 159 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Stone & Shaw, illuminated sign, 10 Howard St., Wd. 6.

The Salvation Army, transparency, 890 Washington St.

Martin F. Tuohy, illuminated sign, 427 West Broadway, Wd. 13.

Boston Auto School, illuminated sign, 343 Tremont St.

Phelan & Steptoe, board sign, 42 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

Keep Mfg. Company, illuminated sign, 301 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on usual conditions.

BATH HOUSE, TENEAN BEACH.

Ald. CLARK offered an order: That the Bath Commissioners be requested to erect a bath house at Tenean Beach; the cost of the same not to exceed \$3000, to be charged to the appropriation for Bath Department.

Passed; sent down.

BALLOT FOR CHAIRMAN.

On motion of Ald. WOODS, the Board voted to proceed to ballot for a permanent chairman to serve for the ensuing year, under the provisions of the statute, with the following result:

For John E. Baldwin—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—6.

For Tilton S. Bell—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Clark, Draper—4.

For William Berwin—Ald. Battis—1.

For George H. Battis—Ald. Berwin—1.

For Frederick A. Finigan—Ald. Whelton—1.

There was no choice.

MOTION TO TAKE RECESS.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

Ald. FLANAGAN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the gentleman to withdraw the motion while I offer a report of the Committee on Licenses. (The report referred to by Ald. Flanagan was subsequently presented, and will be found among the other license reports, earlier in the proceedings.)

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I think the report on the Committee on Licenses can wait.

The motion to take a recess was declared lost; Ald. CURLEY doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The motion to take a recess was lost, yeas 5, nays 8.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Bangs, Battis, Curley, Finigan—5.

Nays—Ald. Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—8.

EXPENSES OF ASSOCIATE MEDICAL EXAMINER.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That the Associate Medical Examiner for Suffolk County be hereby authorized to expend annually not exceeding \$200 for carriage hire and traveling expenses in the transaction of his official business as Associate Medical Examiner; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for County of Suffolk.

The rule was suspended, on motion of Ald. WHELTON, and the order was passed.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

5. Notice of the appointment on the part of the Common Council of the special committee on disposal of garbage and ashes.

Placed on file.

6. Message of the Mayor recommending the passage of an order amending the order creating a finance commission, viz.:

Ordered, That the order of the City Council authorizing the appointment of a Finance Commission, approved Jan. 29, 1907, be amended, as follows:

(1) Strike out the last sentence of paragraph one, reading "such commission may by vote, approved by the Mayor, add to its own membership if it deems such action advisable," and insert the following: "In case of any vacancy in the membership of the commission it shall be filled by an appointment made upon the recommendation of the organization upon whose recommendation the original appointment was made. Such commission shall serve until Dec. 31, 1908, unless it shall be dissolved by its own vote before said date, and it shall make its final report to the City Council not later than said date."

(2) Strike out the last two paragraphs of said order beginning with the words "Such commission may make partial reports, etc.," and insert in place thereof the following: "The members of such commission shall serve without pay, and shall be authorized to employ such other expenses as they may deem

necessary or proper, not exceeding in the aggregate the sum hereby appropriated. The sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) is hereby appropriated to be expended by such commission for the purposes hereby authorized at any time during the calendar years 1907 and 1908. All expenses incurred by such commission shall be duly authorized by vote passed by the affirmative votes of a majority of its members and shall be approved for payment by the chairman of such commission. All officers and employees of the city shall furnish to such commission all information or assistance which it may require in the discharge of its duties."

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I desire to raise a point of order on the legality of the order itself, but, rather than do that at this time I would now move that the matter be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements for further consideration. I discover in lines 24, 25, 26 and 27 the following:

"The sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) is hereby appropriated to be expended by such commission for the purposes hereby authorized at any time during the calendar years 1907 and 1908."

If I understand the matter correctly, we have no right to take any action in the way of appropriating money which shall bind the city government of another year beyond the financial year under which we are working. For that reason I move that this entire matter be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements. That will afford us an opportunity to get a legal decision as to the order itself and to amend the order if it is incorrect.

The order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

7. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to lay out as public highways Wellesley Park, east and west, and Clement St., Wd. 20. Passed in concurrence.

8. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be authorized to hire the vacant lot of land belonging to W. W. Marsh, and located on Everett St., Brighton, to be used as a playground as in former years, and to expend not exceeding the sum of \$200 for the purpose; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed in concurrence.

9. An ordinance to amend Chapter 18 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 (concerning the proper care of offal). Be it ordained, etc.:

Chapter 18 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following new section:

Section 5. Said Board shall make such regulations as may be necessary to provide that all offal shall be kept in odorless sanitary garbage cans with proper disinfecting appliances, on all premises occupied as hotels, restaurants and dwellings, and in other places in which refuse matter collects.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I move reference of the ordinance to the Committee on Health Department.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I don't think it is necessary to refer No. 9 to any committee. I think the ordinance is such a farce and such an imposition on the part of the city government that it ought to be licked right here and now and I shall object to its being referred to any committee. I trust that the order will be put upon its passage and defeated.

Ald. DRAPER'S motion to refer to the Committee on Health Department was declared carried. Ald. BELL doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays.

The ordinance was referred to the Committee on Health Department, yeas 8, nays 5:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Berwin, Clark, Curley, Draper, Finigan, Whelton, Woods—8.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Flanagan, Leary—5.
Sent down.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 10, unfinished business, viz.:

10. Action on the appointments of Oliver C. Elliot and Donald J. Hayes to be Weighers of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1907.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Baldwin and Draper. Whole number of ballots cast, 13; yeas 13, and the several appointments were confirmed.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted the following:

Reports on petitions (severally referred to) for the use of Faneuil Hall that leave be granted, viz.:
Irish Societies of Boston, evening of March 10.

Massachusetts Woman's Suffrage Association, May 7.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Ald. BELL, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order for payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the city of Boston for the month of February, 1907. Report accepted; order passed.

SALARY OF PROBATION OFFICER.

A communication was received from Albert E. Clary, Judge of East Boston District Court, determining the salary of the probation officer of said court at \$1500 per annum.

Referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

CLERK HIRE.

A communication was received from W. T. A. Fitzgerald, Register of Deeds, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 22, Section 33, of the Revised Laws, certifying that certain persons had been employed in his office from Jan. 21, 1907, to Feb. 18, 1907, and that work had been performed to the amount of \$2679.81.

Approved and ordered paid.

COAL AND COKE LICENSES.

A list of coal and coke licenses issued by the Secretary of the Commonwealth was received.

Placed on file.

BILLBOARDS ON CITY PROPERTY.

The following was received:

City of Boston, Law Department,
Boston, Feb. 12, 1907.
To the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City Hall, Boston.

Gentlemen:—Your order of Jan. 28, 1907, asking my opinion as to the following questions was received:

1. "Whether the Mayor, Superintendent of Streets or any other municipal official, has a legal right to grant per-

mits for, or allow without permits, the erection of billboards on municipal property, the same to be used for commercial purposes, with or without recompense to the city."

2. "Whether the Mayor, Superintendent of Streets or any other municipal official, has a legal right to grant permits for, or allow without permits, the erection and use of billboards on boundary lines between the city's property and the city's streets and sidewalks, the same to be used for commercial purposes, with or without recompense to the city."

3. "Whether the Mayor, Superintendent of Streets, or any other municipal official, has a legal right to grant permits for or allow without permits, the erection and use of billboards for commercial purposes, with or without recompense to the city, between private property and the city's streets and sidewalks, or in a street or sidewalk in connection with a space occupied temporarily for building purposes."

My answer to question No. 1 would depend upon the nature of the property which the Mayor or some city official had charge of. Under the city charter all the executive business of the city is to be transacted by the heads of the departments under the direction of the Mayor, and certain departments have been given by ordinance charge of certain portions of municipal land and real estate belonging to the city. If real estate in charge of a department is owned by the city and not dedicated by the statute under which it is acquired to some particular use, such permits could be granted by the officer in charge. If such lands have been acquired by eminent domain for a certain public use, the land can only be used for the public purpose for which it was acquired.

As I understand question No. 2, my answer to the first question would apply to this.

As to the third question, in my opinion, the streets being the property of the Commonwealth, no city official has a right to grant the use of them or any portion of them to any one for a private business, whether that business be selling articles or putting up billboards and posters, as the billboards inquired of in this question would necessarily be either on private land or in the streets attached to temporary structures put up by abutters. I do not see how without the consent of the abutters any advantage could be taken of such a permit if one were given, and such billboards, if erected or placed, would really be erected or placed by permission of the abutters and not by reason of any permit granted by any officer of the city. Yours respectfully,

Thomas M. Babson,
Corporation Counsel.

Ordered printed as a city document and placed on file, on motion of Ald. BELL.

SIDEWALK SCHEDULE.

Reports were received from the Superintendent of Street recommending the passage of orders as follows: That the persons named in the within schedules be and they hereby are charged and assessed with one-half the sums set to their respective names as their proportional parts of the cost of constructing sidewalks with granite edgestones in front of their estates on said streets, and the same was ordered to be certified, and notice given to the parties aforesaid, viz.:

Nelson St., Wd. 24, to the amount of \$1447.27.

Blakemore and other streets to the amount of \$1168.70.

Washington St., Wd. 24, to the amount of \$1382.49.

JURY LIST.

The following was received:

Board of Election Commissioners,
Boston, Feb. 25, 1907.
To the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:—We herewith submit to the Board of Aldermen of Boston for revision and acceptance as provided by Chapter 176, Section 5, of the Revised Laws, the list of inhabitants of Boston qualified to serve as jurors; such list having been duly prepared by the Board of Election Commissioners according to the provisions of said chapter, and having been duly posted in public places in said Boston as required by law.

Respectfully,
Board of Election Commissioners,
John M. Minton, Chairman.

(Annexed was jury list).
Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Ald. WHELTON.

ORDER OF NOTICE.

On the petition of Charles A. Pastene, for Talbot Ave. Auto Station, for license to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at corner Talbot Ave. and Spencer St., Dorchester—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, March 18, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted at 4.10 o'clock P. M., on motion of Ald. WHELTON, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chair at 5.02 o'clock P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. BERWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on petition of E. Heber Richardson, Trustee (referred today), for leave to construct bulkhead—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to E. Heber Richardson, Trustee, to construct, maintain, and use a bulkhead opening three feet by four feet, and with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 480-2 Tremont St., Wd. 9; the work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1907, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Report on petition of Chinese Merchants' Association (referred today) for leave to discharge firecrackers on Harrison Ave. between Beach and Essex Sts., on the evening of March 4th, between 6 and 8 P. M.—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on usual conditions.

(3) Report on petition of Dingle-Wetherbee Company (referred today), for license to store oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at 177 Berkeley St., Wd. 10—that license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on usual conditions.

(4) Report on order (referred today) that bells be rung on certain holidays—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(5) Report on petition of Quincy Market Cold Storage and Warehouse Company (referred today), for leave to extend its pipes in certain streets—recommending the passage of an order of notice for hearing thereon on Monday, March 11, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted; order of notice passed.

(6) Report on petition, certificates, etc. (referred today) in case of widow of Patrolman Walter E. Harris of Division 11—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That an annuity be paid from the city treasury to Mary A. Harris, the widow of Patrolman Walter E. Harris, formerly a member of the Police Department, who died from injuries received in the discharge of his duty as a police officer; the amount of said annuity not to exceed \$300, to be determined by the Police Commissioner, and to be paid from the appropriation for pensions, Police Department.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

TRACKS AT ORIENT HEIGHTS.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to transmit to this Board what, if any, information he may have received from

the Boston Elevated Railway Company and the Boston and Northern Railway in the matter of the tracks at Orient Heights.

Passed.

COST OF BRIDGE.

Ald. BERWIN offered an order—That the City Engineer be requested to give this Board an estimate of the cost of a bridge to be established at grade connecting Yarmouth and Irvington Sts.

Passed.

OPENING OF MARKET.

Ald. BERWIN offered an order—That the Committee on Markets consider the expediency of establishing the hours for opening the market throughout the year at 7 o'clock A. M.

Referred to the Committee on Markets.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. WHELTON moved the general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 5:07 o'clock P. M., on motion of Ald. WHELTON, to meet on Monday, March 4, at 3 o'clock P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, Feb. 28, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P. M., President BARRETT in the chair and a quorum present.

CONDITION OF COMMONWEALTH PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Feb. 21, 1907.
To the Common Council:—
I transmit herewith a communication from the Park Department in answer to your order requesting that Commonwealth Park be placed in proper condition for use on March 18th.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks,
Boston, Feb. 21, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, City Hall.
Dear Sir:—The Board has received and duly considered the enclosed order of the Common Council, requesting us to place Commonwealth Park in proper condition for hurling and other sports to be held there on March 18. We are pleased to be able to say that the grading at this playground will be, by that date, so far advanced that a good field will be furnished for these sports.

Your respectfully,
Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.
Placed on file.

FOUNTAIN, MARINE PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Feb. 27, 1907.
To the Common Council:—
I transmit herewith a communication from the Park Department in answer to your order requesting that a fountain be placed in Marine Park, between the Farragut statue and Castle Island pier.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks,
Boston, Feb. 21, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, City Hall.
Dear Sir:—The Board has received and duly considered the enclosed order of the Common Council, requesting us to place a bubble drinking fountain on that part of the Marine Park between the Farragut statue and Castle Island Pier, and will comply with the request.
Placed on file.

ENGINE HOUSE, FOREST HILLS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Feb. 28, 1907.
To the Common Council:—
I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner in answer

to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of providing a site, engine house and apparatus at or near Forest Hills Sq., Wd. 23.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Headquarters Fire Department,
City of Boston,
Boston, Feb. 26, 1907.

His Honor, John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor:
Sir:—The cost of providing a site for engine house and apparatus near Forest Hills Sq., Wd. 23, should not exceed \$40,000.

This estimate contemplates the construction of a house large enough for all future needs.

Yours respectfully,
Benjamin W. Wells, Commissioner.
Placed on file.

FIRE ALARM BOX, CHANDLER ST.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Feb. 28, 1907.
To the Common Council:—
I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner in answer to your order requesting the location of fire alarm box at the junction of Chandler St. and Columbus Ave.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Headquarters Fire Department, City of Boston,
Boston, Feb. 15, 1907.

His Honor John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.
Sir:—In answer to the request that a fire-alarm box be placed on lamp post at the junction of Chandler St. and Columbus Ave., I would say that this location has the approval of the department.

This work had already been planned for at as early a date as possible when conditions would permit.

At this season of the year underground work is not desirable.

Yours respectfully,
Benj. W. Wells, Commissioner.
Placed on file.

SEWER IN SPRING ST.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Feb. 28, 1907.
To the Common Council:—
I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Sewers in answer to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of constructing a sewer in Spring St., Wd. 23.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Sewer Department,
Boston, Mass., Feb. 27, 1907.
To the Mayor.

Sir:—In compliance with the order of the Common Council, Feb. 7, 1907, "that the Superintendent of Sewers be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to give to this body an estimate of the cost of constructing a sewer in Spring St., from Gardner St. to connect with the Metropolitan sewer, Wd. 23," I would report as follows:

To build a sewer on the southerly side of the street, between the Charles River and Gardner St., and on the northerly side of the street, between Webster and Gardner Sts., to connect with the Metropolitan sewer, it would require 2340 linear feet of 12-inch pipe house sewer, 800 linear feet 15-inch pipe house sewer, and 1460 linear feet of 18-

inch pipe house sewer, at a total estimated cost of \$27,670.

On account of this sewer connecting with the Metropolitan sewer it cannot be allowed to receive any surface water, and, therefore, it will be necessary, shortly after constructing the house sewer, to build surface drains and catch basins, at an additional cost of \$16,000. Respectfully,

John J. Leahy,
Superintendent of Sewers.

Placed on file.

EDUCATIONAL CENTRE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Feb. 28, 1907.
To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith an excerpt from the records of the School Committee in answer to your order requesting the establishment of an educational centre in the William E. Russell school.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

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Boston Public Schools,
Superintendent's Office,
Mason St., Feb. 18, 1907.

To the School Committee:—
I have given consideration to the request of the City Council that an educational centre be established in the William E. Russell District on Columbia Rd., Wd. 16. Owing to the brief time that now intervenes before the closing of the evening schools on March 15 next, a school established in a new location would not be in effective operation before it would be necessary to discontinue it. In my opinion it would be undesirable to open such a school at this time.

I have asked the director of evening and vacation schools to give consideration to the desirability of opening an evening school in this district next October. If it appears that such a course should be taken, a recommendation to that effect will be filed with the school committee.

Yours very respectfully,
Stratton E. Brooks,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

Placed on file and a copy ordered to be transmitted to the Common Council through His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy.
Attest: Thornton D. Appollonio, Secretary.

Placed on file.

ADDITIONAL CAR ACCOMMODATIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Feb. 28, 1907.
To the Common Council:—
I transmit herewith a communication from the secretary of the Boston Elevated Railway Company in answer to your order requesting additional car accommodations on the Massachusetts Ave.-Edward Everett Sq. line.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

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Secretary's Office, 101 Milk St.
Boston, Feb. 25th, 1907.
Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor:—Returned herewith in order of the Common Council dated Jan. 31st, 1907, requesting additional car accommodations on the Massachusetts Ave.-Edward Everett Sq. line either by running more cars or by diverting the Meeting House Hill-Hampden St. line through Massachusetts Ave. and Ed-

ward Everett Sq., received with your request of the 7th inst. for return, with report.

I have the honor to inform you that after due consideration of the above request, it has been decided to try as an experiment the diversion during rush hours of some of the Meeting House Hill cars to Columbia Road, Boston St., Dorchester Ave., to Postoffice Sq.

Trusting that the above experiment will prove satisfactory to all concerned, I remain,

Yours very truly,
D. L. Prendergast, Secretary.
Placed on file.

COUPON TICKETS TO BRIGHTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Feb. 28, 1907.
To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Vice-President of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company in answer to your order requesting that coupon tickets, five for twenty-five cents, from Boston to Allston, Brighton and Faneuil stations, be issued.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

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Boston & Albany Railroad,
(N. Y. C. & H. R. R. Co., Lessee.)
Office of Vice-President, South Station,
Boston, Mass., Feb. 25, 1907.
Hon. J. F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, Boston, Mass.,

Sir,—Referring to the enclosed request to issue coupon tickets between Boston and Allston, Brighton and Faneuil, at 5 cents per ride.

We now have ten-ride tickets on sale between these points at a rate of about 1½ cents per mile, which we feel is as low a rate as we can afford to carry local passengers.

I assume that the request is made largely because of the fact that the street car lines are carrying passengers at 5 cents between these places, but it should not be forgotten that the street car lines have to pay very little, if anything, for terminal facilities, whereas it costs us about 4½ cents per passenger for terminal and station facilities before we have begun to transport them, so that there is no profit in carrying local passengers unless we can get more than 5 cents for the service.

Yours truly,
E. Van Etten, Vice-President N. Y. C.
Placed on file.

ENLARGEMENT OF INSANE HOSPITAL.

The following was received:

Office of the Mayor, Feb. 27, 1907.
To the City Council:—
I transmit herewith a communication from the Insane Hospital Department setting forth the necessity for an appropriation by loan for the purchase of additional land and the erection of new buildings. The Trustees have given the subject much consideration, and their conclusions compel the earnest attention of the members of the City Government.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

—
Boston, Feb. 25, 1907.
Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:—At the regular meeting of the Trustees of the Boston Insane Hospital, on Thursday, Feb. 14, it was voted that a committee be chosen to wait upon the Mayor to urge a special loan for the purchase of additional land and the erection of new buildings for

the Boston Insane Hospital. Pursuant to that vote, we have the honor to bring before you the following facts:

In presenting their annual report for 1906, the Trustees made the following suggestion:

"With about 600,000 in Boston, the city has accommodations for only one man in every 2000 of population. If the city is to maintain such an institution as it ought for the care of this particularly unfortunate class of dependents, it should have one large enough to take care of the natural growth of the number. Only when the city owns all the land lying within the area bounded by Harvard, Walk Hill, Canterbury and Austin Sts., and has suitable and commodious buildings on this land, can the institution become homogeneous and ample for the needs of the city.

"The plan of erecting smaller buildings, on the colony system, is particularly adapted to the situation at the men's department. One advantage of this plan is that the buildings can be erected as necessity requires, without entailing a large burden of bonded expense at one time. The city has now a lease on a part of the land desired, and the trustees urgently recommend that an appropriation be provided for the purchase of the land under lease and for the erection of such new buildings as are urgently needed. The need of land and buildings cannot be too strongly emphasized as the greatest desideratum of the hospital today, and even if prompt appropriation is made many patients must be sent away before the demands on the institution can be met.

"With new buildings it is believed that the better classification and better care made possible by having suitable accommodations has led to a larger percentage of recoveries and improvements in the condition of patients. As this should be a first consideration in the care of the insane, no amount appropriated would be too great if it led to similar results in the men's department."

The relation to the present property of the city, of the land which it is desired to purchase is made apparent by the accompanying diagram, in which the portion representing the property known as the "Fottler Farm," now leased by the city, is shown. The portion of the land which would be of especial value as a site for new buildings is high and well-drained, and is within some twenty feet, at its nearest point, of the boiler house of the men's department. This site is particularly advantageous for the erection of new buildings, which should be rather of the type of the present Fottler Farm buildings (although of course on modern plans), making them part of a homogeneous system, although with a smaller unit than in the present hospital.

The buildings at the men's department of the Hospital are now crowded to their utmost capacity, and it is necessary at times to send away patients to state institutions, where they are unable to be visited by their friends often, as would be the case if city of Boston patients could be retained here. In fact, were it not that the city leases the Fottler Farm and its buildings, the Trustees would be obliged to send away some twenty patients now kept there. Not only would this entail a hardship upon their friends, but the amount paid into the city sinking fund by the state by reason of the patients lodged in the Fottler Farm buildings amounted to at least \$3,000.00, and is probably in excess of this. The desired land contains the only tillage land which can be secured in a convenient position as an annex to the present hospital farm, and the following table gives the agricultural

output of the farm last year and the approximate value if it had all been marketed at a fair price:

Squash, 16,000 pounds.....	\$320.00
Turnips, white, 100 bushels.....	40.00
Turnips, ruta baga, 210 bushels..	105.00
Early potatoes, 76 bushels.....	38.00
Early peas, 52 bushels.....	78.00
Sweet corn, 3000 ears.....	30.00
Green fodder, 170 tons.....	680.00
Dry fodder, 10 tons.....	150.00
English hay, 12 tons.....	180.00
	\$1,621.00
Barn rent, \$10 per month.....	120.00
Pasture seven cows.....	50.00
	\$1,791.00

The cost to the hospital in labor of men and teams and the value of the manure used cannot, of course, be definitely estimated. All the articles were consumed except a portion of the hay which will be carried over or exchanged for grain. The farm products could not have been raised on any other land in the possession of the hospital, that is, the hospital would not have had the above amount of farm produce to use as seemed best, nor the use of the barn and pasture, except by the rental of the Fottler Farm.

Even if prompt action is taken to secure a loan for the purchase of new land and buildings for the Hospital, it will be some time before such buildings can be erected, and conditions at the men's department are daily becoming more trying. The land can be secured at a lower price now than later, when additional land in the neighborhood has been sold for building purposes, and the Trustees have reason to believe it can now be secured at a very reasonable figure. In our judgment its valuation should be determined by a board of competent real estate experts, the city to name one, the owner another, and these two to select a third to appraise the property.

Unless the city proposes to give up to the state the care of its dependent insane in the future, it is of the highest importance that adequate provision be made for the expansion of the Boston Insane Hospital. This can only be done by taking that land which would most naturally and advantageously be used in connection with the present farm and buildings. If this is done, and provision is made for taking care of an increased number of men patients, it is the belief of the Trustees that the city will have made a good investment in securing the property. With thirty or forty more patients, the sum paid into the city sinking fund by the state for the board of the insane would be able to meet the interest on the city loan for land and buildings, and the city would acquire an increasingly valuable property. In order, therefore, that a start may be made, the Trustees respectfully request your Honor to petition to the city government for a loan of \$175,000 for the purchase of additional land and the erection of new buildings for the Boston Insane Hospital.

For the Trustees,
George H. Sargent, Chairman.
Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SEWERAGE LOAN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Feb. 28, 1907.
To the City Council:—
I transmit herewith a vote of the Board of Street Commissioners requesting the City Treasurer to issue one million dollars of the sewerage loan authorized by acts of the Legislature. After making a careful examination of

the requirements of the city during the current financial year in respect to the construction of sewerage works under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, and in respect to the construction of separate systems of drainage under the provisions of Chapter 383 of the Acts of 1903, I have come to the conclusion that the loan appropriation for the former purpose should be limited this year to \$700,000 and that the loan appropriation for the latter purpose should be limited to \$500,000. While the law allows an appropriation of \$1,600,000 under the first named act and an appropriation of \$600,000 under the last named act, both loans being outside the debt limit, and while this full amount of \$1,600,000 has been appropriated and expended for several years past, with the exception of last year, when the amount was \$1,349,000, I believe that the financial situation of the city requires that loans outside of the debt limit should be kept within the smallest possible figures.

While a reduction in these loan appropriations will necessarily result in a smaller amount of sewer construction during the coming year, I believe that the city should make this economy of \$400,000. I therefore recommend that the sewerage loans to be authorized by your body be kept within the respective limits above named. Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Street Laying-Out Department,
City Hall.
In Board of Street Commissioners,
Feb. 26, 1907.

Voted:—That the City Treasurer be requested to issue one million dollars of the sewerage loan authorized by Section 6 of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and Chapter 257 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1898, payable at his option and bearing interest at his discretion.

Attest: J. J. O'Callaghan, Secretary.
Sent up.

EXECUTIONS OF COURT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Feb. 28, 1907.

To the City Council:—
I transmit herewith a communication from the City Auditor stating that it will be necessary to provide \$4243.22 by loan appropriation to meet a deficit in the appropriation for "Dorchester St.," caused by executions of court and an award of the Board of Street Commissioners.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Auditing Department,
City Hall, Feb. 26, 1907.
Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of the
City of Boston.

Sir:—Executions of court amounting to \$3743.22 have been paid today on account of damages to property on Dorchester and Newman Sts., by reason of changes of grade.

There is besides in this office an award of the Street Commissioners, amounting to \$500, to be paid when money is provided. The balance in the appropriation for Dorchester St. is \$162.53 and the amount paid or chargeable \$4243.22, leaving \$4080.69 to be provided for. Respectfully,

J. Alfred Mitchell,
City Auditor.

Ordered, That the sum of forty-two hundred forty-three and 22-100 dollars

(\$4243.22) be appropriated to meet a deficit in the appropriation for "Dorchester St.," caused by executions of court and an award of the Board of Street Commissioners; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The message was sent up. The order was read a second time and the rule was suspended, on motion of Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13, and the order was passed, yeas 66, nays 3:

Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Barrett, Bramhall, Brown, Buckley, Carruth, Clark (20), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Davidson, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, George, Green, Hackett, Hanrahan, Harding, Hatton, Hayes, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGovern, McGregor, McLennan, Mealey, Morgan, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Penschorn, Pierce, Purcell, Rackowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Santosuosso, Sheenan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Wharton, Woodside, Zetterman—66.

Nays—Clark (24), Doherty, Willcutt—3.
Absent or not voting—Ducey, Joyce, Madden, Montague, Noyes, Roberts—6.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. An ordinance to amend Chapter 3 of the Ordinances of 1906.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

Section 2 of Chapter 3 of the Ordinances of 1906 amending Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is further amended by inserting after the words "the Superintendent of Bridges \$3000" the words "as Boston and Cambridge Bridge Commissioner \$700."

The ordinance was read a second time. Mr. NOONAN of Wd. 13 moved a suspension of the rule that it might go on its passage.

The rule was declared suspended. Mr. Pierce of Wd. 11 doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote. The Council stood divided, and the rule was suspended, 44 in favor, 7 against.

The question came on the adoption of the ordinance in concurrence.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I don't know as I would be against the raising of anybody's salary, but it seems to me that an ordinance such as this should receive some explanation here tonight. I know I have been approached by many different members, asking me to vote for the ordinance. The only argument they advance is that the Superintendent of Streets of Cambridge receives a salary as Superintendent of Streets of Cambridge, and in addition receives \$700 as Cambridge Bridge Commissioner. I should like to hear somebody tell us how much that salary which the Cambridge Superintendent of Streets receives is, and how it will correspond with the salary that the Superintendent of Bridges of Boston receives. I feel that somebody ought to advance an argument here tonight in regard to this ordinance before we vote upon this matter.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, as I understand the ordinance it asks that the sum of \$700 be given to the Superintendent of Bridges as his salary for an additional duty. I understand that before the reorganiza-

tion of the Street Department the Superintendent of Streets of Cambridge and the Superintendent of Bridges of Boston received \$700 apiece for the performance of their duties as Bridge Commissioners. It is true that the Superintendent of Streets of Cambridge, who has charge of the Bridge Department there, I believe, receives a compensation to the amount of \$700, as Bridge Commissioner. Last year, I believe, through an oversight, this additional amount was not included in the pay of the Superintendent of Bridges of Boston. What the Superintendent of Streets receives in Cambridge, as compared with the pay of the Superintendent of Bridges in Boston is not a matter that we should consider. He may receive \$1000 or \$2000, I don't know; but it certainly is a fact that his duties are not as great and important as those of the Superintendent of Bridges of Boston. It seems but fair that the Superintendent of Bridges of Boston should receive this extra compensation. He gave a year's service as Bridge Commissioner last year for nothing, and I think for any extra duty imposed upon him he should receive a fair compensation, and this certainly is not too much.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3.—Mr. President, I believe that in the Board of Aldermen last Monday this ordinance was passed by a unanimous vote. There was every reason why that should be so, and there is every reason tonight why this body should pass the ordinance unanimously. We have in the cities of Boston and Cambridge a commission known as the Boston and Cambridge Bridge Commission, composed of the Superintendent of Streets of Cambridge and the Superintendent of Bridges of Boston. All the work of that commission, practically, is done by the Superintendent of Bridges of Boston. His office, I understand, is the headquarters for the Boston and Cambridge Bridge Commission. The Cambridge man receives \$700 in addition to his salary as Superintendent of Streets; the Superintendent of Bridges of Boston receives nothing. If he does all the work, practically, and his office is the headquarters of that commission, it seems but fair, it seems but just, that he should be given at least as much extra compensation as is the Cambridge man. For that reason I trust that the ordinance will pass tonight.

Mr. MURPHY—Mr. President, I would make no further objection to this ordinance, but I do feel—and that was my reason for asking that information here tonight—that when an ordinance such as this is proposed, some argument should be advanced in favor of its passage. I do not believe an ordinance such as this should be sent into this body and an attempt made to pass it without any explanation whatever. But, since the gentleman's argument really satisfies me, I feel that it ought to satisfy the other members, and I will vote for the increase of salary.

The ordinance was passed in concurrence. Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3 moved to reconsider; lost.

2. Ordered, That the Park Commissioners be requested to lay out and construct Neptune Ave., a connecting highway between Wood Island Park and the Bennington St. boulevard.

Passed in concurrence.

3. Ordered, That the Bath Commissioners be requested to erect a bathhouse at Tenean Beach; the cost of the same, not to exceed \$3000, to be charged to the appropriation for Bath Department.

Passed in concurrence.

4. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to cause the bells to be rung at 9 A. M., noon and sunset, on

Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Evacuation Day, Patriots' Day, Seventeenth of June, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed in concurrence.

5. Ordered, That an annuity be paid from the city treasury to Mary A. Harris, widow of Patrolman Walter E. Harris, formerly a member of the police department, who died from injuries received in the discharge of his duty as a police officer; the amount of said annuity, not to exceed three hundred dollars, to be determined by the Police Commissioner, and to be paid from the appropriation for Pensions, Police Department.

The question came on placing the report of the Committee on Public Improvements (Aid.) and the accompanying papers on file, and ordering the order to a second reading.

The papers were placed on file and the order was passed in concurrence, the rule being suspended on motion of Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24.

Mr. WILLCUTT moved to reconsider; lost.

COST OF WIDENING NORFOLK ST.

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to report to the Common Council an estimate of the cost of widening Norfolk St. to 60 feet from Washington St. to Blue Hill Ave., also the valuation of property bordering the line of widening.

Passed.

INFORMATION ASKED CONCERNING BUILDING.

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24 offered an order—That inasmuch as the City Council of 1906 refused to remove the restrictions on certain land between South and Washington Sts. West Roxbury, the Building Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to report to the Common Council why the building located on said land is suffered to remain in violation of law.

Referred to the Mayor.

CONVENIENCE STATION, WD. 15.

Mr. MEALEY of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to establish and maintain a public convenience station on Dorchester Heights, Wd. 15.

Referred to the Mayor.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, H ST.

Mr. MEALEY of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place an electric light at the corner of H and Fourth Sts., Wd. 15.

Referred to the Mayor.

HANDBALL COURT, ETC., L ST.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the sum of two thousand five hundred (\$2500) be appropriated, to be expended by the Bath Commission for a regulation handball court and shower baths in L-St. bath-house; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to the above amount.

The order was read once, and, under the rule, takes its second reading at the next meeting.

CONVENIENCE STATION, SOUTH BOSTON.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a public convenience station for men and women at Broadway transfer station, South Boston.

Referred to the Mayor.

REPLACING CATCH BASIN.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Sewer Department be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to replace the old catch basin on southwest corner of Broadway and O St. with a modern one.

Referred to the Mayor.

ALL-YEAR-ROUND BATH-HOUSE, W.D. 8.

The Council next took the following from the calendar, on motion of Mr. McCARTHY of Wd. 8:

10. Ordered, That the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) be appropriated to be expended by the Bath Trustees for an all-year-round bath-house in Wd. 8; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, on motion of Mr. McCARTHY.

LOAN FOR SEWERS.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 called up No. 6, unfinished business, viz.:

6. Ordered, That the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) be appropriated for the construction of sewerage works under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, and acts in amendment of or in addition thereto; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Mr. HARDING of Wd. 20 offered the following order as a substitute:

Ordered, That the sum of seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) be appropriated for the construction of sewerage works under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, and acts in amendment of or in addition thereto, to be expended by the Superintendent of Sewers; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The substitute order was adopted, and the question came upon its passage.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I hope that this order will be assigned for one week. My reason for moving assignment is that during the past week I have visited the office of the Superintendent of Sewers, Mr. Leahy, seeking some information in regard to the sewer system of Boston, and as to what sewers should be constructed. While I have always voted for sewer orders heretofore, not only during this administration, but also during the administration before this one, I must confess that I never looked into the matter very thoroughly. I felt that these were orders which should be voted for, as a matter of course—

that it was really a necessity that large loan orders such as these should be voted for; but I have come to the conclusion that such large sums of money as this should not be spent, and especially that we should not pass such orders as these until the amount of money which has been borrowed on past loan orders has been used up. I know that there is still quite a sum of money in the City Treasury which has come over to use from past loans. My real purpose, however, in moving assignment is that I feel that many of the members of this Council, like myself, will perhaps vote tonight on this matter, if it does come before us, without knowing a single thing about the sewer system of the city of Boston—either the one for which provision is made in the large sewer construction loan provided for in this order, or the one for which \$500,000 is provided for surface drainage, in the following order on the calendar. Now, in order that the members of this body may get an insight into the sewer system of Boston and as to whether we should authorize such large loans as these which are before us tonight, if assignment of this order and the following order on the calendar is passed, I intend to introduce such an order as this:

"Ordered, That the Superintendent of Sewers be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to meet the members of this body in the Common Council chamber on such evening as may be convenient for him, between now and the next meeting of the Council, for the purpose of explaining to them the necessity of passing orders now pending for loans of \$1,000,000 for sewerage construction in the city of Boston."

I would, of course, strike out now the "\$1,000,000," as I understand that two orders have come from the Mayor's office tonight—one of which is before us at the present time, appropriating \$700,000 for sewerage construction, and the other \$500,000 for surface drainage. Therefore I hope that the members of the Council, for their own sake, will seek this information, in order that they may get some idea of the workings of the sewer system and of the operation of the Sewer Department of this city. I hope that the members of the Council will vote for assignment tonight. This does not hold up the order for a long time. I do not know as I shall be against the order myself in the end. There is no fear of any laborers being laid off during the next week, if it is assigned. I will vouch for that. I have looked into it, and find that there is enough money to keep them going for two or three months more. I feel that every member of the Council who votes for assignment is doing his duty, and will be aiding himself to obtain information in regard to the sewer system of Boston.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the gentleman if he wishes to make a motion to assign?

Mr. MURPHY—I wish to make a motion to assign, Mr. President.

The question came on assignment.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, we, of course, will be called upon many times to decide questions of vital importance to the city, and to appropriate the people's money for various things. We should not enter into any expense that would not meet with the approval of our constituents, and it should be our constant effort to see that every dollar expended brings an ample return to the taxpayers. I am in favor of the assignment of this order. The city of Boston, as you know, is the third largest corporation in the whole United States in its financial re-

sources and operations. We are elected as a Board of Trustees for this great corporation, and it should be our duty to see that every dollar expended brings an ample return to the taxpayers of Boston, who are stockholders of this corporation. I hope and trust that these orders, Nos. 6 and 7 on the calendar, will be assigned to the next meeting, so as to give us an opportunity to scrutinize this order appropriating an amount which is quite large. I want a little time to scrutinize the order before I am asked to vote upon it. Therefore, I hope that Nos. 6 and 7 on the calendar will be assigned to our next meeting.

Mr. SANTOSUOSSO of Wd. 4—Mr. President and gentlemen, I trust that this order will not be assigned for one week. I am rather surprised to learn that the two previous speakers have asked for assignment of this order, because they knew as well as I did that this order was coming up before the members of this body tonight, and they had ample time in which to gain all the information they might desire upon the question of this loan, which was originally \$1,000,000, but which has been reduced, according to the order presented by the gentleman from Wd. 24 to the sum of \$1,000,000. I do not understand why it would be advisable for this body to postpone action upon this order for one week. Mr. Murphy of Wd. 19 has said that he tried to learn what was intended to be done with the original \$1,000,000. I desire to state, Mr. President, that I have interested myself within the last 48 hours in this matter to the extent that I have received information from the Sewer Department that not only the \$1,000,000 is needed, but that the city of Boston needs many more times \$1,000,000 to expend in the Sewer Department. That department could advantageously spend many million dollars if it could possibly get the money. According to an estimate made by the Sewer Department, Mr. President, the city of Boston needs \$1,150,000 for building conduits, 20 or 18, from Jamaica Plain to Forest Hills. If this order No. 6 on the calendar is put through tonight, it is understood that possibly \$150,000 of the amount provided will be expended for the purpose of building these conduits from Jamaica Plain to Forest Hills. If the city were to go ahead and complete them all this year, the department would need \$1,150,000 for the mere purpose of building those conduits, let alone rebuilding the old sewers that exist in various sections of the city and the building of new ones where no sewers now exist. I understand, Mr. President, that the Sewer Department needs \$100,000 for improvements of pumping station, for building new catch basins, and for the payment of land damages wherever we might possibly make a taking. I understand also that it is the intention of the Sewer Department to spend at least \$100,000 in old Stony Brook Channel, which is in danger of falling in; and, in order to complete the work on that old Stony Brook Channel alone, I understand it is estimated that an expenditure of nearly \$400,000 will be required. Because there is a lack of funds, because the department cannot get all the money needed to complete this work, it is only intended that we expend a comparatively small sum on old Stony Brook channel. I might go on and relate to you article after article, enumerating in all \$1,000,000 or \$2,000,000 that is really needed today by the city of Boston. But, because some members of the City Government have not been any too generous in the past, the Sewer Department has asked for a loan of only \$1,000,000. It may be

that some members of the City Council are willing to compromise, and one of them has offered a substitute order that we make a loan of \$500,000. Because of these facts that I have put before you, I do not believe it advisable that we postpone action on this matter for one week. As regards the laying off of the day employees, I desire to inform the members of this body that there are dozens of sewer inspectors that have not been working for the city of Boston since the 10th day of January, and that, unless some immediate action be taken upon this measure tonight, there may be dozens of others who will be obliged to be laid off in a few days. I therefore trust that assignment will not proceed.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, it is true that a member of the Council has seen to it after tonight a substitute order for \$500,000, but it was more to get the real work about the matter that order came from the Mayor's office within an hour. That was because the Mayor knew that it was impossible to pass an order for \$1,000,000 here tonight. There is dissension among the members; they don't know enough about the system, they don't know where the money is going, don't know what it is to build, whether it is going for maintenance of the Sewer Department of the city or whether it is going to a lot of contractors who will sweat labor and work their men from nine o'clock hours a day. When they should work them eight hours. As for the argument Mr. Santosuosso puts forward, that there are sewer inspectors that have not done a day of work since the 10th day of January, I will say that it is not because there is no money, there is no money to pay them, there is \$1,000,000 left of the amount of money borrowed last year for the separate systems of drainage. There is \$1,000,000 left from that which was authorized to be borrowed by the City Council last year for sewerage works. That is almost \$1,000,000 left Feb. 28, 1907. They would pay a few men from the department as I understand it, they are using this money which is borrowed for maintenance, mind you, for maintenance. Members can easily see that with \$1,000,000 in the treasury to-day, there is enough money to pay the sewer inspectors, but all the laborers working in the Sewer Department for a few weeks past. There is not a member of this body who will be sorry that he voted for assignment of this order tonight. It puts the matter back only one week, and it will show that this body will be some for the passing into law \$1,000,000 to be appropriated in one night. There is using a little too strong in this body, and I feel that we should not get these members any because we are sitting here and we should think real hard, we are a committee favor of this order tonight. So I hope this matter will be assigned for one week.

Mr. SANTOSUOSSO—Mr. President, even though there be \$100,000 in the treasury for the payment of employees, is it necessary that we should retard the work of building sewers, the construction and repair of sewers? I don't understand why we should retard such work. I understand that the money that is now in the treasury would not go one-inch past toward the completion of what the Sewer Department wants to do in the way of constructing and rebuilding sewers. For that reason, I hope assignment will not proceed.

The motion to assign was defeated last. Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19 moved the vote and asked for a rising vote. The Council stood divided, and the motion to assign was lost, 11 in favor, 20 against.

The question came on the passage of

the order, and the Clerk, being directed to call the roll, proceeded to do so.

Before the Clerk had completed calling the roll the President directed him to repeat the names of those whose names had already been called, and who had not answered, saying:

"The Chair will state that members will vote now or not at all.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2—Mr. President—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that no business is in order while the clerk is calling the roll.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, this is a very autocratic proceeding on your part, and I do not intend, for one, to stand for it.

The clerk repeated the names which has already been called, to which no response had been made, and then proceeded with and completed the calling of the rest of the roll, with the following result:

Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Barrett, Brown, Buckley, Carruth, Clark (20), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, George, Green, Hackett, Hanrahan, Harding, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGregor, McLennan, Montague, Morgan, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Peshorn, Pierce, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Santosuosso, Sheenan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—66.

Nays—Eramhall, Clark (24), Hatton, McGivern, Mealey, Wentworth—6.

Absent or not voting—Madden, Noyes, Roberts—3.

The PRESIDENT—Before announcing the result of the vote, the Chair will state that he has noticed a growing tendency on the part of the members to dodge on roll calls, to sit in their chairs and not respond, waiting until the roll call is finished, and then having themselves recorded or not, as they please. The rules say that the members shall vote. The tendency is to dodge, and then, when they find that there are sufficient votes to pass a loan order, to stand up, be recognized, and vote, thereby getting under cover.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, will you give me that rule, please?

The PRESIDENT—Sixty-six members having voted in the affirmative and 6 in the negative, it is a vote, and the order is passed.

Mr. SANTOUOSSO moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President—

The PRESIDENT—For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. DOHERTY—To a point of information.

The PRESIDENT—There is no such thing as a point of information that will let the gentleman from East Boston talk.

Mr. DOHERTY—Will the President state to this body under what rule of the Common Council he may compel the members to vote, if they desire to use their prerogative and decline to vote?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state to the gentleman that, after serving for one year in the Council, he should be familiar enough with the rules to know.

SURFACE DRAINAGE.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3 called up No. 7, unfinished business, viz.:

7. Ordered, That, in accordance with Chapter 383 of the Acts of 1903, the Superintendent of Sewers construct, in

connection with the Metropolitan sewers, branch intercepting sewers, connections of existing sewers with intercepting sewers, branch drains, sewers or drains in any street where one thereof only shall have been built, and all necessary connections with such sewers or drains, but shall not incur any expenses therefor in excess of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000); and to meet said expenses the City Treasurer shall, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, issue and sell bonds of the city of Boston to the amount required therefor, the same to be outside the debt limit.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. CARRUTH of Wd. 22 offered the following substitute:

Ordered, That, in accordance with Chapter 383 of the Acts of 1903, the Superintendent of Sewers construct, in connection with the Metropolitan sewers, branch intercepting sewers, connections of existing sewers with intercepting sewers, branch drains, sewers or drains, in any street where one thereof only shall have been built, and all necessary connections with such sewers or drains, but shall not incur any expenses therefor in excess of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000); and to meet said expenses the City Treasurer shall, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, issue and sell bonds of the city of Boston to the amount required therefor, the same to be outside the debt limit.

The substitute was adopted, and the question came on its passage.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I would move the assignment of this order to the next meeting. My reason for doing that has been explained here tonight; and now, since the Council has been good enough to pass a loan order of \$700,000, which ought to supply a few contractors with work for a few weeks and also take care of the laborers and sewer inspectors for a few more weeks, I don't know that it would hurt the Council to assign this order for one week. I know that if we have the Superintendent of Sewers come before the members of this body on some convenient night, the body will get a great deal of information that will be of benefit, and I know a number of the members will be thoroughly surprised.

In the little talk I had with the Superintendent of Sewers, he talked of sewer construction, surface sewerage, Stony Brook, natural outlets, intercepting sewers, and so forth, so fast that I really couldn't make head or tail of it; but if we got him before this body at some meeting with a stenographer to take down the lecture he would give to the body, I know there would be a lot of valuable information. I must say to the members that they are not acting wisely if they do not avail themselves of the chance to get that information. You will vote on orders in this body more intelligently afterward. I know that a number of members here, like myself, are voting for orders because they want to be good fellows, and, as they think, keep a lot of men from being laid off. The only time when we hear the talk about men being laid off is just when they want these orders passed, regardless of the fact that there is plenty of money in the city treasury to take care of the men. For my own part, I feel that there will be no men laid off, if we hold the orders up in this body all the year. There is another election coming on pretty soon, and it is not a wise piece of business to lay men off when one of those elections is coming around. I ask you, in all fairness, to assign this order for one week, until we get this information. Nobody can come forward

with the argument now that they need money. They got the \$700,000 in short order. So I hope this matter will be assigned—and I make a motion to that effect.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I came here tonight prepared to vote for all the propositions that are upon the calendar for the benefit of the administration; but when I see the President of this body usurping the rights of the individual members and attempting to swing what I consider a party whip over the members of the majority whip in the body, assuming the prerogatives that belong to them, I say that I, for one, will not allow the President of this body, the Mayor of the city of Boston or anybody else to usurp my rights and privileges or to take upon himself the prerogatives with which the people of Boston have invested me.

Mr. SANTOSUOSSO—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. I understand that there is a motion before the body to assign for one week. The gentleman from Wd. 2 is talking about some prerogative and some whip being used which I know nothing about. I understand that there is a motion to assign before the body, and I trust he will confine himself to the question.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair must declare the point of order well taken. The Chair, in his very arbitrary way, was willing to allow the gentleman from East Boston (Mr. Doherty) all the latitude possible, although the remarks were entirely out of order except upon a question of personal privilege. The question, however, is on assignment; the Chair will be very glad to extend to the gentleman later an opportunity to make a statement, on a question of personal privilege.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, I arose to speak to the question of assignment. I believe I have a right to preface my remarks with a little personal matter of my own. I believe in a free and open discussion of all matters that come before us, and I believe that a certain leeway should be allowed, so that we may take advantage of any knowledge that may be offered to us, and I believe that any slight deviation from the rule, during the course of remarks of different members of the body should not be taken advantage of, either by the Chair or by any other member of the body, in order to confine a member who is speaking strictly to the question.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will request the gentleman to confine himself to the question.

Mr. DOHERTY—I will do so, Mr. President. I said in the beginning, Mr. President, that I came here tonight prepared to vote for No. 6 on the calendar which provides an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for sewerage works; and I came here tonight prepared to vote in the affirmative for No. 7 upon our calendar, which provides an appropriation of \$600,000 for surface drainage. But, Mr. President, I do not intend to sacrifice my manhood on the ground of party fealty or because of any party whip on this measure. For that reason, I intend to vote for the assignment of No. 7. I say, let us be fair on the matter. If they are going to treat us like a lot of men who have no minds or wills of our own, just so long as we permit them to drive us to vote as they wish, and to shoo us this way or that, like a lot of chickens, just so long will they care nothing for us and have no respect for us; but when you show them that you have a will and a vote of your own, and that you will stand up for the rights that are vested in you, then you will find them coming to you and asking you to give them a vote for

this or that proposition in which they are interested. I came here tonight prepared to vote in the affirmative; but owing to the action of the President of this body in trying to stifle opposition here this evening, I say at this time that I shall vote in favor of assignment, and in favor of the passage of any substitute order for No. 7 on the calendar.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair wishes to state that he is pleased to know that the gentleman came here tonight prepared to vote for \$1,000,000 for sewerage works. The Chair has noticed that at former meetings the gentleman was ready to vote for anything and everything that was opposed to the administration.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, may I be permitted a word? I came here tonight to vote for the sewer loan, not because of any love for or affiliation with the present administration. I came here tonight to vote in favor of that proposition simply because a certain man, a friend of mine in East Boston, who is a foreman in the Sewer Department, came to me and asked me to vote in favor of it. It is because of friendship for him, and because of that friendship alone, that I was prepared to vote in the affirmative on that question tonight, regardless of His Honor the Mayor, or whatever his wishes might be. That man is the foreman of the East Boston district—Mr. John N. Conry, foreman of the East Boston division of the Sewer Department of the city of Boston. (Laughter.) I want to put myself on public record. (Laughter.)

The PRESIDENT—The Chair wishes to state that he is glad the gentleman has so good a reason.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, the remarks which have just been made by Mr. Doherty cover my argument in favor of assigning this matter for one week. There are many members of this body who have been approached during the past week by men who are either foremen or sewer inspectors. I am one of those members who have been approached during the past week by many friends of mine. But I have told all of them that at this time I want to find out as much about the Sewer Department as was possible. I told them that I had the interest of the city at heart. They, perhaps, had their own interest. I am here representing a constituency, and when I go before that constituency next year for reelection to this body, or election to some higher office, then they may call me to account for not looking after the interests, not only of that constituency, but of the whole city of Boston, to the best of my ability. Now, that argument that Mr. Doherty has made should appeal to every member here. Of course, there are friends of yours who have asked you to vote for these measures. You cannot blame them for doing so. I do not blame them. Perhaps I shall vote for this order eventually. I do not believe in voting against orders. But when we have a chance to get some information that will be information, and that will be given to us with the backing of the Superintendent of Streets—a man who, if he does not know all about the workings of the sewer system, should let us get it. I believe that Mr. Leahy, from the conversations I have had with him, does know a great deal about the sewer system; and I believe that Mr. Leahy is an honest man. But Mr. Leahy got his position from the present administration, and he has to do pretty nearly as that administration tells him to. He is not like some of us, who do not do as the administration says. Now I feel that if Mr. Leahy came before this

body some night that would be convenient for him, and told us the inside workings of the sewer system, and why \$1,000,000 is needed, we would receive valuable information, and I am going to say right here that though we are making an appropriation of \$700,000 tonight for sewerage works, later on, around the last of August or the first of September, there will be another order brought in here for \$300,000 more, to make up for the amount which was left off of this order tonight. Every member here knows that. Anybody who has been acquainted with city affairs for the past five or six years knows that these orders have been slid through split up—\$500,000, \$600,000 or \$700,000 going through the first of the year, and later on, in the fall, after we all come back here from our summer vacations, feeling good, happy and healthy, and willing to vote for almost anything, they pass an order for \$300,000 more, and we all jump into line and say: "Why, sure; we have to vote for that. It keeps the workingman in his job." I want to say right here that I do not think I would vote against an order such as this. I do not know as I ever have done so. I may have, but if I did it was because I was feeling pretty mad about something. Now, we cannot lose a thing by assigning this order for one week, and I hope that every member, after the remarks which Mr. Doherty has made, will see fit to vote that way.

Mr. DRISCOLL of Wd. 9—Mr. President, I hope that assignment will prevail this evening. I do not say that I hope it will prevail through any desire to stop the appropriation in any way at all, but because I believe the order this year calls for the same amount that was provided for the order passed last year; whereas I understand, and so does everybody else in the city of Boston, that the Mayor is in favor of giving the laboring man who is working for the city of Boston an increase of 25 cents in their day's pay. He has said that in all of the appropriations which he has recommended he has allowed enough to give them that 25 cents a day. Last year we passed an order appropriating \$1,000,000 for sewerage works and \$600,000 for surface draining. Tonight we are doing practically the same thing. There was an order passed in this Council about a month ago asking the heads of the different departments, through His Honor the Mayor, to submit to the City Council an estimate of the additional appropriation required in each department in order to provide that the lowest rate of wages paid by the department should be \$2.25 per day. Now, as far as I can remember, we have not received any communications from any of the departments of the city of Boston. In this department, the Sewer Department, there are something like 357 laborers that are receiving \$2 per day. These laborers are looking at this appropriation, because it is the first appropriation which has come up before this body. If we pass this tonight without looking into the matter, I believe that after the order is passed these laboring men will be expecting to get their increase in pay, and they will be told by the heads of the different departments that there is not enough money to grant them the increase which was promised them. That is my reason, gentleman and members of the Council, for asking to have this order assigned for one week. In that week's time I believe the Superintendent of Sewers will communicate with the City Council and state whether there is enough money appropriated to allow the laborers their increase, when the time comes for them to have it. In all the departments of the city of Boston, I

believe, there are something like 24,000 laborers. Those 24,000 laborers are looking to us and expecting us to see to it that there is enough money provided for the different departments to enable the departments to give to those men that which they have been looking for the last 24 years.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair wishes to call the gentleman's attention to the fact that this is a loan order and not the regular department appropriation order. This loan cannot be used to increase any salaries or wages. The increase in wages of the laboring men would naturally be provided for in the regular department appropriation, which will come up later as a part of the appropriation bill. This is a loan order, and not an appropriation order.

The motion to assign the matter until the next meeting was declared lost.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, I respectfully doubt the vote and ask for a rising vote.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman is not in his seat.

Mr. Murphy of Wd. 19 doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and the motion to assign was lost, 22 members voting in the affirmative and 33 in the negative.

Mr. Doherty further doubted the vote and asked for a verification by a roll call, and the yeas and nays were ordered.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair wishes to call the attention of the members of the Council to that section of Rule 33 which says:

"Every member present shall answer to his name unless excused before the vote is taken."

That is the occasion of the Chair's arbitrary ruling.

The roll was called, and the motion to assign was lost, yeas 25, nays 45.

Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Bramhall, Clark (24), Colpoys, Costello, Doherty, Driscoll, Ducey, Fitzgerald (14), Hatton, Hayes, McCormack, McGivern, Mealey, Morgan, Murphy, O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Sacks, Sorenson, Spellman, Troy, Willcutt, Woodside—25.

Nays—Barrett, Brown, Buckley, Carruth, Cose, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Davidson, Donovan, Doyle, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (3), Foley, George, Green, Hackett, Harding, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, McCabe, McCarthy, McCullough, McGregor, McLennan, Montague, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), Penshorn, Pierce, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Rosenber, Santosuosso, Sheehan, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Wentworth, Wharton, Zetterman—45.

Absent or not voting—Clark (20), Hanrahan, Lill, Madden, Noyes—5.

The substitute order, appropriating \$500,000 for surface drainage, was passed, yeas 64, nays 6:

Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Barrett, Bramhall, Brown, Buckley, Carruth, Clark (20), Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, George, Green, Hackett, Harding, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGregor, McLennan, Mealey, Montague, Morgan, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Penshorn, Pierce, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Rosenber, Sacks, Santosuosso, Sheehan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Wharton, Zetterman—64.

Nays—Clark (24), Colpoys, Hanrahan, Hatton, Willcutt, Woodside—6.

Absent or not voting—Hayes, Madden, McGivern, Murphy, Noyes—5.

Mr. CARRUTH of Wd. 23 moved reconsideration, hoping that the same would not prevail.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I hope that that motion to reconsider will be assigned until the next meeting of the Council.

The PRESIDENT—Do you so move?

Mr. MURPHY—I make that motion. Mr. President, my reason for that is, of course, the argument which I have already advanced for assignment. I should like to read the chapter in accordance with which we are now appropriating this money: "An act relative to separate systems of drainage. Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

"Section 1. The owner of every estate abutting on a public way in which a drain, namely, a conduit for surface or storm water and such waters as shall be specified by the State Board of Health; and a sewer, namely, a conduit for all other waters and for sewerage, all such other waters to be considered sewerage, shall have been provided by a city or town, and the owner of any other estate, using any such drain or sewer, shall make or change the plumbing of his estate so that the waters shall be kept separate from the sewage; and shall, as directed by the officer having charge of the maintenance of sewers in such city or town, make connections for, and conduct, the waters into the drain and the sewage into the sewer.

"Section 2. The owner of every estate whose sewage is to be taken into any metropolitan sewer shall hereafter, in plumbing his estate, so arrange the plumbing as to keep the waters separate from the sewage, and shall, as directed by said officer, make connections for, and conduct, the waters into the drain and the sewage into the sewer; but where only one conduit shall have been provided in the street by the city or town, such owners shall, as directed by said officer, construct said connections into the street and connect them with the conduit so provided, and the city or town shall provide the other conduit and all necessary connections with either conduit."

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—The question is on assignment and not on the merits of the question; and the gentleman is evidently reading the entire chapter.

Mr. MURPHY—Mr. President, the entire chapter consists of only four sections—three fairly long ones, and a short one. It will only take me a few minutes to read the remainder, and I desire to do so in connection with my motion to assign.

The PRESIDENT—Does the gentleman care to withdraw his point?

Mr. McCULLOUGH—I will withdraw it.

Mr. MURPHY—(Continuing reading):

"Section 3. Any city or town using any metropolitan sewer may, in any year, and shall in any year specified by any officer or board having charge of said sewers, expend one-twentieth of 1 per cent of its taxable valuation, to be met by loan outside the debt limit, in the construction, in connection with said sewers, or branch intercepting sewers, connections of existing sewers with intercepting sewers, branch drains, sewers or drains in any street where one thereof only shall have been built, and the necessary connections aforesaid.

"Section 4. The Supreme Judicial Court and the Superior Court shall have jurisdiction in equity to enforce the provisions of this act.

"Section 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage."

Now, I wanted to get that on the records, any way, Mr. President, in order to give the members an opportunity to become familiar with it without going to any trouble to look up the act. I hope that this matter will be assigned to the next meeting so that we may thereby gain the object which we have been seeking.

The motion to assign consideration of the motion to reconsider to the next meeting of the Council was lost, and the motion to reconsider was also lost.

The order was sent up for concurrence.

LOAN FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Streets for "Street Improvements"; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

Mr. DOHERTY moved a suspension of the rules in order that the order might go upon its passage.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I trust that the rules will not be suspended at this time. I am very much surprised that this order should be introduced. "Street improvements" really means the paving of streets—the laying of pavements in our streets. Now, the average life of those pavements is only five years, and yet we are asked to borrow money for that purpose. We have borrowed so much money that we seem to have forgotten that the borrowing of money is something that should be resorted to only on extreme occasions. We have forgotten that the normal way of providing for expenses is by means of the tax levy. It is high time that we realized that more of the money which we spend should come out of the tax levy, and less out of loans. Last year His Honor the Mayor provided that \$500,000 should be taken from the tax levy for this purpose, and he pointed that fact out to the public press and took credit for it. This year he has failed to make this very proper provision; and he has pointed out to the press, for the purpose of commendation, the fact that he restrained himself and did not appropriate all that he had the right to appropriate. He pointed out the fact that there was still a power to appropriate from taxes amounting to \$500,000 which he might have used, and which he did not use. Now, Mr. President, as a matter of fact, he should have used it. He should have used it for this very purpose. We should pay as we go. Last year, in spite of this \$500,000, which was in the tax levy, he appropriated \$900,000 for the purpose of street improvements by means of loans. His predecessor only borrowed \$220,000. Apparently, the present Mayor is going to continue this most disastrous policy of borrowing money for current expenses. I notice that he did make one improvement last year. Instead of borrowing the money on a term of twenty years, he borrowed it on a term of fifteen years. Formerly they borrowed it for ten years, only. Recognizing the injustice that there was in borrowing money for a long term, because it is unfair to tax those who come after us for improvements which they do not enjoy, he did decrease somewhat the term of the loan. I trust, Mr. President, that the rules will not be suspended, but that we will begin here a reform in this matter, and that we will show this investigating

commission that we intend to make an improvement in this particular line, at least. I trust that the rules will not be suspended and that the order will not be passed.

MR. DONOVAN of Wd. 3.—Mr. President, this order is the customary one—one that is introduced at some time during every year. I trust that the members of the body will not confound this order with No. 12 on the calendar, which provides money to be expended by the Street Commissioners. The money provided for in this order is money which is to be expended by the Superintendent of Streets. Every man in this body who represents a district has in that district streets which need resurfacing or reconstruction, and we cannot get those improvements unless we provide the money with which to do it. The object of this order is to provide money so that nine streets in South Boston, six streets in East Boston, 12 streets in Charlestown, 11 streets in Brighton, 11 streets in the Back Bay, 13 streets in the South End, nine streets in the North End, 17 streets in West Roxbury, 12 streets in Roxbury and 14 streets in Dorchester may be given the advantage of needed improvements. It is a question with us whether we are going to defeat this order and thereby deprive the people of our districts of the improvements to which they are entitled, or whether we are going to pass the order and give to them that to which they are justly entitled—good streets upon which to travel, and safe streets upon which the people of those districts may walk and conduct their business. I sincerely trust and believe that every member of this body will do that which it is his duty to do—see to it that the streets in his district are properly cared for. In view of those facts, I trust that the body will suspend the rule, so that that may be done.

MR. PIERCE—Mr. President, I do not wish to be misunderstood. I am in favor of street improvements where they are necessary. I certainly feel that our streets should be in the very best condition possible. I simply raise this point—that money for that purpose should not be borrowed, but should be taken from the tax levy. There is a very great distinction. I do not object to street improvements; but I do object to the manner in which you are supplying the money for street improvements. It is not sound finance. The investigating commission will undoubtedly make this a prominent feature of their report. They will recommend that hereafter no money shall be borrowed for street improvements. There is no question about it. It is inevitable. They are bound to make that recommendation. Why wait for them? Why not do the right thing ourselves? It is simply a question of finances. I do not object to the expenditure of money for this purpose; but I do object to the borrowing of money for this purpose. If it were impossible at this date to put an item of \$500,000 in the appropriation bill, the gentleman advocating this measure would have some ground to stand on; but it is not too late to put in an item of \$500,000 for this purpose in the appropriation bill, and His Honor the Mayor ought to do it. It may make a difference in the tax rate of a few cents; but it ought to be there. The Mayor ought to retrench in some other way. I trust, Mr. President, that the members will inaugurate this reform here and now.

The question came on suspending the rule.

MR. FITZGERALD of Wd. 2.—Mr. President, it seems to me that the member from Wd. 11 (Mr. Pierce) contends

for too much. If he had objected to this on the ground that it was borrowing money for a term of years, which would extend beyond the time of the benefit that would accrue to the people, there might be something in the objection. But he objects to it on the ground that it is a loan. It seems to me that the paving of streets should be taken care of by loan. If the policy the gentleman suggests had been adopted years ago, that might be one thing. As he says, a great many pavements which exist in the city at the present time have been paid for in past years, which we are getting the benefit of this year, when we are not paying for them, and we might well pay for other streets and let the benefits accrue to the people in years to come. But the fact of the matter is that the present policy was adopted in the past. It may be that money has been borrowed for a term of years so long that the benefits derived by its expenditure have long passed before the sinking fund to wipe out the debt was entirely completed. But, as we are today burdened with the requirements of those sinking funds for street improvements in the past, it seems to me it is too much to ask us to put on the present administration not only the burden of appropriating money to take care of street improvements made for the last 15 years, but on top of that to pave our streets out of the tax levy of this year. It seems to me that that is a very unfair proposition, and for that reason I believe the money should be borrowed, although I believe it should be for a short term of years.

MR. O'BRIEN of Wd. 14.—Mr. President, I don't want to be considered as opposed to this order at all, but in looking over the lists of streets to be resurfaced and reconstructed I find that South Boston gets out of this large appropriation really but \$67,400. We have here two streets—Boston St., from Washburn to Dorset Sts., and Dorchester Ave., from Andrew Sq. to Mt. Vernon St., that are not in South Boston. Farther down in the list, East Boston does not fare as well as we do. It gets \$52,700. On the other hand, Charlestown gets \$230,450; Brighton gets \$190,700; the Back Bay gets \$95,300; the South End gets \$233,600; the North End gets \$92,700; West Roxbury gets \$143,900; Roxbury gets \$122,000, and Dorchester gets \$79,000. Now, if Mr. Donovan can tell me why South Boston gets such a small item out of that large expenditure, perhaps I will be willing to vote for the order.

MR. MURPHY of Wd. 19.—Mr. President, if the gentleman who has looked over the list of streets and the amounts to be expended, had looked at the total, \$1,360,350, he could see very easily that one section was not going to be treated a great deal better than another, as it would be a pretty hard matter to take \$1,360,350 out of \$500,000. But, Mr. President, to go on handing those things around looks like passing a gold brick—looks like handing, as the fellow says, a lemon. I don't know as I would be at all against a \$500,000 order for street improvements, but every member here ought to see that they cannot give them all the streets they want, cannot resurface and improve all the streets. You have to take your chance on having the streets in your district fixed up. I think it is the regular procedure here to allow an order like this, which is introduced on one night, to lie over for a week and take its second reading at the next meeting. I don't think we should suspend the rule on a matter like that. Mr. Pierce has said that taking care of the streets by an order of this kind is bad finance. I think when they are rushing a whole lot of orders through here—\$500,000 for surface sewers, intercepting drains and all such stuff as that, and

then trying to run in \$500,000 for street improvements and about ten minutes after that is passed we will have No. 12 on the calendar, which calls for \$500,000 for the laying out and construction of highways, all in one night, it is frenzied finance. I hope that this order will take the regular procedure and lie on the table for a week, that the rule will not be suspended here for the passage of the order tonight.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, were it not for the fact that this is, as the gentleman from Wd. 3 has stated, a customary order introduced into the City Council each year, each member knowing what is desired, and that the objections to the passage of the order are the same year after year, I would favor assignment tonight to the next meeting. But, Mr. President, there is something in the air tonight. There seems to be an opposition stirred up by a coterie of members, one of whom wants to found a night school in which the Superintendent of Sewers may give instruction in sewers. I have waited patiently; that an order might be introduced or a suggestion made that Mr. Doyle might be invited to come in here and tell us what the life of a paved street is. Another gentleman came here prepared to vote for administration orders, until it was proven to him that he didn't know the rules of the body. Another gentleman came here prepared to vote for administration orders, as they term them, until he found out that we were passing a loan—not an appropriation to a department—for maintenance and from which the laborers were paid. The real objection that has been given here tonight has come from the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Pierce). He objects to the method of expending the money. This question as to whether it is right or wrong to borrow money for street improvements was all threshed out here last year for three or four months. It was discussed by the gentleman's amiable friend, the editor of "City Affairs," in a few editions. It was discussed by Ald. Bangs of his district, in the Board of Aldermen, and the final result was that they agreed with his Honor the Mayor and the order was passed practically unanimously in the Board of Aldermen and here. Now, I cannot believe that the gentleman from Wd. 11 wants you and me to believe that the life of a paved street is five years. I am not prepared to argue it with him; I have not made a study of it; but in a debate last year in the upper branch of the Council it was practically admitted that the average life of a paved or macadam street was 20 years. The gentleman from Wd. 11 has given some argument. He believes that it is poor finance. But that question has been decided. We might assign this order tonight, but there is not a member of this body who does not believe that it will eventually pass in that form, and why should we discuss the question the gentleman brings up, even admitting, as he says, that this new probe commission will give us a remedy and will take steps to wipe out all such business as this? Even granting that, I say to the gentleman from Wd. 11, that that is not for us to discuss. We are running this corporation under certain laws and charter amendments which, as the gentleman from Wd. 8 well said at the closing session of last year, should be wiped out. The real remedy for our city is to gain for both branches of the City Council more concurrent powers than they now have. The real remedy is a recodification of the laws giving to the lower branch of the city government, which is closest to the people, more powers relative to the franchise and permits given for the use of our streets

in the city. But the condition exists. If the probe commission, as favored by the gentleman from Wd. 11, is to remedy this evil, and if it has been practically agreed upon by the members of his own party, by their votes a year ago—all except that founder of the new party, the non-partisan party, Edmund Billings—then I think it is safe for the Republican members of this body to vote against assignment tonight and for the passage of this order. Some of the members have objected to the schedule—voluntarily offered, mind you, by the Superintendent of Streets, who wants to be fair. A member from my own district objected, thought that some of the streets credited to South Boston were not properly put there. Why, I would vote for that order if there were only two South Boston streets in that schedule, because I know that last year, when South Boston was not guaranteed a great deal, through the efforts of its representatives thousands of dollars were spent in that section. Any member might be jealous and might well be ambitious to secure for his section the expenditure of a great amount of money. I want to call to your attention the fact that the total amount that the Superintendent of Streets would like to expend this year is nearly \$1,400,000. I think it is only fair to him to give him this money tonight. Unless the gentleman from Wd. 11 insists that the policy is wrong, and insists on fighting it to a finish, and unless some other argument is presented against its passage, I sincerely hope that the order will not be assigned tonight, but will be passed almost unanimously.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, I do not desire to arise at this time to oppose the passage of the order; but, inasmuch as the previous speaker has referred to me as one who did not know the rules of this body, I simply desire to state in reply to that gentleman that, if I had the previous experience of some members of the body who hold themselves up as authority, and did not know the rules of the body any better, I would resign from my seat in the body. Mr. President, I know nothing about the life of paving blocks. Unfortunately I have not had the good fortune to be a contractor of the city of Boston. Were I a contractor of this city, undoubtedly from expert knowledge I would know the life of paving blocks; and were I an authority upon the rules of this body, I undoubtedly would understand the rules of this body intelligently.

Mr. MONTAGUE of Wd. 10—Mr. President, as a tax payer of this city I will say that, if I had my way, I would not have one cent borrowed outside of the debt limit for any purpose. I would have every cent raised inside the debt limit and the tax levy. If every dollar expended were raised in that way—and I should be glad to help, by paying my share—I think the tax payers would be very careful to see how the money was spent, and that they got a dollar of value for every dollar spent. Inasmuch as there does not seem to be any definite information as to the life of the paving for which this money would be expended, I move that the order be referred to the Committee on Finance, where the whole matter may be gone over. If that committee, after the due consideration that should be given to all matters of this kind, reports that the order should pass, I should be in favor of it. I make that motion.

The question came on reference to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, the gentleman from Wd. 10, Mr. Montague, has said that if he had his way he would not have one cent raised

outside the tax levy, and yet he votes for such orders as \$700,000 for sewers outside of the tax levy and also for \$500,000 for intercepting sewers. However, I think his motion to refer to the finance committee is a very good one. The gentleman from Wd. 13 (Mr. McCullough) spoke about the limited powers of the Common Council.

Mr. DRISCOLL of Wd. 9—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. The question now before the house is whether this matter will be referred to the Committee on Finance or not—the motion made by Councilman Montague, and the gentleman is not in order.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will declare the point of order not well taken.

Mr. MURPHY—One of the powers which the City Council has is to refer this to a Committee on Finance and to have that committee go over the order thoroughly and report back either in favor of its passage or disapproving it. I should hope that this matter would be referred to the Committee on Finance. Before I sit down I want to refer to a matter that Mr. McCullough touched on, as regards starting a school for the Common Council. I want to impress on Mr. McCullough's mind that he has been in this body three years and has been connected with one of the best teachers in the city—

Mr. SANTOSUSSO of Wd. 6—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. I understand that the question before the house is a motion to refer this matter to the Committee on Finance. We don't care to listen to any matter about a night school.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will have to declare the point of order well taken, of course, because the question is on reference. The Chair was disposed to let the gentleman reply to the gentleman from Wd. 13, but, inasmuch as the point of order has been raised, the Chair must say that the remarks are out of order. The gentleman from Wd. 19 may rise later to a question of personal privilege and reply to Mr. McCullough. The question now is on reference to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. MURPHY—Well, Mr. President, Mr. McCullough made his argument while we were on the question of assignment.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will say that no point of order was raised, and the Chair is disposed to allow considerable latitude in debate until a point of order is raised.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I believe that the question whether money for public streets, or for the construction of streets, should come out of the tax levy, is one which is perhaps older than is any member of this body. It has been argued by different Mayors of the city, it has been argued pro and con by every city government of the city of Boston for some years past; and yet none of those city governments and none of those mayors have been able to come to the conclusion that it is better to raise money for public improvements out of the tax levy. That being the case, are we tonight going to put ourselves on record as saying that that money should be taken from the tax levy, when such men as have served the city of Boston in former years have hesitated to make that decision? Even if we go to work—

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, will the gentleman yield for a question?

Mr. DONOVAN—I will.

Mr. PIERCE—I will ask the gentleman if he realizes that the present Mayor provided that \$500,000 should be taken from the tax levy for this very

purpose, even only last year, and that in so doing he recognized the evil?

Mr. DONOVAN—That may be so, but I understand also that the City Council appropriated \$500,000 for street improvements, by loan. Even if we put ourselves on record and say that in our opinion this money should come from the tax levy, and then refer this matter to the committee on finance, we then do not take this money from the tax levy. We simply delay the improvement of these various streets. As I said before, the improvement of these streets is something which is absolutely necessary—necessary for the safety of the people whom we represent, necessary for the conduct of their business, necessary in order that the different departments of the city may properly perform their work; and if we refer this to the committee on finance—or any other committee for that matter—we are simply causing delay and endangering the people of our various districts. I believe that, even though referred to the Committee on Finance, the order will ultimately be passed, and, if that be so, why not pass it tonight, saving this delay and giving to the people of our various districts what they are entitled to?—and certainly they are entitled to good and proper streets.

Mr. HATTON of Wd. 4—Mr. President, I think the method of some of the gentlemen in the first division is very inconsistent. When the order for sewer construction was introduced, some of the members in the first division, as in the other divisions, did not inquire into the manner in which the money was to be expended. I voted against that order, inasmuch as it was not stated before this body in what way the money was to be expended. The order before us sets out very plainly the manner in which this money is to be expended. I hope there will be no reference of this matter to the Finance Committee.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I understood the gentleman from Wd. 11 to state that His Honor the Mayor recommended that an expenditure of \$500,000 for street improvements be taken from the tax levy last year.

Mr. PIERCE—I so understood it.
Mr. McCULLOUGH—Did he recommend it in the appropriation bill? I have the appropriation bill here, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, which I will offer to the gentleman from Wd. 11.

Mr. PIERCE—I shall have to acknowledge my error, Mr. President. I thought the Mayor did a better job than he really did do. I confused the Street Improvement item with the other item, which amounted to nearly \$500,000 in the appropriation bill, and which was for the sinking fund and interest requirements on the loans for laying out streets, which had previously been borrowed. I now recall the situation more clearly. The Mayor took credit to himself for that reform, while going deeper into this other particular evil; so that the increase in the evil for which he was responsible more than offset the reform which he made. I am therefore unable to point to the present Mayor as one who has done something toward reforming this particular evil. I may, however, point to his predecessor, who only borrowed \$220,000 for this purpose during the last year of his administration. The gentleman in the first division says that the investigating commission would recommend a remedy. Certainly, they will recommend a remedy; and what will it be? Simply this, that when the question of street improvements comes before the City Council in future, the City Council will insist that the money for street improvements be taken from the tax levy

and not from loans. They will recommend that as the remedy. But when we know what their remedy will be why insist upon continuing this evil? Why not remedy it now, without waiting for further criticism?

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I want to say to the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Pierce) that I only quoted him. He said in his original remarks that the committee would undoubtedly do so. I also want to call the gentleman's attention to the place which I have marked in that volume, where it shows that the final disposition of this matter last year in the Board of Aldermen was by a practically unanimous vote—Ald. Bangs being the only one who voted against it. I also want to call to the gentleman's attention the place where the other bookmark is, which shows that only four members of the lower branch of the City Council voted against the passage of the order in concurrence with the Board of Aldermen. I call these facts to the attention of the members for the reason that, as I have already contended, you and I might talk from now till doomsday about whether it is right or wrong to continue this system; but eventually every one of us will vote for the passage of this order. We might talk all night, and we would not change a vote. I sincerely hope that any motion to refer to a committee, or any motion to assign, will not prevail, inasmuch as no argument has been advanced against the passage of the order. I hope, Mr. President, that the order will be passed tonight.

The PRESIDENT—The question is on reference of the order to a Committee on Finance.

Mr. LILL of Wd. 8 moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the motion for the previous question cuts off the motion to refer. The question therefore now comes on the motion to suspend.

The motion to suspend the rules was declared carried. Mr. Pierce of Wd. 11 doubted the vote and asked for a verification by a rising vote, which was taken, and the motion to suspend the rules was declared carried, 33 members voting in the affirmative, 27 in the negative.

Mr. Perce still further doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the rules were declared suspended, the vote being, yeas 42, nays 27:

Yeas—Barrett, Buckley, Clark (20), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (12), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hatton, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), Purcell, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Santosuosso, Sheenan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Zetterman—42.

Nays—Anderson, Bagley, Bramhall, Brown, Carruth, Clark (24), Davidson, Ferguson, George, Green, Hackett, Hanrahan, Harding, Hayes, McLennan, Montague, Murphy, O'Brien (14), Pendergest, Penshorn, Pierce, Roberts, Troy, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside—27.

Absent or not voting—Daly (12), Madden, McGregor, Morgan, Noyes, Sacks—6.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order; I think it requires a two-thirds vote to suspend the rules.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that, under the rules of the Council, which have been in vogue for some years, it does require a two-thirds vote to suspend the rules; but

at present the Council is acting under the rules of last year, with the exception of Rule 44, which rule has not been adopted by the Council this year. The members will remember that an order was passed providing that the rules of the Common Council of 1906, with the exception of Rule 44, be adopted as the rules of the Common Council of 1907, until the Committee of Rules bring in their report, and that report is adopted. Therefore, we are really acting under the rules of the Common Council of 1906, with the exception of Rule 44—which rule says that a two-thirds vote shall be necessary to suspend any of the rules; so at present a majority vote is all that is necessary to suspend the rules.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I do not know as it makes any practical difference, because 50 votes are necessary to pass the order, and apparently there will not be enough votes to pass the order. Nevertheless, I do not feel sure that the Chair's ruling is correct. We did not suspend Rule 43, which provides that the "rules of parliamentary practice as contained in Cushing's 'Law and Practice of Legislative Assemblies' shall govern this Council in all cases in which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with these rules or the joint rules of the City Council." I have been unable to get a copy of Cushing during the short interval which has elapsed, but I think that Cushing requires a two-thirds vote for the suspension of a rule.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair is not an authority on Cushing; but the Chair would like to inform the gentleman that Mr. Cushing does not require a two-thirds vote. The Chair has at times taken some liberties with Mr. Cushing; but the Chair thinks this is not one of them. (Laughter.)

Mr. McCULLOUGH—The gentleman from Wd. 11 has just stated that he is satisfied because of the fact that there are apparently not enough votes to pass this order tonight. I cannot believe that the gentleman from Wd. 11 desires to defeat this order in this way. Forty-two members have voted against assignment tonight, and 27 members have voted in favor of it—15 more voted in favor of passing the order than against it. I am satisfied that some of the members who voted against the assignment are going to vote for the passage of the order now, and I sincerely hope that the order will be passed.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, here is a chance to do a fine thing. Now, why not take advantage of the opportunity and do it? If we defeat this order, what will happen? If we continue to insist on this reform, then His Honor the Mayor will send a message to this Council or to the Board of Aldermen, recommending that this item be placed in the appropriation bill which is still pending. We will actually have accomplished something. We will have advanced. The prestige of the Council will be very much enhanced. It seems to me that this opportunity should not be lost. Here is a financial evil which everybody recognizes. Why not remedy it now?

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I do not know what to think of the actions of the gentleman from Wd. 11. I think it is probably just as well to speak of it now. This thing to which I refer has occurred and re-occurred during the whole of the three years that I have been in this body. I have repeatedly heard the gentleman from Wd. 11 and present arguments against loan orders and appropriation orders, and I have heard those arguments answered sometimes by myself, and sometimes by others, in a manner which seemed to me log-

ical and reasonable; and I have seen the member from Wd. 11 time after time get up a second time on the same order, on the same loan, and absolutely ignore the arguments which have been made in answer to the arguments which he advanced in his first talk. That thing has occurred so often that I have sometimes felt a little bit hurt about it. I do not like to be ignored. The gentleman, in the case of this order—and I take this merely as an illustration—got up and said that this money should not be borrowed, but that it should be taken from the tax levy. I tried to make my reasons plain why it should not be taken from the tax levy. My reasons, as concisely and as clearly as I can state them, are these: I understand that the basic principle, by which it should be decided whether such money shall be taken from the tax levy or be borrowed, is this—that the benefits should be paid for by those to whom they accrue; that the men who own property in this city the present year should, so far as it can be arranged, pay for the benefits which are derived from the improvements which are made this year. If streets are paved at a cost of \$10,000, \$20,000 or \$30,000, and that paving lasts, as has been alleged here tonight, for 20 years, is it fair to ask of the tax payers to pay the whole of that, when the benefits accruing from it are spread over a period of 20 years? Not only that, but I pointed out that the proposition of the gentleman from Wd. 11 was unfair to the present administration, for the reason that he not only asks the present administration to pay for all those benefits; but he does it in the face of the fact that he knows that this alleged mistaken policy, as he calls it, has been in operation during the entire history of the city, so far as I can learn. And not only does he ask the city taxpayer who owns property at the present time in the city of Boston, or who will own it on the first day of next May, to pay for those benefits which are to accrue for the next 20 years, but he does that in the face of the fact that they have to pay out of the tax levy the sinking fund requirements and interest requirements for the money that has been borrowed during the last 10, 15 or 20 years for street improvements. I think that if the gentleman from Wd. 11 wanted to be as fair as he pretends to be, he would recognize some of the arguments that have been made in answer to him, instead of ignoring them and getting up and repeating what is practically what he said before. Mr. President, for these reasons I hope that the order will pass.

On motion of Mr. LILL of Wd. 8, it was voted, at 10:34 P. M., that debate close at 10:35 P. M.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I would like to say just one word. All this talk about a pavement lasting 20 years is perfect nonsense. Any one who knows anything about it knows that if a paving lasts five years it is unusual. Why, this pavement out here in front of City Hall was taken up and relaid three times in five years. I am not sure but what it was only four. That thing happens time and time again. Mr. President, it is perfect nonsense to say that paving will last for 20 years.

The time for debate having expired, the question was put, and the order was declared passed, 50 members being recorded in the affirmative on the roll call and 21 in the negative:

Yeas—Barrett, Buckley, Clark (20), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (12), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Mc-

Cabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McGregor, McLennan, Mealey, Morgan, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Penshorn, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Santosuosso, Sheenan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Zetterman—50.

Nays—Anderson, Bagley, Bramhall, Brown, Carruth, Clark (24), Davidson, Ferguson, George, Green, Hackett, Hanrahan, Harding, Montague, Pendergast, Pierce, Roberts, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside—21.

Absent or not voting—Daly (17), Madden, Murphy, Noyes—4.

Mr. MURPHY—Mr. President, a gentleman voted on Mr. Sacks' name.

Mr. DONOVAN moved to reconsider the vote, hoping that the same would not prevail, and the motion to reconsider was lost.

Several members addressed the Chair. The PRESIDENT—Motions, orders and resolutions.

BATH HOUSE, CHARLESTOWN.

Mr. McCORMACK of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the Bath Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to this body the cost of providing an all-the-year-around bath on the second and third floors of the building now used by Company A, 8th Infantry, M. V. M., corner of Bunker Hill and Lexington Sts., Charlestown, and also the time required for making such alterations.

Referred to the Mayor.

A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I rise to a question of personal privilege.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his personal privilege.

Mr. PIERCE—On the vote just taken the Chair announced 50 in the affirmative, when, as a matter of fact, there were only 49, because of the fact that Mr. Sacks was recorded in the affirmative, when, as a matter of fact, he is not here.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to say that it is a matter of record now. The Chair has no means of knowing whether Mr. Sacks voted or not.

Mr. PIERCE—Does the President think that the loan can go on the market with this defect?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that there is no defect, so far as the Chair is concerned. The Chair heard fifty members vote in the affirmative.

Mr. PIERCE—I should like to ask if Mr. Sacks is here. If he is here, I would like to have him come forward and stand in front of the President's desk.

There was no response.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that Mr. Sacks' name was responded to. The Chair is aware that in the past there has been a tendency on the part of some members of the Council to respond for other members. The Chair will state that this is distinctly up to the other members of the Common Council and not the Chair. The reason the Chair crowded through the vote so hastily was that he noticed that Mr. Penshorn, who had voted "yes," was on his feet and apparently wished to get an opportunity to change his vote. The Chair did not propose to give him a chance to change his vote from "yes" to "no."

Mr. PIERCE—Hasn't he that privilege?

The PRESIDENT—He has, if he gets the opportunity. He didn't have the opportunity. This is an instance similar

to where a member sits in his chair here in the body and does not vote. Some members of the Council answer to their names, and do not change their votes. Other members of the Council are constantly desiring to change their votes after they have voted. It is really ridiculous the way members change from "yes" to "no" and "no" to "yes," and the Chair does not propose to give them that opportunity in the future.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, so long as we know that there were only 49 votes cast in favor of this order, I ask the Chair to reannounce the vote.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair refuses. So far as the Chair knows, Mr. Sacks was present and voted. That is all that the Chair knows about it.

Mr. DRISCOLL of Wd. 9—Mr. President, I wish to say that through my influence, Mr. Sacks being a new member, he stayed until his vote on this order was called for. I saw that he was standing there (pointing to lobby), with his hat and coat on.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the matter is settled, so far as the Chair is concerned.

LAMP POSTS, WD. 19.

Mr. KOHLER of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a lamp post at the corner of Pontiac and Alleghany Sts., Wd. 19.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. KOHLER offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a lamp-post at the corner of Reno and St. Alphonsus Sts., Wd. 19.

Referred to the Mayor.

PETITION REFERRED.

Mr. FERGUSON of Wd. 21 presented the petition of William Sullivan, 49 Clifford St., Roxbury, for \$22.40, said amount being due him for work done on Roxbury High School.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

SHOWER BATHS, DEARBORN SCHOOL.

Mr. SHEENAN of Wd. 17 offered an order—That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island \$5000 be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be expended by the Schoolhouse Commissioners for the installation of shower baths in basement of Dearborn School, Wd. 17.

The rule was suspended, and the order was passed. Mr. SHEENAN moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

THANKS TO CHIEF MULLEN.

Mr. HARDING of Wd. 20 offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby desire to acknowledge the efficient service rendered to the citizens of Boston by Chief John A. Mullen of the Boston Fire Department during his first year of service as chief, ending Feb. 23, 1907; therefore, be it

Ordered, That the City Clerk be requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to Chief John A. Mullen.

The resolution was adopted and the order was passed. Sent up.

PROTEST AGAINST TELEPHONE RATES.

Mr. HARDING offered the following: Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby protests against the rates proposed by the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, to be established within the so-called five-mile limit of City Hall, as unjust and inequitable to its many subscribers in said limits. Therefore, be it

Ordered, That the City Clerk be requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts.

The resolution was adopted and the order was passed. Sent up.

WIDENING OF HAMPDEN ST.

Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17 offered an order—That the Committee on Legislative matters be requested to appear before the Committee on Cities, and advocate the passage of House Bill No. 94: "An Act to Widen Hampden St., Wd. 17."

Referred to the Committee on Legislative Matters.

COMPLETION OF PIER HEAD, MARINE PARK.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island the sum of \$11,000, now available, be appropriated to be expended by the Park Department for the completion of the pier head at Marine Park.

The order takes its second reading at the next meeting, under the rule.

EXTENSION OF L ST.

Mr. SULLIVAN offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to extend L St. to Freeport St., according to a plan now in the office of the Chief Surveyor of the Street Laying-Out Department.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. SULLIVAN.

BANDSTAND, NORTH BRIGHTON PLAYGROUND.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to build a permanent bandstand at the North Brighton Playground.

Referred to the Mayor.

NEW LINE OF CARS.

Mr. ZETTERMAN offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to run a line of Newton cars to Hanover St. by the way of Western Ave. and Market St., Brighton.

Referred to the Mayor.

LIGHTS, NORTH BRIGHTON PLAYGROUND.

Mr. ZETTERMAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide additional lights for the protection of skaters on North Brighton Playground, Wd. 25.

Referred to the Mayor.

NEW CAR LINE, ALLSTON.

Mr. ZETTERMAN offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to run a line of cars from Allston station to Park St., by the way of Brighton Ave.

Referred to the Mayor.

BOARD FENCE, NORTH BRIGHTON PLAYGROUND.

Mr. ZETTERMAN offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be authorized to build a board fence of sufficient length to protect skaters on North Brighton Playground.

Referred to the Mayor.

CONVENIENCE STATION, BOSTON COMMON.

Mr. KENNEDY of Wd. 7 offered an order—That the Bath Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to construct an underground public convenience station for men and women on Boston Common, near the corner of Boylston and Tremont Sts.

Referred to the Mayor.

REPAVING OF ALBANY ST.

Mr. KENNEDY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to repave Albany St., from Kneeland St. to the Boston & Albany railroad bridge.

Referred to the Mayor.

EXTRA MEAL TIME FOR FIREMEN. MEALS.

Mr. HATTON of Wd. 4 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to arrange that the members of the Fire Department shall be allowed daily one hour and a half for each meal, instead of one hour, as is now the custom.

Referred to the Mayor.

TRANSFER OF POST HYDRANT.

Mr. HATTON offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause the post hydrant located at the head of Albion Pl., Wd. 4, to be transferred to a more accessible location.

Referred to the Mayor.

WAITING ROOM, CENTRAL SQ.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of establishing a proper waiting room in Central Sq., Wd. 1.

Referred to the Mayor.

NEW WATER PIPES.

Mr. DOYLE of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the sum of three hundred thousand dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Water Commission-

er for the construction of new and the replacing of old water pipes; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. DOYLE.

TEMPORARY FOOT WALK, B ST.

Mr. DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to construct a temporary foot walk on B St., Wd. 13, from First St. to the D St. Gymnasium.

Referred to the Mayor.

EXTENSION OF DIGHTON ST.

Mr. McCABE of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to extend Dighton St. through to Chestnut Hill Ave., Wd. 25.

Passed. Sent up.

DOUBLE TIME FOR SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14 offered the following:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of the City Council city employees, who, by the nature of their employment, are obliged to work seven days a week, and especially all stablemen, should be allowed double time for Sundays and holidays, and

Ordered, That the heads of the various departments, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to include in their annual estimates amounts sufficient to make said allowance of double time.

Referred to the Mayor.

NEW FOUNTAIN, BLACKSTONE SQ.

Mr. DALY of Wd. 12 offered on order—That the Water Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to substitute for the present drinking fountain at Blackstone Sq., Wd. 12, a new fountain so constructed that the water may be iced.

Referred to the Mayor.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, WD. 12.

Mr. DALY offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to select a suitable site for a children's playground in Wd. 12 and to report to the Common Council an estimate of the expense of procuring and equipping the same.

Referred to the Mayor.

NEW STATION, DUDLEY ST.

Mr. BRAMHALL of Wd. 20 offered an order—That the New York, New Haven and Hartford R. R. be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to build a new station at Dudley St. to correspond with the improvements now under way appertaining to the abolishment of the grade crossing at Dudley St.

Referred to the Mayor.

FEE FOR LOCATIONS.

Mr. HARDING of Wd. 20 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to raise additional revenue by charging a rental fee for all locations granted on property under his control for the sale of merchandise and other articles.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. FITZGERALD—Mr. President, my point of order is that there is not a quorum present.

The President directed the members to rise and remain standing until counted, and a quorum not being present, declared the Council adjourned at 11 o'clock, P. M., to meet on Thursday, March 7, at 7:45 P. M.

Date	Description	Amount
1917	Jan 1	100.00
1917	Jan 15	50.00
1917	Jan 30	25.00
1917	Feb 15	12.50
1917	Feb 28	6.25

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Boston, March 4, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Alderman BERWIN, senior member, presiding, and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. CLARK, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

STREET CLEANING DIVISION,
BRIGHTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Feb. 28, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Street Cleaning and Watering in answer to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of maintaining a branch of that department in Wd. 25. Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Street Cleaning and Watering Department,

Boston, Mass., Feb. 20, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Dear Sir:—In compliance with an order passed in the Board of Aldermen, Jan. 14, 1907, requesting "an estimate of the cost of maintaining a branch of the Street Cleaning Department," in Wd. 25 for service in said section," I respectfully submit that to maintain said branch would involve an expense of \$25,000. Yours respectfully,

M. Cummings,
Superintendent.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. WOODS.

HEARING AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of J. J. Richards for license to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at Oakland Pl., Wd. 24.

No objection. Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Department.

Boston & Maine R. R. Company, for leave to build an addition on Beverly St., at Warren Bridge, Wd. 8.

Building Department (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Achille Ardolino & Sons, five barber poles and a sign at 59 North Margin St., Wd. 6.

Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia, a sign at 24 Milk St., Wd. 6.

Foley & McLaughlin, an illuminated sign at 13-14 Franklin Ave., Wd. 6.

Foley & McLaughlin, an illuminated corner sign at 13-14 Franklin Ave., corner Court St., Wd. 6.

H. S. Kelsey, an illuminated sign at 11 Essex St., Wd. 7.

H. M. Koppel, an electric sign at 154 Federal St., Wd. 7.

L. Amolsky, an illuminated sign at 660 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Gordon Auto Supply Company, an illuminated sign at 215 Eliot St., Wd. 7.

F. G. May, an illuminated sign at 251 Pleasant St., Wd. 7.

Johnson Educator Food Company, an electric sign at 215 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

John Donley, an illuminated sign at 128 Broad St., Wd. 7.

Grand Union Hotel, an illuminated sign at 1164 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Bay State Auto Company, an illuminated sign at 112 Norway St., Wd. 10.

Daniel Buckley, a sign at 118 Northampton St., Wd. 12.

McCormick Brewery Company, a sign at 89 Conant St., Wd. 19.

T. Cabit, electric sign, 51 Cross St., Wd. 6.

F. W. Dillingham, sign, 28 Charles St., Wd. 11.

Evelyn T. Gale, for leave to construct cellar floor of proposed building, corner Harvard and Albany Sts., at grade 10.75.

Claims.

Wilhelmina J. Doering, for compensation for injuries received while traveling on the Irvington St. foot bridge.

Louis C. Jordan, for a hearing on his claim on account of injuries received.

Frank T. Fay, for compensation for damage to estate 534 Saratoga St., East Boston.

Electric Wires.

Fire Commissioner, for leave to erect a pole on Fisher Ave., Wd. 19.

The New England Telegraph & Telephone Company of Massachusetts, for leave to attach wires to three trees on Maverick St., Wd. 2.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

National League of the Employees of Navy Yards, on the evening of April 26.

Railroads.

West End Street Railway Company, for a location for double curved tracks at the southwest corner of Dorchester Ave. and West Fourth St., S. B., etc.

Public Improvements.

Remonstrance of James M. Prendergast and others, against renewing license for a lying-in hospital at 310 Bay State Road, and asking for a hearing.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

2. Message from the Mayor transmitting a communication from the City Auditor relative to deficits on account of the payment of executions of court, recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the sum of forty-two hundred forty-three and 22-100 dollars (\$4,243.22) be appropriated to meet a deficit in the appropriation for "Dorchester St." caused by executions of court and an award of the Board of Street Commissioners; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. BANGS.

3. Message from the Mayor recommending that the loan appropriation for the construction of sewerage works under the provisions of Chapter 426 of

the Acts of 1897 should be limited to \$700,000, and that the loan appropriation for the construction of separate systems of drainage under the provisions of Chapter 383 of the Acts of 1903 should be limited to \$500,000.

Placed on file.

4. Ordered, That the sum of seven hundred thousand (\$700,000) dollars be appropriated for the construction of sewerage works, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, and Acts in amendment of or in addition thereto, to be expended by the Superintendent of Sewers; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed in concurrence, yeas 13, nays 0. Ald. CURLEY moved to reconsider; lost.

5. Ordered, That, in accordance with Chapter 383 of the Acts of 1903, the Superintendent of Sewers construct, in connection with the Metropolitan Sewers, branch intercepting sewers, connections of existing sewers with intercepting sewers, branch drains, sewers or drains, in any street where one thereof only shall have been built, and all necessary connections with such sewers or drains, but shall not incur any expenses therefor in excess of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000); and to meet said expenses the City Treasurer shall, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, issue and sell bonds of the City of Boston to the amount required therefor, the same to be outside the debt limit.

Passed in concurrence, yeas 13, nays 0.

6. Ordered, That the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Streets for "Street Improvements"; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, in regard to No. 6 on the calendar, upon reading the papers on Friday morning of last week the Republican members of the Board of Aldermen were unanimously of the opinion that they did not care to be parties to the passage of a loan order where there could be any question as to whether or not the required number of votes was had. Various papers seem to give the impression, rightly or wrongly, that but 49 votes were recorded in favor of the order; and we, as Republican members of this Board, believe we cannot afford to put ourselves in the position of taking any action whatsoever on a matter coming before us handicapped as this is. So we have decided among ourselves that we should vote to indefinitely postpone this order. His Honor the Mayor must evidently have got word by wireless telegraphy as to what the Republican members of this Board has decided to do, because word has been received through him, or at least from his secretary, that His Honor the Mayor desires to have this \$500,000 street improvement order indefinitely postponed. The Republican members of the Board are very glad indeed to know that the Mayor has found out our wishes and knows what we have definitely decided to do. In this connection I would like to take the opportunity to say just a word to the members of this Board, calling attention to the fair, courteous, obliging treatment that we all, Republicans and Democrats alike, receive at the hands of our Chairman, and to compare with that—not in any spirit of animosity—the words of the presiding officer of the Common Council, as shown by the actual records of the

body at the last meeting, where he stated that he did not propose to give a member an opportunity to change his vote. It seems to me that our Chairman shows a little better spirit toward the members of the opposite party than the presiding officer of the lower branch. I move you, Mr. Chairman, that No. 6 on the calendar be indefinitely postponed.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I don't know what the position of the other Democratic members of this Board is upon this proposition, because they are not accustomed to meet in caucus and decide as a party how they shall conduct the citizens' business; but for my part, I believe it would be highly unfair for this body to permit the aspersions that have been cast upon the Council by the gentleman from Dorchester to be permitted to remain in the state in which he seems to desire they shall remain. By indefinite postponement we end all discussion upon this proposition. I have read the papers regarding the vote on the \$500,000 order, and it has been stated by the Councilman whose vote has been questioned that he voted in the affirmative upon that proposition. I believe that statement has been further substantiated by other members of the Council, as well as by the President of the body, and, in all fairness to the other branch of this government, I believe the proper disposition of this order is to refer it to the Committee on Public Improvements until such time as the veracity of all parties concerned, in the lower branch, shall have been settled. I sincerely trust that the matter will be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, and I so move.

Ald. Bell's motion to indefinitely postpone the order was declared carried. Ald. Curley doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The order was indefinitely postponed, yeas 11, nays 2, Ald Curley and Leary voting nay.

7. Ordered, That from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island five thousand dollars (\$5000) be and the same is hereby appropriated, to be expended by the Schoolhouse Commissioners, for the installation of shower baths in basement of Dearborn School, Wd. 17.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I move the indefinite postponement of No. 7 on the calendar, as it is illegally drawn.

The order was indefinitely postponed.

8. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to extend Dighton St. through to Chestnut Hill Ave., Wd. 25.

Passed in concurrence.

9. Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby desire to acknowledge the efficient service rendered to the citizens of Boston by Chief John A. Mullen of the Boston Fire Department, during his first year of service as Chief, ending Feb. 23, 1907. Therefore, be it

Ordered, That the City Clerk be requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to Chief John A. Mullen.

The resolve was unanimously adopted in concurrence.

10. Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby protests against the rates proposed by the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, to be established within the so-called five-mile limit of City Hall, as unjust and inequitable to its many subscribers in said limit. Therefore be it

Ordered, That the City Clerk be requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts.

Passed in concurrence.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

Ald. BERWIN called up Nos. 11 and 12, unfinished business, viz.
Action on appointments by the Mayor, viz.:

11. Mabel McQuade to be a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1907.

12. William A. O'Brien, Philip Davis, Richard F. Quirk and John S. Clark (all truant officers) to be Constables, for the term ending April 30, 1907.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Woods and Battis. Whole number of votes cast 13, yeas 13, and the several appointments were confirmed.

Passed in concurrence.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

A communication was received from the Harbor and Land Commissioners giving notice of hearing on March 6th on petition of the Boston & Maine Railroad for a license to build an addition to its bridge on Millers river.

Placed on file.

COAL AND COKE LICENSES.

A list of coal and coke licenses granted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth was received.

Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF BOND.

The bond of Charles W. Kimball, Assistant Registrar of Deeds for the County of Suffolk, was received.

Approved by the Board.

OIL, ORDER OF NOTICE.

On the petition of the Locomobile Company of America for a license to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at 400 Newbury St., Wd. 11—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, March 25, at three o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

NEW HIGHWAY, DORCHESTER.

Ald. CLARK called up No. 16, past assignment, viz.:

16. Whereas, In the opinion of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the city of Boston, public necessity and convenience require that the Commonwealth take charge of a proposed highway from Columbia Rd. to King's Square, Dorchester District, as described and shown in the accompanying petition, therefor be it

Ordered, That the Massachusetts Highway Commission be requested to acquire and lay out said proposed highway as a state highway, in accordance with the provisions on Chapter 497 of the Acts of 1897, as amended by Chapter 476 of the Acts of 1898.

Passed.

Ald. BERWIN called up No. 17, past assignment, viz.:

17. Ordered, That from the sum received for the sale of a portion of Deer Island three thousand dollars (\$3000) be, and the same hereby is appropriated, to be expended by the Park Department for "Strandway, enlargement of ball ground."

Passed in concurrence, yeas 11, nays 1, Ald. Bangs voting nay.

Ald. BALDWIN moved to reconsider; lost.

VOTES FOR CHAIRMAN.

On motion of Ald. WOODS, the Board voted to proceed to a ballot for a chairman for the current year, under the provisions of the statute, and the ballot taken resulted as follows:

For John E. Baldwin—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—6.

For Tilton S. Bell—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Berwin, Clark—4.

For William Berwin—Ald. Battis, Draper—2.

For Frederick A. Finigan—Ald. Whelton—1.

There was no choice.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY, the Board voted to proceed to another ballot, which resulted as follows:

For John E. Baldwin—Ald. Baldwin, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary—4.

For Tilton S. Bell—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Clark—3.

For Francis R. Bangs—Ald. Berwin, Draper—2.

For James M. Curley—Ald. Curley, Woods—2.

For William Berwin—Ald. Battis—1.

For Frederick A. Finigan—Ald. Whelton—1.

There was no choice.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY the Board voted to proceed to another ballot, which resulted as follows:

For John E. Baldwin—Ald. Baldwin, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary—4.

For William Berwin—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Clark, Draper—5.

For Daniel A. Whelton—Ald. Curley, Woods—2.

For George H. Battis—Ald. Berwin—1.

For Frederick A. Finigan—Ald. Whelton—1.

There was no choice.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY the Board voted to proceed to another ballot, which resulted as follows:

For John E. Baldwin—Ald. Baldwin, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary—4.

For William Berwin—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper—6.

For James M. Curley—Ald. Curley—1.

For Frederick A. Finigan—Ald. Whelton—1.

For Michael J. Leary—Ald. Woods 1.

There was no choice.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY the Board voted to proceed to another ballot for Chairman, with the following result:

For John E. Baldwin—Ald. Baldwin, Flanagan, Leary—3.

For William Berwin—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Clark—4.

For Louis M. Clark—Ald. Berwin, Draper—2.

For Daniel A. Whelton—Ald. Curley—1.

For James M. Curley—Ald. Finigan—1.

For Frederick A. Finigan—Ald. Whelton—1.

For Daniel A. Flanagan—Ald. Woods—1.

There was no choice.

On motion of Ald. BELL, the Board voted to proceed to another ballot, which resulted as follows:

For John E. Baldwin—Ald. Baldwin, Flanagan, Leary—3.

For Louis M. Clark—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Draper—5.

For James M. Curley—Ald. Curley, Finigan—2.

For Frederick A. Finigan—Ald. Whelton, Woods—2.

For Tilton S. Bell—Ald. Clark—1.

There was no choice.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY, the Board voted to proceed to another ballot, which resulted as follows:

For John E. Baldwin—Ald. Baldwin, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—4.

For Tilton S. Bell—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper—5.

For Daniel A. Whelton—Ald. Curley, Finigan—2.
For William Berwin—Ald. Battis—1.
For Frederick A. Finigan—Ald. Whelton—1.

There was no choice.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY, the Board voted to proceed to another ballot, with the following result:

For John E. Baldwin—Ald. Baldwin, Flanagan, Leary—3.
For Tilton S. Bell—Ald. Bangs, Clark—2.

For Charles M. Draper—Ald. Battis, Berwin—2.

For James M. Curley—Ald. Curley, Woods—2.

For William Berwin—Ald. Bell—1.
For Daniel A. Whelton—Ald. Finigan—1.

For Frederick A. Finigan—Ald. Whelton—1.

For George H. Battis—Ald. Draper—1.
There was no choice.

COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

Ald. WHELTON, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted the following reports:

(1) Report on the order (referred Feb. 11)—that in addition to the amounts heretofore appropriated for arranging and indexing the early court files of Suffolk county, there be allowed the further sum of \$6000; said sum to be expended under the direction of the clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court, and to be charged to the appropriation for County of Suffolk—that the order ought to pass.
Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Report on the communication of Albert B. Cleary, judge of the East Boston District Court, determining the salary of the probation officer of said court (referred Feb. 25)—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered. That the salary of the probation officer of the East Boston district court, determined by the justice of said court at the rate of \$1500 per annum, beginning March 1st, 1907, be and the same is hereby approved; the amount so paid to be charged to the appropriation for the County of Suffolk.
Report accepted; order passed.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE.

Chairman BERWIN announced the appointment of the Committee on Brighton day celebration as Ald. Woods, Draper, Finigan.

Notice sent down.

REVOCAION OF TRACK LOCATION.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Committee on Railroads consider the expediency of revoking the location for street railway tracks on Harrison Ave. between Dover and Beach Sts.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

RAILROADS.

Ald. DRAPER, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following:

Reports on petitions (severally referred Feb. 25), for locations for tracks in various streets—recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon on Monday, March 25, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:

West End Street Railway Company, for location for tracks from Washington St., south of Lotus Pl., to and connecting with said company's and; also for a cross connection on Washington St. south of Lotus Pl.

The same company, for leave to lay a single track in Battery St., with the overhead electric system on same.

West End Street Railway Company, for a location for double curved tracks at the southwest corner of Dorchester Ave. and West Fourth St., S. E., etc.

Boston & Maine Railroad, for leave to lay additional tracks on Water St. and Warren Ave., Charlestown.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice passed.

(2) Report on petition of West End Street Railway Company (referred Feb. 25), for an extension of time in which to lay tracks on Dudley St. and vicinity—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered. That the time allowed the West End Street Railway Company in which to complete the work authorized by the order of this Board, passed Oct. 22, 1906, granting track locations in Dudley St. and vicinity, being the 261st location, be and the same is hereby extended to December 31, 1907.
Report accepted; order passed.

LEAVE GRANTED ON PETITION.

Ald. DRAPER presented petition of Hotel Astor Company for three illuminated signs at 130 Dartmouth St., Wd. 10.

On motion of Ald. DRAPER the rule was suspended and leave was granted on the usual conditions.

ALL-YEAR-ROUND BATH-HOUSE, EAST BOSTON.

Ald. LEARY called up No. 18, past assignment, viz.:

18. Ordered. That the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) be appropriated to be expended by the Bath Commissioners for an all-the-year bath-house and gymnasium at East Boston, and that to meet said appropriations the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount.

Passed in concurrence yeas 10, nays 3.
Ald. Bangs, Bell, and Clark voting nay.
Ald. LEARY moved to reconsider; lost.

VOTES FOR CHAIRMAN.

On motion of Ald. Woods, the Board voted to proceed to a ballot for chairman, in accordance with the statute law, with the following result:

For John E. Baldwin—Ald. Baldwin, Flanagan, Leary—3.

For Tilton S. Bell—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Berwin, Clark—4.

For Frederick A. Finigan—Ald. Finigan, Whelton—2.

For Charles M. Draper—Ald. Battis—1.

For James M. Curley—Ald. Curley—1.

For Louis M. Clark—Ald. Draper—1.

For Daniel A. Whelton—Ald. Woods—1.

There was no choice.

On motion of Ald. LEARY, the Board voted to proceed to another ballot for Chairman, which resulted as follows:

For John E. Baldwin—Ald. Baldwin, Flanagan, Leary—3.

For Tilton S. Bell—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Berwin, Clark—4.

For William Berwin—Ald. Battis—1.

For Daniel A. Whelton—Ald. Curley, Finigan—2.

For Frederick A. Finigan—Ald. Whelton—1.

For George H. Battis—Ald. Draper—1.

For Michael J. Leary—Ald. Woods—1.

There was no choice.

CLAIMS.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

Reports on petitions of James E. Scott, for payment to Benjamin Lancy and Harriet B. Preston for payment to herself (separately referred respectively Jan. 28 and this day), of estates remaining from tax sale of estates—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Benjamin Lancy the sum of \$31.70, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, and statutes in amendment thereof, from the sale of an estate on Chapman Ave. (in rear) for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2295, fol. 427.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Harriet B. Preston the sum of one hundred thirty-four 76-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888 and statutes in amendment thereof, from the sale of an estate on west side of location of Old Colony Railroad Company in Dorchester, for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2343, fol. 377.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed. Sent down.

PROJECTIONS, ETC.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions referred Feb. 25, recommending that leave be granted as follows:

Phillip Alibrandi, to project four barber poles at 124 Hampden St., Wd. 17.
O. S. Roberts, to project an illuminated sign at 133 Court St., Wd. 6.

Joseph Squire Company, to project two gas arc lights at 35 and 41 North St., Wd. 6.

Joseph Palmer, to project an illuminated sign at 392 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7.

P. Barone & Son, to project an iron clock sign at 9 Fleet St., Wd. 6.

Jose Sesonsky, to project an electric sign at 270 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

W. H. Stringer, to project three barber poles at 38 Perkins St., Wd. 4.

Bernard H. Goodrich, to project a sign at 4 Courtland St., Wd. 6.

Rcsnov & Fishman, to project two signs at 47 Pleasant Ct., Wd. 7.

National Sportsman (inc.), to project a gun sign at 75 Federal St., Wd. 7.

J. L. Clapp, to project an illuminated sign at 54 Bromfield St., Wd. 7.

Tony Barrasso, to project a barber pole at 287 Sumner St., Wd. 2.

Lazarus Goldstein, to project an illuminated sign at 213 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Henry Gediman, to project an illuminated sign at 60 Cambridge St., Wd. 8.

Herbert E. Lombard, to project an electric sign at 112 Court St., Wd. 6.

Wing Lee, to project a sign at 34 Lowell St., Wd. 8.

Henlein & Murphy, to project an illuminated sign at 8 Province St., Wd. 7.

Reports accepted; leave granted on usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions referred today, recommending that leave be granted, as follows:

Johnson Educator Food Company, to project an electric sign at 215 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Gordon Auto Supply Co., to project an illuminated sign at 215 Eliot St., Wd. 7.

Grand Union Hotel, to project an illuminated sign at 1164 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Daniel Buckley, to project a sign at 118 Northampton Ct., Wd. 12.

Foley & McLaughlin, to project an illuminated sign at 13-14 Franklin Ave., Wd. 6.

Foley & McLaughlin, to project an illuminated corner sign at corner 13-14 Franklin Ave., Wd. 6, and Court St.

Reports accepted; leave granted under usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of the Suffolk Savings Bank for Seamen and others (referred Feb. 25), for leave to project a marquee at 53 Tremont St., Wd. 6,—that leave be granted; said marquee to be suspended from the building and not supported by posts, and the plans to be approved by and the construction to be under the supervision of the Building Commissioner.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions and as reported by the committee.

(4) Report on the petition of A. Stowell & Co., Inc. (referred Jan. 21), for leave to project a clock at 24 Winter St., Wd. 7—that no further action is necessary.

Report accepted.

(5) Report on the petition of Philip Cohen (referred Feb. 25), for leave to project a pole for display of goods at 9 Endicott St., Wd. 6—that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Report accepted; petitioner given leave to withdraw.

HISTORICAL TABLETS.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Board of Art Commissioners be authorized to have constructed suitable tablets to designate the locations of the Worcester house, the Great Bridge and the Sparhawk Mansion, the expense attending the same to be charged to the Phillips St. fund.

Passed.

MILK STATIONS.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Corporation Counsel be requested to give this Board, at its next meeting, if possible, his opinion as to whether or not the Board of Health of the city of Boston has authority to establish stations for the free distribution of pure milk or for the sale of the same to its inhabitants.

Passed.

NEW SUBWAY, WASHINGTON ST.

Chairman BERWIN offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to consider the expediency of petitioning the General Court, at its present session, for such legislation as will permit the city of Boston to build a subway on Washington St. from the Dudley St. Terminal to a point at or near Castle St., with the hope that if such permission is granted that an agreement may be entered into with the Boston Elevated Railway Company for the removal of the elevated structure between said points.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Ald. BERWIN.

LICENSES.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 18 newsboys and 2 vendors.

Reports accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

JURY LIST.

Ald. BANGS called up No. 15, special assignment, viz.:

15. Action on the jury list for 1907.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I move that the list of jurors as transmitted by the Election Commissioners be accepted, except the name of C. Howard Walker, Wd. 11, a teacher in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and exempt by law, and such names on said list as have been drawn since it was printed.

The Board voted to accept the list with the exception of the above-mentioned name and all others which have been drawn to serve as jurors since the list was submitted by the Election Commissioners.

NEW BATH-HOUSE, WOOD ISLAND PARK.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Bath Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to submit to the Board of Aldermen an estimate of the cost of building a new bath-house at Wood Island Park, and the cost of dredging the flats to permit bathing at all hours.

Passed.

VINE-ST. CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. CURLEY called up No. 19, past assignment, viz.:

19. Motion of Ald. Curley to reconsider the rejection of the order for a loan of \$25,000 for certain improvements and repairs at the Vine-St. Church.

The vote whereby the order was rejected was reconsidered, and the order was passed in concurrence, yeas 9, nays 3. Ald. Bangs, Bell and Clark voting nay.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, at 4:28 P. M., on motion of Ald. WHELFON, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair, and reassembled and was called to order again by Chairman Berwin at 5:04 P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Chairman Berwin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the Mayor's message (referred today), transmitting communication from City Auditor relative to deficits in appropriation for Dorchester St., caused by executions of court and an award of the Board of Street Commissioners, with an order: That the sum of \$423.22 be appropriated to meet a deficit in the appropriation for Dorchester St., caused by executions of court and an award of the Board of Street Commissioners, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose—recommending that the message be placed on file and that the order be amended to read as follows—"4100" in place of "423.22."

The report was accepted, the order was amended as suggested, and as amended was passed. Yeas 13, nays none. Sent down.

(2) Report on the order (referred Feb. 25) that the sum of \$300,000 be appropriated, to be expended by the Water Commissioner for the construction of new and replacing of old water pipes, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount—that the same ought to pass.

On motion of Ald. BELL the matter was assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

(3) Report on the order amending the order approved Jan. 29 relating to the Finance Commission (referred Feb. 25)—that the same ought to pass, and that the message be placed on file.

Report accepted; message ordered placed on file, and said order passed in concurrence.

(4) Report on the petition of J. J. Richards (referred today) for a license to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the produce of petroleum at Oakland Pl., Wd. 24—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. CLARK offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have removed a tree standing in front of 12 Minot St., Neponset, Wd. 24.

Passed.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to have removed a dead tree from in front of estate No. 9 Havre St., Wd. 2, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. DRAPER offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two trees on Canterbury St., near Angell St., Wd. 23, the expense of same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

LAYING OUT PRESCOTT ST.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Street Commissioners be requested to give this Board an estimate of the cost of laying out Prescott St. from Chelsea St. to Wood Island Park.

Passed.

LAMPS IN EAST BOSTON.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to have one lamp placed at the corner of Princeton St. and Eagle Sq.; two lamps on East Eagle St. opposite Eagle Sq.; and that there be made a rearrangement of the lights on Chelsea St. from Saratoga St. to the old Chelsea Bridge; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

THE NEXT MEETING.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Tuesday, March 19, at 3 o'clock P. M., and that all orders of notice for hearings for a prior date be postponed accordingly.

Passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. CLARK the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. BELL, at 5:10 P. M., to meet on Tuesday, March 19, at 3 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, March 7, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, in Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 P. M., President BARRETT in the chair.

THE NEXT MEETING.

Mr. CARRUTH of Wd. 23 offered an order—That when this Council adjourns it be to meet again on Thursday, March 21, 1907, at 7:45 o'clock P. M.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state, before putting the question, that the Board of Aldermen has adjourned for two weeks, so it might be in order for the Council to do likewise.

The order was passed.

TOBOGGAN CHUTE, FRANKLIN PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, March 7, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Park Department in answer to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of erecting and maintaining an extra toboggan chute at Franklin Park. Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks,

Jamaica Plain, Mass., Feb. 23, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, City Hall, Boston.

Dear Sir:—The Board has received and duly considered the enclosed order from the Common Council requesting us to advise the Common Council of the probable cost of erecting and maintaining an extra toboggan chute at Franklin Park. This sport is so popular that our Board feels justified in asking an appropriation of \$600 for the construction, before next season, to two extra chutes. This sum will cover the cost of the lighting.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

DRINKING FOUNTAIN WD. 6.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor,

March 7, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Park Department in answer to your order requesting the installation of a drinking fountain in the Prince St. Playground, Wd. 6.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks,

Jamaica Plain, Mass., Feb. 23, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, City Hall, Boston.

Dear Sir:—The Board has received and duly considered the enclosed order from the Common Council requesting us to take such steps as are necessary

to cause the establishment and maintenance of a drinking fountain in the Prince St. Playground. Although this is an item of construction, for which a special appropriation should be made, our Board will be pleased to place and maintain a drinking fountain in this playground, as requested.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.
Placed on file.

CONVENIENCE STATION, MARINE PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, March 7, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Park Department, in answer to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of providing a public convenience station at Marine Park.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks,

Jamaica Plain, Mass., Feb. 23, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, City Hall, Boston.

Dear Sir:—The Board has received and duly considered the enclosed order from the Common Council requesting us to report an estimate of the cost of providing a public convenience station at Marine Park. The cost of such a station at Marine Park would be approximately \$7500, but the Board is of the opinion that the sanitary conveniences at the Head House are sufficient for the present requirements of Marine Park.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.
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MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, March 7, 1907.

To the City Council:

I transmit herewith in order that it may be placed officially before your body for examination and for any action which may be deemed expedient by you, a copy of the recent Report of the Committee on Municipal Improvements of the Boston Society of Architects. While this report, handsomely published with instructive illustrations at the expense of various representative organizations, is only presented as a "study of subjects of public concern,"—none of the proposed improvements which it outlines having yet been endorsed either by the committee or by the Society of Architects,—I regard its publication as an important step toward the more intelligent municipal development of this city. It affords an example of broad-minded civic spirit which other organizations might emulate with great advantage to the public. Taking the report for what it pretends to be, namely, a preliminary study of various possible improvements, it should at least awaken our citizens to the need of having the lines of the future development of Boston, as a great seaport, as a centre of commerce, and as an attractive place of residence, planned as far ahead as possible by the best trained ability which we can command. We cannot afford to remain behind Washington, New York and Cleveland in such an important matter.

A contribution of this character by a body of trained professional men toward a thorough study of the present and future needs and opportunities of this city in respect to municipal and metropolitan improvements, is certainly worthy of our attention.

I have examined the contents of this publication with great interest, and it seems to me proper that the merits and the feasibility of the various interesting projects, some old and some new, which are set forth, should receive official consideration. No report relating to the development of Boston has been made public for a long time so comprehensive in its scope and so ambitious in its suggestions. It is prepared by men who are not afraid to think in millions in planning for the future of a corporation having a first lien upon over a billion dollars of real estate assets; few of their proposals may be practicable of execution at the present time, but the broad-minded spirit in which they are conceived and presented is well worthy of recognition. Certainly no such document has dealt with the general subject of municipal improvements with a larger faith in the possibility of continued progress toward making Boston, to quote its own language, "more convenient for its inhabitants, better adapted for commerce and more beautiful in appearance." The publication of this report at the present time, when the financial condition of the city is receiving so much attention, is an encouraging indication that at least one important body of professional men does not believe that we are precluded from making other great public improvements in the future, provided that these are well planned and promise a large benefit to the community. While the present condition of our municipal finances requires us to give the first place to economic considerations, it should not be forgotten that even the beauty of a city, intangible as it may seem from the standpoint of the assessor, is nevertheless among its assets which have a value in dollars and cents; and the convenience of a city as a place of residence, including as this does so many different elements, has a distinct relation to the growth of its population and of its valuation.

The property owners and taxpayers of Boston may well be compared to the stockholders in a corporation owning assets of enormous value, but encumbered by a heavy bonded indebtedness. As our municipal corporation has still ample borrowing credit, the real question is whether any proposed expenditure will increase the total net value and productive capacity of our assets. If in the past an undue proportion of the proceeds of our loans and taxes has been devoted to non-productive purposes, we can adopt a sounder economic policy in the future. We certainly have no margin for wasting public money; but the very fact that we are already heavily indebted may well be considered as an argument in favor of the making of such further municipal investments as will add to the earning capacity, and therefore to the tax-paying ability, of our citizens.

We have made enormous expenditures for purposes relating to residential development or designed to promote the convenience and health of our citizens; other enormous expenditures for these purposes have been made for us by metropolitan commissions—our share of the debt thus imposed upon the metropolitan district, purely by legislative authority, now amounting to over forty-three million dollars. It may well be found to be the case that in order to enable us to carry this existing burden without undue financial strain we must go on and make such further municipal investments, of a directly productive nature, as careful investigation may show to be desirable from a business standpoint. If, for instance, ten million dollars would greatly improve our port facilities and add largely to our maritime business, besides

bringing in some direct return, the city, in my opinion, could afford to make the investment—indeed, could not afford to miss the opportunity of making it.

Classification of Improvements.

It seems to me convenient to classify the proposals set forth in this report under three headings: (1) those relating to commercial or business development, (2) those relating to residential development or the convenience of our citizens, and (3) those which are designed to add to the beauty or attractiveness of Boston. Of course some of the proposals which are outlined relate to more than one of these headings.

The important proposals coming under the first heading are those for the construction of a system of docks in the Old Harbor on the south side of the South Boston peninsula; for the filling of the South Bay; for a better connection between Cambridge and Causeway Sts.; and for the widening and extension of Commercial St. The question of the use which should be made of the old terminal property of the Providence railroad at Park Sq., which is briefly discussed in the report, but as to which no recommendation is made, also comes under this heading.

The plans coming under the second heading are those dealing with the proposed inner and outer belt line boulevards, to cross and connect our present radiating boulevards; the proposed Old Colony Ave., to run from the new Cove St. Bridge on Dorchester Ave. to Neponset Ave.; the development of the Fenway and adjacent lands; and the extension of Arlington St. to Copley Sq.

Under the third heading we have the project of constructing an island in the Charles river basin (though this might also be classed under the second); the formation of a square at the junction of Commonwealth Ave. and Arlington St.; the connection of the latter street with the Charles river embankment; the re-laying out of Copley Sq.; and the improvement of Dorchester Heights.

The proposals brought forward may also be classed as those which are metropolitan in their nature, either as requiring authority for their execution to be obtained from the State, or as calling for the financial co-operation of the State or of the metropolitan district; and those which are purely municipal, requiring authority for their execution only from the city government, and necessarily paid for wholly from the city treasury. The proposed system of docks, the filling of South Bay, the outer belt line boulevard, Old Colony Ave. and the island in the Charles river seem to me for one reason or another to fall properly within the category of metropolitan improvements; the others are clearly purely municipal.

Of these various proposals the only ones of which the report presents any carefully elaborated studies are those relating to the dock system at South Boston, to the belt line boulevards, to the improvement of the Fenway, and to the island in the Charles River. Most of the other projects are only dealt with briefly, and not as suggestions originated in the report, but as proposed public improvements which are deemed worthy of serious consideration.

It will be generally admitted that the class of improvements which the municipal authorities and the people of Boston are most disposed to consider at the present time are those which relate to our commercial and business development, including, of course, under this heading all questions relating to transportation.

South Boston Docks.

The experience of the great European ports of Hamburg and Antwerp in dealing with the dock problem is set forth for our benefit in a most instructive manner. We are told that the city of Hamburg, which has far less natural advantages as a port than Boston, began in 1882,—when it had less than half the present population of this city,—expenditures upon docks which amounted in eighteen years to nearly fifty million dollars; that largely as a result of these expenditures for a modern port equipment Hamburg raised her position as a shipping centre from the fifth city in the world to the first; and that in the twenty-two years succeeding the beginning of this policy her population nearly trebled. These points should have a decided interest for our citizens. The fact that the Belgian government has appropriated fifty-three million dollars for construction and equipping with docks a complete new harbor at Antwerp is also an example which we may well bear in mind. The point which the report brings out that a modern pier system, of the first class is impracticable both at New York and at Philadelphia should also act as an incentive to us to improve our superior advantages.

The final working out abroad of the type and plan of a dock system best adapted for the requirements of modern maritime commerce—requirements which have been altogether changed by the development of transportation both by railroad and by steamship even within the last 20 years—should afford to Boston, with her magnificent harbor, an opportunity to profit enormously by the experience of other cities without paying for their costly mistakes.

It now seems to be established by foreign experience that the most economical system of trans-shipping from land to water and vice versa, and of handling and storing large quantities of goods, is afforded by the wide pier extending far out, three-quarters of a mile or more, into the harbor, equipped with railroad tracks, overhead traveling cranes and ample warehouses. The adoption by a seaport of the best system of this character is simply analogous to the installing of the latest improved machinery by a mill. The cost of the transfer of freight from railroad car to steamship and vice versa, and the time occupied in such transfer, are factors of great importance in the rivalry of ports. The length of the haul from the point of origin of freight to the point of shipment upon the seaboard, and the freight rate, are, of course, other important factors. These are largely fixed for us by our geographical position; but the facilities which Boston affords for quick and economical trans-shipment can be, thanks to what nature has done for us in our harbor, whatever we choose to make them. The theory of this report, which certainly seems a sound one, is that if we provide, as we can do, better trans-shipping facilities than any other American port, this advantage will bring us a great deal of commerce which would otherwise go elsewhere.

If it is objected that Boston has at present sufficient dock facilities for all of the foreign commerce which she can now secure, and this is by no means certain, this fact furnishes no conclusive argument against planning and providing for such a system of docks as this report proposes, and beginning their construction within a reasonable period. Until we have the best port facilities we cannot know how much additional business they would bring to us. A railroad system

feels justified in making an expenditure of a hundred million dollars, as the Pennsylvania railroad is now doing at New York, to take care of the future needs and growth of its business and to make the handling of such business quicker and more economical; much more is a great seaport like Boston justified in having a reasonable degree of faith that the provision of the best possible facilities upon the water front is bound to bring new business. Quite a number of foreign ports have exhibited such faith by the making of larger expenditures than Boston would have to do, even if the full plan covering nine piers and immense warehouse accommodations were carried out. The channel must be constructed before the stream of commerce can be expected to flow through it. The faith in our future as a seaport which the Federal government is now showing by the millions of dollars which it is expending in deepening and widening the approaches to our harbor should be met by at least an equal faith on the part of our own merchants and taxpayers; and this should be shown by a willingness to have the city provide the best possible port facilities, if thorough investigation shows that municipal action is needed to secure such facilities.

The study of the proposed South Boston dock system contained in this report is a most interesting one, and should be examined by every citizen who is concerned in seeing our city put in possession of really modern port facilities,—and there is no better way of making Boston bigger and busier. Of course, before any final conclusion is arrived at there must be full consideration of the relative advantages of South Boston and of East Boston as the site of a modern dock system.

I fully agree with the opinion expressed that the location of the Old Harbor is so central and advantageous—only a little over two miles from City Hall—that its use for wharves or docks must come in the future. When the time will arrive for such use, and how near this is at hand, is a question upon which opinions may well differ; but it seems to me that the consideration of this project is not premature even today. Doubtless years of study and preparation and of the education of public opinion would in any case be required before any definite action could be taken.

While the plan outlined in the report proposes the construction of a series of nine parallel piers, starting from a point 500 feet outside the Strandway and extending out into the Old Harbor for a distance of a mile, of course this whole dock system need not be constructed at once. Starting with a single pier of somewhat shorter length this can be lengthened, and more piers can be added, from time to time as the needs of commerce require. All that is necessary for a beginning is to construct one pier and make proper railroad connections; this is quite easy in respect to the tracks of Old Colony division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, though it seems to involve serious, but it is to be hoped not insuperable, difficulties in respect to connections with other railroads. Of course this whole plan is so closely related to the railroads entering the city that their co-operation would be essential for its satisfactory execution; the first step should be to induce them to join with some public authority in making a thorough investigation of the situation. The more we consider the possibilities of developing Boston as a seaport, the more evident does it become that the railroads hold the key to the situation. Some way must be

found not only of getting thtin to perform their full duties as carriers of goods and passengers, but of enlisting their active interest in the enlargement of our foreign commerce.

The objection will doubtless be made that the proposed plan would destroy the character and value of the Strandway along the shore of South Boston, upon which the city has spent so much money, as well as of the adjacent beach. One answer in my opinion is that the value of the Strandway as the end of a chain of boulevards connecting the Public Garden with the Marine Park and Castle Island would largely remain, even if some of its attractions were lost through the moving of the shore line five hundred feet further out, as proposed; and amply sufficient beaches for bathing purposes could be left between the shore ends of the piers, which are to be four hundred feet apart. The Old Colony tracks could be brought to the proposed docks without crossing Columbia Pk. or the Strandway. But the conclusive answer to the above objection is that if the fundamental commercial requirements of the city conflict anywhere with considerations of convenience or beauty, the latter should be subordinated.

Filling of South Bay.

The plan of filling the South bay, which is presented in connection with the proposed South Boston docks, is no new one; but it has special attractions in such a connection, both from the standpoint of possible economy in securing the filling material—which it is proposed to pump from the Old Harbor as that is dredged—and on account of the greater value of the land when filled, owing to its proximity to the new docks. Probably it would be advisable for commercial and drainage purposes to leave a channel or canal open to the head of the bay. The recent location of the new freight yard of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad on Southampton St. strengthens the argument in favor of the filling. The value to the development of the city of creating in this very central location such a large additional area of good building land for commercial or industrial purposes would certainly be very great. I believe that it might be found that under present conditions the filling of the South bay could be made a profitable operation to undertake on public account, even independently of the plan of constructing docks at South Boston. Indeed the filling is constantly in progress, and today the area of flats and water probably does not exceed one-half of what it once was. The report states the area available for filling as six hundred acres, but I cannot understand how such a large area is arrived at. The chief surveyor of the Street Commissioner's office furnishes me a plan showing a total unfilled area above Dover St. of only about 150 acres.

While it would be necessary to secure the co-operation of the Commonwealth in connection with carrying out either of the above projects, owing to its ownership of the shore below low water mark as well as for other reasons, I believe that it would be well worth while for the city to make a full preliminary study of this filling plan, with careful estimates of cost, and that a special appropriation should be made if necessary to cover the expense of such investigation. I have instructed the City Engineer to undertake this work. The portion of South Bay lying to the south of Southampton St. should be filled, and this could be undertaken independently of the larger question of filling the rest of the bay.

Connection Between Cambridge and Causeway Sts.

A better connection between the corner of Charles and Cambridge Sts. and Causeway St. is greatly needed, and I am inclined to agree with the opinion expressed in the report that "the expense of such a thoroughfare would not be great relative to its utility." I do not believe that it would be practicable to lay out such a new street from the end of the new Cambridge Bridge to Causeway St., as suggested in the report, or that it would be necessary to go to such a great expense. Such a new street could be put through very much more cheaply if it started higher up on Cambridge St., but before any heavy grade is reached, Causeway St. would have to be widened between Leverett and Wall Sts.; beyond this it is 60 feet wide. It does not seem to me necessary that the new street should be as much as 80 feet wide, as suggested in the report. I believe that 60 feet would be sufficient.

Extension of Commercial St. to the Charlestown Bridge.

The need for a direct teaming thoroughfare across the old part of the city has long been discussed, and must be admitted; but the financial and other obstacles which have thus far prevented the opening of such a thoroughfare still exist. The report estimates the cost of this proposed improvement at three million dollars. As experience shows that the city nearly always has to pay considerably more than the assessed valuation for down town real estate taken for public purposes, the cost would probably exceed this figure. But this improvement is of so much importance from a business standpoint that some way should be found to carry it through.

Park Sq. Terminal.

It is significant of the difficulties which have been met with in finding any feasible and profitable use of this property for other than railroad purposes that this report admits that none of the numerous studies for this object laid before the committee seemed to it wholly satisfactory. The great disadvantages to the city of having this important tract of sixteen acres lie idle are strongly set forth, but without the suggestion of any definite plan for its utilization. Since the report was prepared, the proposal for the transfer of this property to the Boston & Albany Railroad Company, thus resuming its use for railroad terminal purposes, has come definitely before the public and has received a great deal of discussion. The thought which I have given to the matter since it has been under debate leads me to recognize two points in the situation which seem to be quite clear—first, that this property is not only far better adapted for railroad purposes than for other uses, but that it is exceedingly difficult to get it disposed of and satisfactorily developed for any other uses; second, that if the South Station and its track approaches are not and cannot be made adequate, not merely for the traffic of today, but for that of the not distant future, then the Park Sq. terminal property should be preserved for railroad uses, as it obviously offers the nearest and most available means of taking care of what may be called the overflow traffic of the South Station.

The fact that the Park Square Station is only a few feet distant from the subway entrance on the Public Garden will give to passengers using this station quick transit to or from the North Station and intermediate points on the Tremont St. subway. If the subway is extended from Park St. under Winter and Summer Sts. to the South Station—and

I believe that this will be done before many years—such Park Square passengers will also have quick transit to or from the South Station and intermediate points. A bill introduced upon my petition is pending before the present Legislature providing for the construction of such subway from Park St. to the South Station.

The city is vitally interested both in the transportation and in the real estate aspects of this question. In my opinion the governing consideration, even from the municipal standpoint, should be the convenience of the passengers whose terminal station would have to be removed from the South station to Park square; and I think that discussion has shown that for a majority of such passengers this would not be diminished. But the removal of the blight upon a considerable district caused by the disuse of such an important property as that at Park square is also an argument entitled to no small weight. The difficulty has not arisen from the fact that the planning of the South station and its approaches was inadequate from the data available when it was constructed, but because a wholly unexpected and unexampled increase of traffic has taken place in the short period since it was completed. If it is admitted that the South station must soon be relieved in some manner, I cannot see any plan which seems as feasible and advantageous, alike from the point of view of the railroads and of their passengers, as that of making use of the Park square terminal; and such use would certainly prove of great benefit from a real estate standpoint and would increase valuations in this district.

Before it is decided that this property should be transferred to the Boston & Albany Railroad for its sole ownership and use, I believe that another alternative should be considered; that is the plan of having it acquired by the Boston Terminal Company and used as an annex of the South station. In this way the Park Sq. property might be used for certain trains and the South station for others, as might be found most convenient, without regard to the question of which railroad company was operating a given train.

Belt Line Boulevards.

Boston is very well provided with radial boulevards or avenues; such streets as the new Cambridge bridge and its continuation by way of Main St. and Massachusetts Ave. in Cambridge, as Commonwealth and Brighton Aves., Beacon St. and Brookline Ave., Huntington Ave., Columbus Ave., Tremont St., Washington St., Blue Hill Ave. and Dorchester Ave., afford us, as the report recognizes, reasonably direct lines of communication from the business portion of the city to the outlying centres of population. These radial avenues, corresponding to the spokes of a wheel, are of more importance than belt lines corresponding with the rim; but undoubtedly one or more belt lines, such as suggested, would be a decided convenience and would tend to knit the different sections of the city more closely together. Good facilities of communication between the outlying sections of the city are undoubtedly lacking at the present time, and as population grows the need of such belt lines will be more and more felt. By utilizing streets as far as possible, and only filling in the necessary connecting links, the expense of constructing such avenues should not be out of proportion to their public utility.

The inner boulevard proposed in the report, extending from Andrew Sq., South Boston, to the Cottage Farm bridge over the Charles river, would

have to be constructed and paid for by the city as a purely municipal expense, and probably its cost would be very considerable. The suggestion is worthy of close study, and the cost should be carefully estimated.

The line of the proposed outer boulevard, which has long been contemplated by the city authorities, extending from Field's Corner, Dorchester, to Allston, a distance of nearly six miles, and also, if deemed advisable, crossing the Charles river by a new bridge to Central Sq., Cambridge, has been carefully studied, and it seems to me to be very well located. It should be recognized that the increasing use of the automobile, not only for pleasure but for all sorts of commercial purposes, increases the utility, and therefore tends to justify the cost of an avenue of this character.

It would presumably follow the line of the following streets, starting from the Field's Corner terminus: Adams St., Quincy St., Townsend St., Marcella St., Ritchie St., Heath St., South Huntington Ave. and Huntington Ave. (in Boston), Boylston St., Washington St., Harvard St. (in Brookline), to Coolidge's Corner, then Harvard St. (again in Boston) to Commonwealth Ave. in Allston, and thence, if desired, by Harvard Ave. to Cambridge St. Only a few hundred feet of new street would have to be laid out on this line. Most of the streets named are, however, only 40 feet in width, and the chief expense would be in the widening of these streets to 80 feet. I have requested the Street Commissioners to prepare a careful plan of this whole boulevard, and I transmit herewith a sketch plan showing its route as above suggested.

If it is believed that the use of such a boulevard would warrant its cost, it should be regarded as a metropolitan rather than a purely municipal improvement, and paid for by the metropolitan district. Its great use would be as a direct connection, avoiding the necessity of passing through the crowded central portion of Boston, between Cambridge and the territory to the north and west of that city and Milton and Quincy, and the territory lying beyond them to the south. Its construction at the expense of the metropolitan district—although judging by the past the bulk of the expense would be assessed upon Boston—would give us, through that portion of the cost assessed upon other municipalities, some small compensation for the large assessment imposed upon us on account of the construction by the Metropolitan Park Commission of pleasure boulevards not a foot of which lie within the limits of this city. Such a boulevard should have a large influence toward improving the value and the development of the residential property along or nearly adjacent to its location, and a substantial benefit assessment should therefore be levied and realized in connection with its construction.

Old Colony Ave.

The project of constructing a new avenue from the end of the new Cove-St. bridge by way of Dorchester Ave. and the old road bed of the Old Colony railroad to Savin Hill, and thence to a point on Neponset Ave., seems to me to have a great deal of merit, although it involves quite a heavy expense; it is probably only a question of time when such an avenue will be constructed.

It can be authoritatively stated that one of the considerations in favor of the plan adopted for the abolition of the former dangerous grade crossing at Dorchester Ave. was that it left the city in possession of an admirable location for a future avenue which would be of much importance to Dorchester and to the territory south of Boston.

This avenue should also be classed and paid for as a metropolitan improvement when the time comes for its laying out and construction.

The estimated expenditure seems a large one, and I do not see the need of having the boulevard 120 feet wide from Kings square to Crescent avenue, when it can only be 80 feet wide from that point into the city. It should be remembered also that wide boulevards involve proportionately greater expense for maintenance, which becomes, as the street surface wears off, a heavy tax upon the city. I transmit herewith a plan showing the proposed avenue laid out at the 80-foot width.

I may refer here to a project which is not referred to in the report, but which is well worthy of serious consideration, and is provided for by a bill now pending before the Legislature, namely, the proposed improvement of Centre and Washington Sts. in West Roxbury.

Development of the Fenway.

The Fenway at present constitutes too much of a barrier and it should be crossed by one or more new streets, as proposed by the report. Its suggestions in this respect and also as to relocations of existing streets have a great deal of merit, and as this district seems destined to become one of the finest residential neighborhoods of the city, adding largely to its taxable valuation, it is certainly important that the laying out of these streets should be made as adequate and satisfactory as possible before further building takes place. The important buildings already constructed or located on the south and west of the Fenway largely fix the character and lines of the best street development, and these buildings should be given sufficient and attractive connections with the centre of the city. These proposed improvements are wholly municipal, and I fear that it may be very difficult to find the money required to carry them out.

Extension of Arlington St.

The project of extending Arlington St. to Copley Sq., as outlined in the report, presupposes the development of the Park Sq. railroad terminals for some other use than for railroad purposes, thus permitting new streets to cross them; but it seems to me, as stated above, that this property should be held for the use for which it was originally acquired. If this objection is ignored, the proposal has some strong points in its favor, but hardly seems to me practicable of execution. Unless Copley Sq. were accepted in advance as the best site for a new City Hall,—and this does not seem to me likely,—I doubt whether the advantage from the standpoint of developing real estate would compensate for the cost of this improvement.

An Island in the Charles River.

Perhaps the most striking proposal in the report is that of forming an island of considerable size, which would be crossed at about its centre by Harvard bridge, in the Charles River basin. The aesthetic arguments which are so forcefully presented in favor of the construction of such an island seem sound and unanswerable, and the comparison with the dimensions of similar open spaces of water in foreign cities is very instructive. That the beauty of the basin would be greatly enhanced by a well designed island, particularly if it were used as the site of monumental buildings, seems to me very plain. The project may seem at first too ideal to be practicable of execution; but it is by no means sure that a thorough study of the problem with estimates of the cost of construction and of the real estate value of the pro-

posed island would show this to be the case. A building area of 1,50,000 feet, such as proposed by the first island plan, in such a central and magnificent location, should certainly have a great pecuniary value.

If the material for filling were obtained from the basin itself by modern methods of dredging, it is not at all certain that the cost would be prohibitory, or indeed that the value of the newly made land might not even exceed in time the cost of construction. The ashes which could be economically delivered at this point would also in a period of years supply a large quantity of free filling. This interesting proposal has been sufficiently studied in the report from an aesthetic and an architectural point of view to make it desirable to take the next step and have engineering estimates prepared. Of course this should be regarded as a metropolitan improvement, and the whole expense of it should not be borne by the city of Boston. I transmit herewith a sketch plan, taken from the report, of the island as shown in the first design presented.

Terminus of Commonwealth Ave.

The report very justly calls attention to the lack of a proper ending of Commonwealth Ave. at the Public Garden, or, as I should prefer to put it, of an impressive entrance at this point to the chain of boulevards, parkways and parks, constituting one of our greatest municipal possessions, which begins with Commonwealth Ave. and terminates at the Marine Park, South Boston. A somewhat ambitious and expensive scheme of treatment is proposed, involving the widening of Arlington St. from 80 to 180 feet; this is to be made chiefly upon the Public Garden side of the street, but something is also to be taken off of the buildings upon Arlington St. between Newbury and Marlboro Sts., with a view to creating sites for new monumental buildings, facing the Public Garden. Ideally this would doubtless be a very fine plan; practically it seems to me that a much less expensive and comprehensive scheme will secure a large part of the desired effect.

I would suggest that a circle or square 200 feet in diameter be formed at the beginning of Commonwealth Ave. This can be done merely by taking 60 feet from the end of the reserved space in Commonwealth Ave., and the same space from the Public Garden immediately opposite the end of the avenue. As no private land need be taken this plan would only involve a moderate expense for construction, and it would have the effect of giving a dignified and striking entrance to Commonwealth Ave.; the line of the circle or square would be brought to a point 50 feet in front of the Washington statue. This comparatively simple change should be seriously and immediately considered. I believe that a circle would be preferable to a square, and I enclose a sketch showing the proposed lines. I have asked the Corporation Counsel for an opinion as to the action that would be legally necessary to authorize the laying out of the portions of such circle falling within the Public Garden and the Commonwealth Ave. reservation. I expect to recommend later to the City Council the passage of an order making the required appropriation.

Extension of Arlington St. to Charles River.

I believe that it would be very desirable to open up a connection between Arlington St. and the Public Garden and the Charles river embankment in the manner proposed. This might well be regarded as being so connected with the work of constructing the embank-

ment that it should be done by the commission having charge of that work and paid for in the same manner. While a small improvement, this seems a very desirable one, and taken in connection with the suggested circle at the terminus of Commonwealth Ave., it would do much to beautify one of the most important features of the city.

Improvement of Copley Sq.

Since the preparation of this report the City Council has appropriated \$40,000 for the betterment and relocation of Copley Sq., and this will make it possible to proceed with this long-delayed plan. The central location and conspicuous character of this square certainly make it desirable that it should be laid out in the most artistic and effective manner, and the present layout is certainly far from being the best. The report suggests three different methods of treatment, but that which seems to me to have the greatest merit is the one which provides four cross plots arranged symmetrically immediately opposite the Public Library and the Museum of Fine Arts, the present streets forming the outside boundaries of this area, and two diagonal avenues crossing the centre of the square. Under the appropriation the plan to be adopted has to be approved by the Art Commission.

Improvement of Dorchester Heights.

I am in hearty sympathy with the suggestion made in the report for the improvement of this conspicuous site, historic as the place where Washington planted the cannon which compelled the evacuation of Boston by the British Army. The present steep place between the South Boston High school and the tower commemorating the evacuation should certainly be treated in some proper manner, and the plan presented in the report seems to me attractive and not an expensive one.

Method of Further Investigation.

The sentence introducing the report states that its suggestions are made "in the hope that they may lead to fuller investigation by competent authorities into the subject of the municipal development of Boston." While a few of the proposals are of a simple and comparatively inexpensive character, and may be considered ripe for action whenever the requisite appropriations can be obtained, most of the projects require much fuller and more detailed official investigation, with estimates of cost, before they can be considered ready for adoption. The practical question now is, what is the best method of securing the further investigation of these and other similar projects, which are admittedly worthy of consideration, if we are to plan broadly and intelligently for the future development of Greater Boston. As I have indicated, several of the most important of these projects require metropolitan action, and any authority competent to investigate them in a comprehensive manner may, therefore, well be constituted by authority of the State.

I believe, however, that the interest of Boston in these improvements is so paramount, whether they be regarded as metropolitan or municipal, that the city should be directly represented upon any expert or other body which may be established by legislative authority for the above-named purpose. A bill is now before the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs, introduced upon the petition of the Metropolitan Improvement

League and supported by the Boston Society of Architects, which provides for the appointment, by the Governor of seven "expert persons" as a temporary commission, expiring by limitation on Dec. 1, 1908, who are given authority, and provided through a state appropriation with the necessary funds, to make a thorough inquiry into such matters as this report covers. If such a commission is to be appointed, the city of Boston is certainly entitled to claim some proper representation upon it through being given the right to name some of its members. The hearty co-operation of our municipal authorities is essential to the carrying out of any great improvement, and this fact should be recognized in advance.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

(Appended were the plans referred to.)
Ordered printed and sent up, on motion of Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11.

APPROPRIATION FOR FINANCE COMMISSION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, March 7, 1907.

To the City Council:—

I have already recommended to the Committee on Appropriations (to which the annual appropriation order has been referred) that the item for "City Council, Incidental Expenses," in which I had intended to include the sum of \$40,000 for the expenses of the Finance Commission, be reduced from \$50,000 to \$10,000, that the appropriation for the reserve fund be reduced by \$10,000, and that a specific item be added to the order providing for an appropriation of \$50,000 for the expenses of such commission. As the passage of the annual appropriation order is sometimes delayed until nearly the first of May, I now desire to recommend that the appropriation of \$50,000 for the Finance Commission be made immediately. I regard it as important that this appropriation should be passed at once in order that the members of the Finance Commission may be finally selected and that they may enter upon the performance of their duties. I therefore recommend the immediate passage of the accompanying order. Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Ordered, That to meet the expenses which the Finance Commission (to be appointed under authority of the order of the City Council approved March 7th) is authorized to incur, the sum of \$50,000 is hereby appropriated, to be expended by said Commission during the years 1907 and 1908, and that said amount be raised by taxation upon the polls and estates taxable in the city of Boston.

The communication was ordered sent up. The order was read a second time and passed, under suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13. Mr. McCullough moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that there is no quorum present.

The PRESIDENT directed the members present to rise and remain standing until counted, and it was found that there were but 31 members present.

The PRESIDENT—Thirty-one members or less than a quorum being present, the Chair will declare the Council adjourned to meet on Thursday, March 21, at 7:45 P. M.

Adjourned.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Wednesday, March 13, 1907.

Special meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at one o'clock P. M., Ald. BERWIN presiding and a quorum present.

Jurors were drawn for the Superior Civil Court, first to seventh sessions inclusive, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 514 of the Acts of 1894, for the April sitting, to appear Monday, April 1, viz.:

First Session—Hans Johnson, Wd. 8; Herbert E. Cushing, Wd. 5; Joseph T. McElroy, Wd. 25; Daniel Morgan, Wd. 14; Charles C. Ryder, Wd. 12; William H. Holden, Wd. 1; Henry K. Nuss, Wd. 6; Melvin D. Ayers, Wd. 22; Joseph J. Forrester, Wd. 20; Daniel J. Flanagan, Wd. 5; Charles H. Nason, Wd. 12; Jeremiah O'Callaghan, Wd. 14; John C. Underwood, Wd. 16; Austin E. Green, Wd. 14; Heber S. Fraser, Wd. 24; Alfred M. Bullard, Wd. 17; James Wynne, Wd. 17; Abraham L. Balfour, Wd. 19; Daniel J. Kiley, Wd. 20; Daniel A. Herlihy, Wd. 19; James Cashin, Wd. 6; Charles A. Boyden, Wd. 23; James McIntyre, Wd. 24; Stephen F. Keenan, Wd. 20; Joseph S. Healy, Wd. 22; Bensman Gordon, Wd. 19; Michael V. F. Brennan, Wd. 13; George E. Kane, Wd. 1; Charles L. Sanborn, Wd. 19; John P. Roach, Wd. 11; Alfred M. Blinn, Wd. 21; Patrick Durkin, Wd. 19; William Josselyn, Wd. 1; Frank A. Feeney, Wd. 23; John J. Redmond, Wd. 2.

Second Session—Joseph G. Sherman, Wd. 22; Arthur H. Stephenson, Wd. 22; Edward N. Young, Wd. 4; Henry A. Rice, Jr., Wd. 10; William H. Ayre, Wd. 20; James T. Kilroe, Wd. 23; Lewis J. Proctor, Wd. 21; John Schutz, Wd. 13; Ralph M. Thompson, Wd. 20; John Mannion, Wd. 25; Martin A. Cannon, Wd. 6; Richard J. Donnelly, Wd. 23; John P. Kersey, Wd. 14; James J. Nunan, Wd. 13; Robert N. McLellan, Wd. 22; Michael F. Moran, Wd. 4; Albert J. Johnson, Wd. 8; Sewall M. Hart, Wd. 1; William J. Laffey, Wd. 5; Adolph A. Beck, Wd. 12; Albert W. Tuckerman, Wd. 20; Daniel Shannon, Wd. 12; George L. Cook, Wd. 24; Charles F. Cooper, Wd. 21; Frank Goddard, Wd. 17; William McLeod, Wd. 2; Patrick McKenna, Wd. 13; William E. Fay, Wd. 20; Arthur C. Macdonald, Wd. 24; George W. Pigeon, Wd. 1; John C. McCarthy, Wd. 1; Walter M. Robbins, Wd. 17; Fred S. Charles, Wd. 12; Thomas F. Hayes, Wd. 15; Walter W. Marchbank, Wd. 22.

Third Session—Denis F. Crowley, Wd. 9; Frederick W. Hancock, Wd. 18; Victor Schonfeld, Wd. 20; Stephen E. Eggleston, Wd. 19; Peter McCann, Wd. 3; Jeremiah O'Keefe, Wd. 19; John P. Walsh, Wd. 6; Edward Holden, Wd. 11; Timothy McCarthy, Wd. 12; Daniel J. McDonald, Wd. 24; Horace N. Hatch, Wd. 15; Edward J. Dalton, Wd. 7; Mark Ryan, Wd. 7; Thomas J. McKenney, Wd. 5; James B. Hayes, Wd. 20; William U. Sherman, Wd. 20; Nathan Adams, Wd. 17; Samuel Alexander, Wd. 12; John F. McNamara, Wd. 25; John J. Flanagan, Wd. 19; Robert J. Barry, Wd. 9; Michael J. Neron, Wd. 23; John H. Mosley, Wd. 25; Thomas J. Tirrell, Wd. 23; Edward S. Frye, Wd. 7; William H. Sullivan, Wd. 5; Matthew J. Nolan, Wd. 18; Edward A. Page, Wd. 12; Hiram S. Wadleigh, Wd. 25; James Glennon, Wd. 12; Thomas Derrick, Jr., Wd. 3; John Shaw, Wd. 1; Alden E. Viles, Wd. 11; John Pabst, Wd. 17; Thomas W. Reilly, Wd. 19.

Fourth Session—John E. Curley, Jr., Wd. 12; Timothy McCarthy, Wd. 16; Elmer A. Phillips, Wd. 20; Gustavus E. Kurtz, Wd. 21; William P. Mulcahy, Wd. 25; Edward L. Snowden, Wd. 11; Charles F. Morton, Wd. 23; John J. Kelly, Wd. 25; Charles McCarthy, Wd. 5; Frederick P. Mansfield, Wd. 16; Bernard N. Back, Wd. 24; Thomas W. Fleet, Wd. 15; Frederick E. Mawson, Wd. 25; Maurice R. Addison, Wd. 3; Frederick L. Frizell, Wd. 24; John M. Marston, Jr., Wd. 17; Frank J. Ramisch, Wd. 24; Francis L. LaForme, Wd. 20; Frank E. Trask, Wd. 17; William Sullivan, Wd. 22; Frederick W. Goodwin, Wd. 10; William Dudley Cotton, Wd. 22; J. Arthur Jacobs, Wd. 21; Charles H. Mowry, Wd. 20; Willis B. Chase, Wd. 1; Albert R. Gokev, Wd. 25; Francis Wilkins, Wd. 17; William G. Berry, Wd. 17; Daniel O'Riordan, Wd. 25; James M. O'Brien, Wd. 21; John Williamson, Wd. 13; Alonzo Hemsley, Wd. 22; Bernard J. Connelly, Wd. 19; William F. Tuck, Wd. 2; John F. Beale, Wd. 2.

Fifth Session—John Setterstrom, Wd. 21; Hollis French, Wd. 11; Edward D. Berrigan, Wd. 24; William J. Broderick, Wd. 22; Peter O'Donnell, Wd. 1; Herbert G. Priest, Wd. 11; Robert Pike, Wd. 17; Arthur D. Rogers, Wd. 1; Aaron Susman, Wd. 19; James Neal, Wd. 9; John McKim, Wd. 1; Francis P. Sullivan, Wd. 24; James Sheehan, Wd. 2; Maurice H. Flanagan, Wd. 23; Nicholas J. Hickey, Wd. 10; Edward F. Gould, Wd. 20; Perley Miller, Wd. 16; Joseph V. Donahoe, Wd. 24; Joseph Hoefling, Wd. 19; Cornelius J. Doyle, Wd. 16; Garrett F. Watson, Jr., Wd. 12; Frederic E. Mosher, Wd. 4; William P. Sinnott, Wd. 4; Eugene McDonald, Wd. 24; Andrew Galligan, Wd. 23; Daniel Collins, Wd. 10; Harry E. Cormier, Wd. 5; William Priebe, Wd. 16; Charles McLaughlin, Wd. 18; Frank R. Goodwin, Wd. 7; John M. Ramsey, Wd. 22; Frank A. Taylor, Wd. 25; William A. Depew, Wd. 12; William Hayward, Wd. 25; William S. Sumner, Wd. 22.

Sixth Session—Arnold Dold, Wd. 9; Frank J. Horan, Wd. 23; Jacob N. Segal, Wd. 2; George U. Noyes, Wd. 23; Thomas Jones, Wd. 24; Carl A. Smith, Wd. 14; Thomas Malone, Wd. 8; David A. O'Hare, Wd. 6; George R. Dority, Wd. 5; Charles B. Moselev, Wd. 24; Vincent T. Fetherston, Wd. 17; William J. Brennan, Wd. 17; John J. Thomas, Wd. 1; William A. Pinkham, Wd. 20; John L. J. McDonald, Wd. 6; William J. Ryan, Wd. 9; Thomas J. Drummond, Wd. 17; Frederick E. Hull, Wd. 24; Edward H. Harrington, Wd. 16; Patrick J. O'Hearn, Wd. 15; Henry F. Garnier, Wd. 15; Michael Moloney, Wd. 14; James J. Mulvey, Wd. 8; Dennis M. Murphy, Wd. 17; John H. Brown, Wd. 8; Charles B. Sherman, Wd. 20; Michael P. Cantwell, Wd. 19; Frank Rehfield, Wd. 12; Albert Small, Wd. 5; William McConnell, Wd. 25.

Seventh Session—Alexander Simpson, Wd. 10; Richard S. Leary, Wd. 4; James D. Logan, Wd. 14; Henry A. Rueter, Wd. 22; Thomas H. Sinnott, Wd. 17; Warren C. Hartshorn, Wd. 20; Michael Holland, Wd. 5; Frank J. Feeney, Wd. 9; James B. McDermott, Wd. 24; George H. Ellis, Wd. 11; John F. Kennedy, Wd. 24; Leonard C. Hilton, Wd. 17; Edward J. Coan, Wd. 23; George W. Quilty, Wd. 15; Walter A. Smith, Wd. 7; Michael Hennessy, Wd. 13; John English, Wd. 22; Daniel M. Kerrigan, Wd. 2; James E. O'Brien, Wd. 23; Arthur W. Stedman, Wd. 23; Thomas J. Butler, Wd. 18; George O. Shaw, Wd. 23; Michael J. Grady, Wd. 20; Charles F. Dolson, Wd. 12; Joseph I. Foley, Wd. 21; Albert F. Hill, Wd. 18; Sidney S. Rankin, Wd. 18; Ebijah E. Ellis, Wd. 25; Arthur F. Barney, Wd. 24; Albert E. Stanley, Wd. 21; Clifford L. Goodwin, Wd. 20; John J. Harvey, Wd. 5; Albert M. Converse, Wd. 20.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Tuesday, March 19, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, Ald. BERWIN presiding.

Absent, Ald. Whelton.

JURORS DRAWN.

Forty-one traverse jurors for the Superior Criminal Court, to appear April 1, 1907, were drawn under the provisions of Chapter 514 of the Acts of 1894, viz.:

Frank X. Danner, Wd. 17; Arthur W. Lane, Wd. 21; Frank Briggs, Wd. 13; Thomas Hannon, Wd. 16; Eugene F. Nagle, Wd. 1; Jeremiah F. Kelleher, Wd. 7; Francis J. Dempsey, Wd. 13; Daniel L. Sullivan, Wd. 9; John F. Welch, Wd. 8; Louis F. Bartlett, Wd. 6; Arthur H. Keeler, Wd. 12; Fred'k G. Pearce, Wd. 23; George P. Pennington, Wd. 1; William T. Loring, Wd. 12; Thos. Higgins, Wd. 1; Chas. M. Morrison, Wd. 24; John N. Winkley, Wd. 5; Fred'k H. Pope, Wd. 24; Patrick Boyle, Wd. 6; Wm. F. Hollander, Wd. 2; Henry C. Lane, Wd. 17; Albert E. Jordan, Wd. 16; Henry D. Huggan, Wd. 11; Henry E. Adams, Wd. 25; Thomas Byrnes, Wd. 13; Hugh C. Maguire, Wd. 23; Geo. O. Goldwait, Wd. 17; Robert W. Devonshire, Wd. 16; Edward B. Clapp, Wd. 16; Henry Adams, Wd. 15; William H. Wedlock, Wd. 21; Matthew J. Farren, Wd. 1; John A. Herrick, Wd. 15; Elisha Hopkins, Wd. 10; John E. M. Sanford, Wd. 24; James F. Kennedy, Wd. 16; Fred M. Smith, Jr., Wd. 21; King D. Porter, Wd. 20; Emanuel F. Silva, Wd. 6; Thos. T. Goodale, Wd. 24; John J. Dwyer, Wd. 19.

APPROPRIATION FOR CARE OF FEEBLE-MINDED.

The following was received:

City of Boston.
Office of the Mayor, March 19, 1907.

To the City Council:—
I transmit herewith a communication from Hon. John B. Martin, the official in charge of the Pauper Institutions Department, requesting an additional appropriation of \$38,500 for the purpose of caring for feeble-minded persons, in accordance with a recent decision of the Supreme Court. Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Pauper Institutions Department,
28 Court Square, Room 3,
March 18, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of the City of Boston.

Sir:—Acting under instructions from the Corporation Counsel, in 1905 the Pauper Institutions Department declined responsibility for the support of patients (adults) having a legal settlement in the city of Boston who were inmates of the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded at Waverly. At that time the Corporation Counsel claimed that feeble-minded persons should be classed as "idiots" or "non compos" and as such should be cared for at

the expense of the state as provided by Section 7 of Chapter 87 of the Revised Laws.

The Corporation Counsel now advises that the Supreme Judicial Court has decided in the case of Chapin v. City of Lowell that cities and towns are liable for the board of inmates of the School for the Feeble-Minded, and that the city of Boston will have to pay for the support of such persons as have settlements in Boston who are now inmates of that institution.

This decision necessitates the payment of back bills to the amount of about \$20,400, as follows:

For quarter ending Dec. 31, 1905.	\$4,379.60
Additional bill (for one individual)	339.39
For quarter ending March 31, 1906	4,198.07
For quarter ending June 30, 1906	4,398.18
For quarter ending Sept. 30, 1906	4,199.92
For two months ending Nov. 30, 1906	2,945.43

Total\$20,460.59
Bill for quarter ending Feb. 28, 1907, is now due, amounting to \$4,450.18
Based on this figure, the bills for the remaining three quarters will amount to about..... 13,350.54

Making the total appropriation for the care of the feeble minded\$38,261.31

In our request or the appropriation for the year beginning Feb. 1, 1907, no amount was included for the support of the feeble minded, the \$14,000 requested for care of sane epileptics, inebriates, etc., being for the support of patients at the Massachusetts Hospital for Epileptics and at the Foxboro State Hospital. To this amount should be added \$38,500, making that appropriation \$52,500, and the entire appropriation for this department \$243,900.

Enclosed I am sending you copies of letters from the Corporation Counsel (one addressed to Mr. W. P. Fower and one addressed to me) in relation to this matter, also a copy of the opinion of the court in the case of Chapin v. City of Lowell, above referred to.

We have at the present time about one hundred persons at the School for Feeble Minded whose board is charged to this department.

Very respectfully,
John B. Martin,
Official in charge of department.

(Copy.)
City of Boston,
Law Department, 73 Tremont St.,
Boston, Nov. 8, 1905.
William P. Fower, Esq., Institutions Registrar, 28 Court Sq., Boston, Mass.
Dear Sir:—My opinion is requested on the subject of the liability of the city of Boston for the support of feeble-minded patients having legal settlements in Boston at the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded.

It is true, as set forth in the communication of the Overseers of the Poor of Worcester, that Section 6 of Chapter 87 of the Revised Laws relieves cities and towns of the care and support of insane persons. Section 5, Clause 6, of Chapter 8 of the Revised Laws provides that in all acts of the Legislature the words "insane person" and "lunatic" shall include every idiot and non compos. The question arises as to whether the feeble-minded, such as are now in the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded, come under the heading "idiot" or "non compos."

There are many definitions of the word idiot. In the English law it seems to mean a person who is either born

mentally deficient or becomes mentally deficient in infancy. Persons who become feeble-minded or non compos mentis by reason of old age or disease after infancy or childhood do not come under this definition of idiot, but they are either insane, non compos or feeble-minded. If the definition of idiot found in the English law books is correct then the great majority of the pupils in the School for Feeble-Minded must be idiots, because they were either born mentally deficient or became mentally deficient in infancy, before their mental faculties were developed. Some light may be thrown on the subject by two facts, first, that the School for the Feeble-Minded is enumerated among certain insane asylums as an institution under the charge of the State Board of Insanity; second, that this institution, from 1850 to 1883, was the Massachusetts School for Idiots and Feeble-Minded Children.

Although I am in doubt as to the decision of our Supreme Court on this question, yet I am so far of the opinion that these children, or most of them, would be classed in law as idiots that I would recommend that your Board refuse to pay these bills, and let the state, if it wants, bring suit, and have the question tried out in court.

Yours truly,
Thomas M. Babson,
Corporation Counsel.

City of Boston,
Law Department,

March 15, 1907.

Hon. John B. Martin, Penal Institutions
Commissioner, 32 Tremont St., Boston.

Dear Sir:—Enclosed please find copy of the opinion of the court in Chapin vs. City of Lowell. As you will see by reading the report the court has decided against the contention of the city that the inmates of the School for Feeble Minded were not insane persons within the meaning given to this term by sections 6 and 79 of Chapter 87 of the Revised Laws. By these sections after 1904 the Commonwealth was to assume the support of insane persons and insane persons are defined in the Revised Laws to include idiots and non compos people. Dictionaries say that idiots and non compos include persons who are born mentally deficient or become so during childhood. The Supreme Court brushes aside this objection and decides that cities and towns must pay for the support of persons having settlements within their respective limits who are inmates of the School for Feeble-Minded. The city, therefore, will have to pay back bills for the support of such persons and also provide for their support in the future. Yours truly,

Thomas M. Babson,
Corporation Counsel.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
Supreme Judicial Court,
Chapin, Treas. and Rec.-Gen'l,
v.
City of Lowell.

Morton, J.

This is an action of contract by the Treasurer and Receiver-General to recover under R. L., Chapter 87, Section 120, for the support of two inmates of the custodial department of the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded. The inmates in question were minors and paupers with their settlements in Lowell. Previous to their commitment to the School for the Feeble-Minded they had been adjudicated insane and duly committed by the Police Court of Lowell to the Danvers Insane Hospital, from which they were discharged Jan. 23, 1905, as unimproved mentally, and in the expecta-

tion that they would be committed to the School for Feeble-Minded, which took place in the same day. The case was heard by the Court upon agreed facts, and the Court found for the plaintiff. The defendant appealed.

The support for which the plaintiff seeks to recover is from Jan. 23, 1905, to the date of the writ, and the only question is whether the provisions of R. L., Chapter 87, Sections 6 and 79, apply, the right of recovery under R. L., Chapter 87, Section 120, being clear upon the agreed facts, unless the inmates in question are to be regarded as insane persons for whose support the Commonwealth is made liable since Jan. 1, 1904. It is the contention of the defendant that they are to be so regarded. It is manifest that they were not supported as insane persons, but as feeble-minded persons; and it is to be assumed that the proceedings for their discharge from the Insane Hospital and commitment to the School for Feeble-Minded were undertaken in good faith and because the School for Feeble-Minded was deemed a more suitable place for them than the Insane Hospital. The order for their commitment recites that in the case of each it has been made to appear to the judge of the Probate Court that she is a fit subject for the School for Feeble-Minded, and the finding so made is not open to collateral attack and must be taken to mean that each comes within the class or classes for whose benefit the school was established. Otherwise the Court could not have found that they were fit subjects for the school. Unless, therefore, the School for Feeble-Minded is to be regarded as an institution for the insane, so that those who are committed to it thereby come fairly within the construction of insane persons, the plaintiff must prevail.

As originally incorporated, it was designated "The Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-Minded Youth" (St. 1850, Ch. 150), and continued to be so known till 1883, when the name was changed to "The Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded" (St. 1883, Ch. 239), which has been its name ever since. It is manifest, we think, from an examination of the different acts and resolves relating to it, that it was not established and has not been maintained as an institution for the insane, but, as its former and present name implies, for the benefit of the idiotic and feeble-minded (St. 1850, Chapter 150; Res. 1851, Ch. 44; Res. 1861, Ch. 26; Res. 1869, Ch. 9; St. 1878, Ch. 126; Pub. Sts., Ch. 87, ss. 55 and 56; St. 1883, Ch. 239; St. 1884, Ch. 88; St. 1886, Ch. 298; R. L., Ch. 87, ss. 113-123). There is nothing in any of these acts and resolves which recognizes the school as an institution for the insane, or which recognizes its inmates as insane persons. On the contrary, in the first act which provided for a judicial commitment, idiots who were insane were impliedly excluded and a distinction thus recognized between insanity and idiocy. This act was repealed by St. 1886, Ch. 298, but the effect of that was to limit more clearly if possible the inmates of the school to the feeble-minded. There are other statutes in which the word "feeble-minded" has been used in a sense that does not include the insane (St. 1905, Ch. 475, Sec. 1; St. 1906, Ch. 309; *ibid* Ch. 508; St. 1899, Ch. 153), and that is not its common meaning. Moreover, by St. 1906, Ch. 508, a new school for the feeble-minded was established and it was provided by Sec. 17 that the charges for the support of the settled inmates could be recovered from the city or town of settlement as therein provided. The result would be, therefore, that if Sections 6 and 79, Chapter 87, R. L., are construed as the

defendant contends that they should be, cities and towns would be liable for the support of the settled inmates in one institution, but would not be in the other. Such a result in the absence of anything to show that the legislation intended it would seem of itself to be almost, if not quite, decisive against the construction contended for.

The defendant relies upon R. L., Chapter 8, Sections 5 and 6, which provide that in construing statutes "the words 'insane person' and 'lunatic' shall include every idiot, non compos, lunatic and insane and distracted person." But it is to be observed in the first place that "feeble-minded" persons are not included in the definition thus given of "insane persons" or "lunatics." In the next place, it is provided (Rev. Laws, Ch. 8, Sec. 4) that the rules of construction there adopted are not to be followed if their observance would involve a construction inconsistent with the manifest intention of the legislation, and that words and phrases shall be construed according to the common and approved usage of the language except that technical words and such others as have acquired a peculiar meaning shall be so construed. But to construe the words "insane" and "insane persons" in R. L., Chapter 87, Sections 6 and 79, as including feeble-minded persons, and thus making the School for the Feeble-Minded an institution for the insane, would be contrary to the manifest intention of the Legislature and would not be according to the common and approved usage of the language, and therefore the rule of the construction invoked by the defendant does not apply. This result is not effected by the fact that idiotic persons may be committed to the school. When committed they are committed not as insane persons, but as feeble-minded persons.

Notice was given to the town of Danvers and defendant makes no objection that notice was not given to it.

Judgment affirmed.
Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

SCHOOL FOR FEEBLE-MINDED.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 16, 1907.
To the City Council:—
I transmit herewith a communication from the Children's Institutions Department requesting an additional appropriation of \$45,000 for the purpose of paying bills incurred in the support of children in the school for the feeble minded, in accordance with a recent decision of the Supreme Court.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Children's Institutions Department,
Trustees for Children,
30 Tremont St.

Boston, Mass., March 12, 1907.
Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:—By a recent decision of the Supreme Court it would seem that the cities and towns must pay for the children in the School for the Feeble-Minded, because, although this institution is under the supervision of the State Board of Insanity, the inmates are, nevertheless, not held to be insane.

The trustees for children respectfully request, therefore, that Your Honor will have \$45,000 added to the appropriation of the current year for the placing-out and office division of this department, in order to meet the bills of last year, which the trustees had declined to pay, pending the litigation on this subject, and also for the cur-

rent year's bills. It is estimated that the amount for these two years will not be less than this sum.

If Your Honor should desire to have any further information on the subject it will give me great pleasure to call and further explain.

Yours respectfully,
C. P. Putnam, Chairman.
Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

CLOSING OF EAST CONCORD ST.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 14, 1907.
To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the President of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital petitioning that that portion of East Concord St. between Harrison Ave. and Albany St. be closed to all heavy traffic. For the reasons set forth in the said petition, I recommend that the request of the Trustees be given careful consideration.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

The Boston City Hospital,
Boston, Feb. 27, 1907.
Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of Boston.

Sir:—The undersigned, in behalf of the Trustees of this Hospital, respectfully petitions that that portion of East Concord St. between Harrison Ave. and Albany St. be closed to all heavy traffic.

There are no private residences or other buildings on that part of East Concord St., the Boston City Hospital taking up the whole of the south side and the Homeopathic Hospital and the Home for Destitute Catholic Children, the entire north side of said street. The traffic through this street is mostly of heavy teams, which are not only noisy, but to a certain extent jar the buildings on both sides of the street. The existing conditions are something that should be as far as possible modified, for the benefit of the sick in both hospitals.

In many cases the noise and jar is so great that patients cannot go to sleep or remain asleep, the noise of the traffic is extremely annoying to persons who are feeble or are suffering pain. Cases are reported where physicians could not properly auscult the chest to make a correct diagnosis, on account of the continuous roar of sounds.

A record has been kept of the teams and carriages that passed through East Concord St. during the business hours of 5½ days, with the following figures:

Carriages	256
Express wagons.....	342
Heavy teams	288
Express wagons (Boston Water Department)	154
Heavy wagons (Boston Water Department)	16
Total	1056

or about 190 per day.

It is the rattling of the wheels, which is so common with dump carts and express wagons, and the shaking of the sideboards and tailboards on dump carts, that make the noise.

If churches and schools are protected by noiseless pavements, certainly the 600 patients who are within sound of the city noises referred to should be given protection, as far as the city can do it.

An additional reason is that this street, as at present constructed, is macadamized, and at certain times of the year immense clouds of dust are swept into the surrounding buildings.

Nearly all the surgical operating rooms of the City Hospital are on the East Concord St. side of the hospital. It is not necessary to explain that street dust in rooms devoted to surgical operations is deleterious, and possibly might be the cause of fatalities.

I send enclosed a copy of a letter received from Mr. James H. Doyle, Superintendent of Streets, who says that as far as his department is concerned there are no objections to closing East Concord St., between Harrison Ave. and Albany St. Mr. Welch, Superintendent of the Water Department, has told the Trustees of the Homeopathic Hospital that there are no objections to closing the street as mentioned, as far as his department is concerned. Therefore, there seems to be many arguments in favor of closing the street and no objections, as far as is known.

The Honorable City Council in former years has been liberal with this Hospital, by laying in part an asphalt pavement on Harrison Ave. and an asphalt and bitulithic pavement on Albany St. We trust that your Honor and the Honorable Board of Aldermen may see the way clear to carry out the object for which we now petition.

For and in behalf of the Trustees,
Respectfully submitted,

A Shuman,
President of the Trustees.

Street Department.

City Hall, Boston, Mass., Jan. 2, 1907.
A. Shuman, Esq., President Board of Trustees, Boston City Hospital.

Dear Sir:—Yours of the 28th ult. received, and in reply I would state that so far as this department is concerned there are no objections to closing East Concord St., between Harrison Ave. and Albany St.

Yours very truly,
James H. Doyle,
Superintendent of Streets.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

DISTRIBUTION OF MILK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Law Department, March 7, 1907.
To the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City Hall, Boston.

Gentlemen:—I am requested to give my opinion as to whether or not the Board of Health of the city of Boston has authority to establish stations for the free distribution of pure milk or for the sale of the same to its inhabitants.

In reply I would state that I know of no authority either by statute or under the common law for the Board of Health to embark the city of Boston in the milk business or to establish stations or shops where milk can be either given away or sold.

Yours respectfully,
Thomas M. Babson,
Corporation Counsel.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. WOODS.

LAYING OUT OF PRESCOTT ST.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Street Laying-Out Department,
City Hall, March 19, 1907.
To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen.

Dear Sirs:—Replying to the enclosed order of your honorable body requesting an estimate of the cost of laying out Prescott St., East Boston, from Chelsea

St. to Wood Island Park, the Board of Street Commissioners submits the following:

Grade damages.....	1,000.00
Construction.....	20,000.00
Total.....	\$21,000.00

Very respectfully,
J. J. O'Callaghan, Secretary.
Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received, and were referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Department.

Franklin Building Association, for leave to build a wooden building on Ashmont St. (south side), Wd. 24.

Building Department (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to construct cellars below grade, viz.:

William H. Tucker, at 561 Boylston St., Wd. 11, at grade 9.

H. P. Hayden, trustee, at 535 Beacon St., Wd. 11, at grade minus 8—the permanent bottom to be at grade minus 6.

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Edward F. Kelly & Co., an electric sign, at 129A Maverick St., Wd. 2.

Thomas J. Duggan, a sign, at 135 Chelsea St., Wd. 3.

H. H. Jepson, a sign, at 182 Friend St., Wd. 6.

Max Wyzanski, an electric sign, at 85 Salem St., Wd. 6.

E. P. Parmino, an electric sign, at 115 North St., Wd. 6.

Tim Moriarty, a sign, at 89 Court St., Wd. 6.

A. Davis, an electric sign, at 12 Winter St., Wd. 7.

Mediterranean Fishing Club, an illuminated sign, at 231 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

F. W. Tatro, an electric sign, at 147-149 Court St., Wd. 6.

Louis Goldstein, a sign, at 63 Salem St., Wd. 6.

Rosen & Ludwig, an illuminated sign, at 206 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

H. M. Lamb, an illuminated sign, at 30 North St., Wd. 6.

Hyman A. Appleton, an electric sign, at 53 Eliot St., Wd. 7.

H. E. Hagan, an illuminated sign, at 505 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Harris Pozner, a sign, at 229 Pleasant St., Wd. 7.

Benjamin Klous & Co., a sign, at 498-504 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7.

A. F. Mumford, an electric sign, at 121 Eliot St., Wd. 7.

U. S. Grant Cole, two electric signs, one at 45 Bromfield St., and one at 13 Bosworth St., Wd. 7.

J. A. Floyd, an electric sign, at 168 Summer St., Wd. 7.

Samuel E. Soul, a sign, at 493 Washington St., Wd. 7.

David Winer, a wooden sign, at 116 Green St., Wd. 8.

Andrew Burke, a sign, at 42 Travers St., Wd. 8.

Morris Yorra, a sign, at 81 Chambers St., Wd. 8.

James J. McAteer, two wooden signs, at 40 Charles St., Wd. 11.

Rosen & Ludwig, an illuminated sign, at 1859 Washington St., Wd. 18.

Roman Bros., a sign, at 1132 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

Peter Le Rossa, a barber pole, at 360 Bowdoin St., Wd. 20.

Orazio Puglisi, a sign, at 2499 Washington St., Wd. 21.

Highland Social Club, a cloth sign, at corner Centre St. and Columbus Ave., Wd. 22.

Timothy F. Murphy, a sign, corner Tremont St. and Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

E. J. Lovejoy, an electric sign, at 540 Tremont St., Wd. 9.

M. Segal, an electric sign, at 398 Tremont St., Wd. 9.

W. J. Anderson, an electric sign, at 1729 Washington St., Wd. 12.

Bakersfield Association, illuminated sign, at 558 Columbia Rd., Wd. 16.

W. H. Short, gas arc lamp, at 28 Franklin St., Wd. 25.

Talbot Co., electric sign, at 263 Broadway, Wd. 13.

Claims.

Thomas J. Harper, for a hearing on his claim for loss of service and damage to property by an alleged defect in Hancock St., Dorchester.

Jennie D. Harper, for a hearing on her claim for damages to person and property by an alleged defect in Hancock St., Dorchester.

William J. McDonough, for compensation Ida G. Crawford, for compensation for personal injuries received Feb. 21, from an alleged defect in Prison Point Bridge.

tion for injuries received.

A. Abraham, to be reimbursed for expense incurred on account of backing up of sewer at 31 Vine St.

Arthur P. French et al., Trustees, to be paid for replacing plate glass window at 60 Falmouth St., broken by an employee of the Paving Department.

Julia A. Butler, for compensation for personal injuries received at the South Ferry, Nov. 20, 1906.

Andrew J. McDonnell, for compensation for injuries caused by an accident at the North Ferry.

Thomas J. Geary, for compensation for injury to horse from an alleged defect in Atlantic Ave., Feb. 20, 1907.

Bridget T. Tirrell, for compensation for damage by sewage to property at southeast corner Call and Williams Sts., Wd. 6.

Herman E. Brady, for compensation for personal injuries received Feb. 17 from an alleged defect in Battery St., Wd. 6.

Mrs. Christine Sousa, for compensation for personal injuries from an alleged defect in Franklin Ave., Wd. 6.

James S. Sweeney, for compensation for injury to his horse received Oct. 12, 1906, from an alleged defect in Dorchester Ave., S. B.

Eva C. Crocker, for compensation for personal injuries received Jan. 8 from an alleged defect in highway corner Chestnut Ave. and Hubbard St., J. P.

Michael Powers, for compensation by reason of a street lamp falling upon him at the corner of Mystic and Malden Sts.

James Donovan, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Columbus Ave.

Electric Wires.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, for leave to erect three poles on Wordsworth St., from Saratoga St., Wd. 1.

Petition of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, viz.:

For extension of time in which to erect poles on Norfolk Ave., near Marshfield St., Wd. 16.

Board of Health.

Elizabeth A. Riley, M. D., for renewal of license to maintain a lying-in hospital at 310 Bay State road, Wd. 11.

Police, (Aid.)

Daniel L. Reagan, for compensation for loss of seven cows killed or died from being bitten by a dog.

Licenses.

Elizabeth A. Spooner, for a permit for Kitty Dooley and other children under 15 years of age, to appear at the

Boston Theatre on March 9, 14, 15 and 16. Petitions for licenses to run passenger barges, viz.:

Patrick J. Brady, two barges between the corner of Walk Hill St. and Blue Hill Ave. and Mt. Hope Cemetery, and two between Highland station and Corey and Centre Sts. and Mt. Benedict Cemetery, during the present year.

Frank A. Feeney, barges from Highland, Spring St. and West Roxbury stations, from corner Centre and Corey Sts., and from corner Centre and La Grange Sts., to the Newton and Dedham lines, and return.

Market Department.

C. A. Ganage and others, employees in Quincy and Faneuil Hall Markets, that the present hours of opening said market be changed, and that said markets be opened at 7 A. M. all the year round.

Railroads.

West End Street Railway Company, for a location for double curved tracks and two cross connections on Dorchester Ave., south of Richmond St., etc.

Boston Elevated Railway Company, that the Board of Aldermen approve the location of certain proposed changes, alterations in and additions to its Dudley-St. station, so far as they are on public ways or places.

Boston Elevated Railway Company, for approval of its becoming a common carrier of newspapers, baggage, etc., on its tracks in Boston.

Remonstrance of Expressmen's League and others against granting above petition.

Martin H. Ryan, et al., that the Boston Elevated Railway Company be empowered to construct shelters at City Sq. and Thompson Sq.

Public Improvements.

L. P. Soule & Son, for leave to erect guy posts in Federal, Franklin and Congress Sts., Wd. 7.

John F. Moors, et al., trustees, for leave to lay a 1 1/4-inch pipe under and across sidewalk at 30-32 Scotia St., Wd. 10.

Boston Bridge Works (inc.), for leave to close Cazenove St., at Columbus Ave., Wd. 13.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:

Louis A. Ginsburg, Curtis St., Wd. 1.

Boyd & Berry, northwest corner Bowdoin and Norton Sts., Wd. 20.

Corneilus Mahoney, 74 Middle St., Wd. 15.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of Charles A. Pastene, for license to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at the Talbot Ave. Auto Station, corner of Talbot Ave. and Spencer St., Wd. 20.

No objection. Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

2. On petition of the Quincy Market Cold Storage and Warehouse Company, for leave to extend its service by laying pipes and conduits in that part of Boston bounded by State, Washington, Court, Sudbury, Portland, Causeway and Beverly Sts., Charles river, the Harbor Commissioners' line, Lincoln's wharf, North, Richmond, Hanover and Union streets, Dock square and Exchange street.

No objections; declared referred, by the Chairman, to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I rise for information. I had always supposed that the Committee on Electric Wires had to do with street openings; that there was an opinion to the effect that that was the committee that took charge of such matters.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will state for the information of the Alderman that the original petition was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, and the Chair's ruling is that this is really merely a recommittal of the petition to the committee from which it first originated.

PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

3. Message of the Mayor relative to the report of the Committee on Municipal Improvements of the Boston Society of Architects. Document 65.

Placed on file.

4. Message of the Mayor recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That, to meet the expenses which the Finance Commission (to be appointed under authority of the order of the City Council approved March 7th) is authorized to incur, the sum of \$50,000 is hereby appropriated, to be expended by said commission during the years 1907 and 1908, and that said amount be raised by taxation upon the polls and estates taxable in the city of Boston.

The question came on passing the order in concurrence.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I move at this time that No. 4 be indefinitely postponed. I have been informed that when the matter was considered by the Council a roll call was not had upon the proposition, and that one is necessary.

The motion to indefinitely postpone was declared carried. Ald. Bell doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays. The Clerk was ordered to call the roll, but before there had been any response Ald. CURLEY said:

Mr. Chairman, I raise the point of order that this No. 4 on the calendar is not properly before the Board for action. A roll call vote is necessary to pass an appropriation of this character, and was not had in the Common Council. If my point of order is ruled upon favorably—or whether it is or not—I will present a similar order here. I have no purpose to attempt to delay the progress of this order, and would raise no objection if it were properly before us; but I understand that it is not, and I have that on the authority of the City Clerk.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair is of the opinion that the order, as it passed the Common Council, is not in legal form; but the Chair would rule that it is perhaps more in accordance with custom that the motion of Ald. Curley be acted upon at this time.

Ald. BELL withdrew his doubting of the vote, and the order stood indefinitely postponed. Notice sent down.

Later in the session Ald. CURLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That to meet the expenses which the Finance Commission (to be appointed under authority of the order of the City Council approved March 7th) is authorized to incur, the sum of \$50,000 is hereby appropriated, to be expended by said commission during the years 1907 and 1908, and that said amount be raised by taxation upon the polls and estates taxable in the city of Boston.

The order was read a second time and passed, by roll call, yeas 11, nays none. Sent down.

COAL AND COKE LICENSES.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State giving a list of coal and coke licenses granted.

Placed on file.

ACCEPTANCE OF LOCATION.

A communication was received from the West End Street Railway Company

accepting order granting extension of time to complete work on 261st location for tracks at Dudley St. and vicinity.

Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF PLANS.

Communications were received from the Railroad Commissioners approving plans showing proposed changes in the Dudley St. elevated station and showing proposed siding on Washington St., between Hawthorne Ave. and Guild St.

Placed on file.

ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petition for leave to project bay windows, viz.:

Thomas J. Broderick, one bay window, 16 Sullivan St., Wd. 5.

Frank A. Bourne, one bay window, 50 River St., Wd. 11.

Julia Fletcher, one bay window, 102 Marion St., Wd. 1.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings on April 1, 1907, when any persons who object thereto may appear and be heard.

On the petition of the International Trust Company, for leave to project a marquise at 45 Milk St., Wd. 7, an order of notice was passed for a hearing on April 1, 1907, when any person who objects thereto may appear and be heard.

On the petition of K. J. Quinn Co., 451 Chelsea St., East Boston, and the White Company, 341-343 Newbury St., for licenses to store and keep for sale products of petroleum, orders of notice were passed for hearings on April 8, 1907, when any person who objects there to may appear and be heard.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions for leave to project signs, etc. (severally referred March 4)—recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

F. W. Dillingham, sign, 28 Charles St., Wd. 11.

Bay State Auto Company, illuminated sign, 112 Norway St., Wd. 10.

H. S. Kelsey, illuminated sign, 11 Essex St., Wd. 7.

John Donley, illuminated sign, 128 Broad St., Wd. 7.

F. G. May, illuminated sign, 251 Pleasant St., Wd. 7.

Penn Mutual Life Ins Co. of Philadelphia, sign, 24 Milk St., Wd. 6.

McCormick Brewery Company, sign, 89 Conant St., Wd. 19.

Achille Ardolino & Sons, barber poles and sign, 59 North Margin St., Wd. 6.

H. M. Koppel, electric sign, 154 Federal St., Wd. 7.

L. Amolsky, illuminated sign, 660 Washington St., Wd. 7.

T. Cabit, electric sign, 51 Cross St., Wd. 6.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of Evelyn T. Gale (referred March 4) for leave to construct cellar bottom of proposed building corner Harvard and Albany Sts., at grade 10.75—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of the American Poultry Company (referred Feb 25) for leave to project an illuminated sign at 5 Way St., Wd. 9—recommending that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

(4) Report on petitions (severally re-

ferred today) for leave to project signs, etc.—recommending that leave be granted.

Bakersfield Association, illuminated sign, 558 Columbia Road, Wd. 16.

A. T. H. E. Hagan, illuminated sign, 505 Washington St., Wd. 7.

U. S. Grant Cole, electric signs, 45 Bromfield St. and 13 Bosworth St., Wd. 7.

Highland Social Club, cloth sign, corner of Centre St. and Columbus Ave., Wd. 22.

Timothy F. Murphy, sign, corner Tremont St. and Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

W. H. Short, gas arc lamp, 28 Franklin St., Wd. 25.

Peter La Rossa, barber pole, 360 Bowdoin St., Wd. 20.

Talbot Co., electric sign, 263 Broadway.

Edward F. Kelly & Co., electric sign, 129A Maverick St., Wd. 2.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(5) Reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petition (referred today), viz.:

H. P. Hayden, trustee, for leave to excavate cellar bottom of building 535 Beacon St., Wd. 11, to grade minus 6.

William H. Tucker, for leave to construct cellar of building 561 Boylston St., Wd. 11, at grade 9.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

WOODEN ADDITION.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department, submitted a report on the petition of the Boston & Maine railroad (referred March 4)—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the Boston & Maine Railroad (F. R. R.) to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on Beverly St. at Warren bridge, Wd. 3, in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for offices; main building occupied for offices.

Report accepted, order passed. Sent down.

LICENSE REPORTS.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following.

(1) Report recommending that licenses be granted to 39 newsboys, 7 bootblacks and 5 vendors.

Report accepted; licenses granted.

(2) Reports recommending that permit be granted on the following petition: Jessie Lockrey (referred Feb. 4), for a permit for Ruth Francis, a child under 15 years of age, to appear at the Bowdoin-Sq. Theatre during the week beginning March 18.

Elizabeth A. Spooner, for a permit for Kitty Dooley and other children under 15 years of age to appear at the Boston Theatre on March 9, 14, 15 and 16.

Reports accepted; permits granted.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Ald. BELL, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order for the payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the city of Boston for the month of March, 1907, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 79 of the Revised Laws.

Report accepted, order passed.

CLAIMS REPORTS.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw on the following petitions (referred 1906), suit having been brought against the city, viz.:

Thomas A. Keefe, for compensation for damage to horse and wagon caused by an alleged defect in Canterbury St.

Rosanna Perron, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall on the highway.

Giuseppe Pisano, for compensation for injuries caused by being struck by iron gate at Christopher Columbus School.

Albert A. Lewis, for compensation for damage to property at 56-62 Hampden St., Wd. 17, caused by overflow of sewer.

Mrs. Bertha Craine, for compensation for injuries caused by being bitten by a horse owned by the city.

Salvatore Di Mente, for compensation for damage to property 345 Hanover St., caused by overflow of sewer.

Mary E. Young, for compensation for injuries caused by alleged negligence and defective gate at Chelsea bridge.

Annie E. Donovan, for compensation for damage to building at 36 Washington St., Charlestown, caused by the falling of a tree.

(2) Reports recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw on the following petitions (referred 1905), suit having been brought against the city, viz.:

Pasquale Di Stasio, for compensation for damage to property at 14 Commercial St., caused by obstruction of sewer.

Margaret M. Fitzpatrick, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Belgrade avenue.

John B. Mulvey, for compensation for damage to property at 647-653 Walk Hill St. caused by overflow of water.

(3) Reports recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw on the following petitions (referred 1906), viz.:

Ellen O'Keefe, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Dana Pl., Wd. 21 (private way).

Lawrence C. Kelley, for payment of Charles J. Kelley of balance remaining from tax sale of estate 1 Barnard St., Wd. 14.

Lawrence C. Kelley, for payment of Charles J. Kelley of balance remaining from tax sale of estate lying easterly from New England Railroad, Wd. 15.

Rosamund Rothery, to be repaid a portion of assessments paid on estate on Huntington Ave.

William Alpert, for compensation for damage to property at 123 Chambers St. caused by water from a hydrant.

(4) Reports recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw on the following petitions, viz.:

Chase & Sanborn (referred Feb. 4), for compensation for damage to automobile alleged to have been caused by a team of the Street Cleaning Department.

Willard Welsh (referred Jan. 28), offering to surrender an alleged invalid tax deed of estate 17 Aberdeen St., Wd. 11.

Willard Welsh (referred Jan. 28), offering to surrender an alleged invalid tax deed of estate 15 Aberdeen St., Wd. 11.

Reports severally accepted. Sent down.

RELOCATION OF POLE.

Ald. BALDWIN submitted a petition of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston for leave to relocate a pole on F St., and in connection with the same offered the following:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. A. Fuller; said pole to be located as follows:

F St., corner of East Second St., number of poles, 1; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 50 feet by 15 inches; width of sidewalk, eight feet; date of plan, March 19, 1907.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from F St. one pole shown by a white dot on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

The order was passed, under a suspension of the rules.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of 90 Putnam street, East Boston; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of 32 Boylston St., Wd. 22; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place and maintain an electric light on Washington St., opposite No. 216; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place and maintain an electric light on Washington St., at Humman St.; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

COMPLETION OF SPEEDWAY.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this Board to start work on the completion of the Speedway, Franklin Field, at the earliest possible date.

Passed.

HANDBALL COURT, FELLOWS ST.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this Board to begin the work of constructing the handball court on the Fellows-St. Playground as soon as the weather will permit.

Passed.

NIGHT CAR TO MATTAPAN.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be

requested to run an all night car from Grove Hall to Mattapan, via Blue Hill Ave.

Passed.

WAY STREET BUILDING.

Ald. FLANAGAN offered an order—That the Building Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to this Board at its next meeting whether the building laws have been complied with in the remodeling of the building at 5 Way street, Ward 9.

Passed.

BALL PLAYING, MYSTIC PLAYGROUND.

Ald. FLANAGAN offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this Board to take action as may be necessary to have the Mystic Playground, Charlestown, put in condition for baseball playing by April 1, if possible.

Passed.

WEST ROXBURY TRANSFERS.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested to make the necessary arrangements to provide that the vouchers issued on the cars running from Dedham on Washington St. will be good for fares on the line running from Grove St. to Spring St.

Passed.

ACCEPTANCE OF WEBSTER AVE.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public highway Webster Ave., Wd. 25.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I want to state that this Webster Ave. is a place about 250 feet long and that a new schoolhouse was built there about eight years ago. It is a private way, and the abutters will not make any repairs. The children have been forced to go through snow and slush all winter, and with this thaw at the present time it is nothing but a mass of mud. So there is nothing to do but to take action of this kind. The Street Department cannot go into it, because it is a private way; the Schoolhouse Commissioners cannot fix up the place, and it is in a very deplorable condition.

The order was passed. Sent down.

SIDEWALKS—HEMENWAY SCHOOL.

Ald. DRAPER offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this Board to construct granolithic sidewalks in front of the Mary Hemenway School, Adams and King Sts., Dorchester; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Street Department. Passed.

WIDENING OF SEAVER ST.

Ald. DRAPER offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested by this Board to make the necessary arrangements with the Board of Street Commissioners and the Board of Park Commissioners for a public hearing on the question of widening Seaver St. on the southerly side, between Walnut Ave. and Blue Hill Ave., and the removal of the stone wall on the Seaver-St. boundary of Franklin Park.

Passed.

EXPENSE OF HEARING.

Ald. BANGS offered an order—That the expense incurred for hearings by the special committee appointed to consider the subject of the removal of the alleged nuisance at Fort Hill wharf be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.
Passed. Sent down.

REPAVING CENTRAL SQ.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to repave Central Sq., East Boston, on the Meridian St. side, and reset the crosswalk in said square.
Passed.

FIXING BOARDMAN ST.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested through His Honor the Mayor to put Boardman St., East Boston, in proper condition for public travel.
Passed.

WEEKLY PAY FOR SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order That his Honor the Mayor be requested by this Board to make the necessary arrangements so that janitors and school teachers may be paid weekly if they so desire.
Passed.

PAYMENT TO SOCIAL LAW LIBRARY.

Ald. CLARK offered an order—That there be allowed and paid to the Social Law Library the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000) for the maintenance and enlargement of said library during the present year; said sum to be charged to the sums collected as naturalization fees.

Further ordered—That the order passed by this Board February 4 to pay to the proprietors of said library said amount be and hereby is rescinded.
Passed.

RECESS.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. BATTIS, at 3:55 P. M., to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order at 4:34 P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The Chair, Ald. BERWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition of the Quincy Market Cold Storage and Warehouse Company (recommitted today), for leave to extend its pipes in certain streets—recommending reference of the same to the Committee on Electric Wires.

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

(2) Report on the opinion of Corporation Counsel (referred today), on authority of the Board of Health to establish stations for free distribution of milk, etc.—recommending that the same be placed on file.

Report accepted; said message placed on file.

(3) Report on the petition of Charles A. Pastene (referred today) for a license to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at corner Talbot Ave. and Spencer St., Wd. 20, for Talbot-Ave. Auto Station—recommending that leave be granted on the usual conditions.

Report accepted; leave granted on usual conditions.

(4) Report on petition of John F. Moors and another, trustees (referred today), for leave to lay a one and one-fourth-inch pipe under sidewalk at 30-32 Scotia St., Wd. 10—recommending the passage of an order—that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John F. Moors and another, trustees, to lay, maintain and use a one and one-fourth-inch iron pipe, with a sewer cover attached thereto, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate 30-32 Scotia St., Wd. 10; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1907, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(5) Report on the petition of Boston Bridge Works, Inc. (referred today), for leave to close Cazenove St. at Columbus Ave., Wd. 10—recommending the passage of an order—that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the Boston Bridge Works, Inc., to close the roadway on Cazenove St., at Columbus Ave., Wd. 10, to public travel during the time necessary for the completion of improvements on the Columbus Ave. Bridge now in progress.

Report accepted; order passed.

(6) Report on the petition of L. P. Soule & Son (referred today), for leave to erect guy posts in Federal, Franklin and Congress streets—recommending the passage of an order—that the superintendent of streets be authorized to issue a permit to L. P. Soule & Son Co. to erect, maintain and use guy posts with the necessary ropes attached, as follows: 3 on Federal street, at or near 43, 69, 91; 5 on Franklin street, at or near 119, 123, 147, 151, 181; 4 on Congress street, at or near 170, 174, 148, 144—for use during the erection of a building on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. CURLEY, at 4:45 P. M., to meet on Monday, March 25, at 3 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, March 21, 1907.
Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P. M., President BARRETT in the chair.

PLAYGROUND, WD. 12.

The following was received:—
City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 21, 1907.
To the Common Council:—
I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in answer to your order requesting that a suitable site be selected for a children's playground in Wd. 12, and that an estimate be submitted of the expense of procuring and equipping the same. Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, March 7, 1907.
Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.
Dear Sir:—The Board has received and duly considered the enclosed order of the Common Council requesting us to select a suitable site for a children's playground in Wd. 12, and to report to the Common Council an estimate of the expense of procuring and equipping the same.
A suitable children's playground could be bought at a cost, we estimate, of from \$40,000 to \$50,000. The cost of development, grading, fencing, etc., and equipment, would be about six or seven thousand dollars.

Yours respectfully,
Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.
Placed on file.

LONGWOOD AVE. WIDENING.

The following was received:—
City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 21, 1907.
To the Common Council:—
I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Street Commissioners in answer to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of widening, to a uniform width of sixty feet, Longwood Ave., from Parker St. to the Brookline line. Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Street Laying-Out Department,
March 18, 1907.
Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.
Dear Sir:—Replying to the enclosed order of the Common Council requesting an estimate of the cost of widening Longwood avenue to sixty feet, from Parker St. to the Brookline line, the Board of Street Commissioners submits the following:

Land and building damages.....	\$180,000
Construction	47,000
Total	\$227,000

Very respectfully,
J. J. O'Callaghan, Secretary.
Placed on file.

VETO—VINE ST. CHURCH BATHS.

The following was received:
City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 15, 1907.
To the City Council:—
I return herewith without my approval your order passed Jan. 31-March 4 appropriating by loan the sum of \$25,000 to be expended for "shower baths in the basement of the Vine St. Church and hot water heating in place of the present furnaces, a hard pine flooring, and new ante-room accommodations in the upper church."
It has always been the practice of the Mayor's office to take up the subject of loan appropriations after the appropriation bill to meet the running expenses of the departments for the year has been disposed of. At that time the requests for the several departments for urgent necessities are considered carefully by the Mayor, and it has been customary to recommend those that are most urgent in a message to the City Council. Urgent requests for loan appropriations have been received from the Schoolhouse, Children's Institutions, Insane Hospital, Fire, Consumptives' Hospital, Pauper Institutions, Park and Bath Departments. I feel, therefore, that it would be a mistake to depart from the established precedent and that all local improvements should wait until the absolute needs of the city have been considered and provision made for them.
Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.
The message was placed on file and the order was indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17.

VETO—EAST BOSTON BATH-HOUSE.

The following was received:
City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 15, 1907.
To the City Council:—
I return herewith without my approval your order passed Jan. 31-March 4, appropriating by loan the sum of \$50,000, to be expended for "an all-the-year-round bath-house and gymnasium at East Boston."
It has always been the practice of the Mayor's office to take up the subject of loan appropriations after the appropriation bill to meet the running expenses of the departments for the year has been disposed of. At that time the requests for the several departments for urgent necessities are considered carefully by the Mayor, and it has been customary to recommend those that are most urgent in a message to the City Council. Urgent requests for loan appropriations have been received from the Schoolhouse, Children's Institutions, Insane Hospital, Fire, Consumptives' Hospital, Pauper Institutions, Park and Bath Departments. I feel, therefore, that it would be a mistake to depart from the established precedent, and that all local improvements should wait until the absolute needs of the city have been considered and provision made for them.
Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.
The question came on the passage of the order, notwithstanding the veto of the Mayor.
Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I believe this is an order that was offered by a gentleman representing that district. His Honor the Mayor dwells very lengthily on the fact that loan orders should issue from the Mayor's office, instead of from the respective bodies of this city government. That being the case, I would like to call the attention of the body to his own record in the City Council, when

he advocated home rule by the members of the body, claiming that those members should avail themselves of the prerogative invested in them by the people of their respective districts introduced in their respective bodies. In view of the fact, Mr. President and gentlemen of the Council, that this body and our past bodies have appropriated \$120,000 for an all-the-year-round bath-house in the North End, I say that the people of East Boston are asking but little. We are asking very little, in view of the fact that East Boston was the first section of this city to give to the city of Boston a free gymnasium and bath-house. The bath-house in East Boston cost this city not one cent, but was presented to the city for nothing, given to the people of the city of Boston, as a monument, an institution that was an example to all other cities in this country. In view of that fact, and in view of the fact that we have given to the North End—the birthplace, the home of our so-called distinguished Mayor—\$120,000 for an all-the-year-round bath-house, I say that the people of East Boston, with its 60,000 population, do not ask too much when they ask this government to give them the small sum of \$50,000, to enable them to have that which is possessed by a population which has just recently come into our community, in the North End of Boston. And, mind you, I say this in all fairness, having been born in the North End, and I was in favor of their having what they were looking for. It was an improvement, and I favored it. In East Boston we have a democratic population, a population composed of 60,000 people. Can a Democratic administration spend any money in a more befitting manner? If that is the case, then I say it is up to the members of this body to vote to pass this order over the veto of His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. SANTOSUOSSO of Wd. 6—Mr. President, may I rise to a question of personal privilege? The gentleman in his remarks has reflected on the race that I partially represent in the North End section of this city, by saying that a so-called distinguished Mayor has seen fit to respect the wishes of the people who have recently come to that section of the city—thereby referring to the Italian people, those coming to that section of the city recently. It is not a surprise to me to listen to such remarks from one who originally came from that section himself—and I refer to the gentleman who has just preceded me. He was a schoolmate, a school companion of many of those of that population which recently migrated to that section of the city. He has often-times stated that he considered himself a friend of those people, and that among them he had many of the best friends he had ever met. Even though those people came to that section of the city but recently, did not his race come to that section of the city from another part of the world? Did the Irish come earlier than the Italian? Did the Jew or the American come earlier than the Italian? Was it not the Italian who first came to this country? Does it matter whether the Italian came 400 years ago, 100 years ago, or one week ago? I understand that under the stars and stripes we recognize no race or creed; that we recognize all men as being born and created equal; and that we believe that equal privileges should be given to all and special privileges to none. I do not believe it to be within the province or the duty of any member of this body to reflect upon any race of men or any class of men, because they may have come to this section of the country in large numbers but recently. Even though they have come here but recently in large num-

bers, they were the originators of those who have migrated in the past, and they are just as much entitled to the privileges of this country as those of Irish, Hebrew or other extraction. They have produced just as good men as the race the gentleman from Wd. 2 comes from. The Italian people have given art and literature to the world. They have given to the world the best composers of music; they have given to the world Verdi and Mascagni; they have given to the world Carducci, the great poet; they have given to the world Raphael, the painter; Michael Angelo, the sculptor; Petrarch, the great philosopher; Mazzini and Cavour, the great statesmen; Garibaldi, the great general,—and, Mr. President, I could go on and enumerate others who have reflected great honor upon themselves, upon the country from which they sprung, and upon the people who have come from that section of the world. The people who have come here recently have sprung from the same race that those great men have sprung from. The people who have come here but recently may not have had the same opportunity of earning a livelihood or of obtaining an education as those people of olden times, who have done themselves and their country credit; but they are as honorable, as honest, as energetic, as capable and as conscientious as the people of any other race. It is not surprising to me that we should hear the remarks we have listened to, coming as they do from that gentleman, whom I have known for many years, because in those days when he lived in that section of the city they nicknamed him, "Hot-air Doherty" (laughter), and I believe they rightly nicknamed the gentleman who has seen fit tonight to cast reflections on my race of people.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, in view of the very scholarly address from the distinguished representative of the Latin race here in this body, I presume it is up to me to make some reply. Little did I think when I arose to ask this body to pass, the Mayor's veto notwithstanding, the order which it has already passed on Jan. 31, that my friend and classmate would take it upon himself to think that I had attempted to start a race war here. I have had the distinguished pleasure, Mr. President, of visiting the country inhabited by the ancestors of my distinguished classmate. I have been in Genoa; I have been in Naples, I have been in Rome, and in other distinguished places, and I have seen there men, women and children running around barefooted in the summer time (laughter), and also in the winter time (laughter).

The PRESIDENT—The Council will be in order.

Mr. DOHERTY—Nevertheless, I realize, Mr. President and gentlemen of the Council, that American citizenship is the greatest thing which any person who is alive today can attain. We have just listened to a very beautiful eulogy of the so-called Latin race—the country which produced the great poets; the country which produced Garibaldi; the country which produced Macaroni (laughter), and also the famous Caruso (renewed and prolonged laughter). I, Mr. President and members of the Council, am of Celtic extraction, and I am willing to take the people of the race from which I sprang and compare their history with that of the distinguished race to which the distinguished representative of the "dear old North End" belongs. He speaks very highly of his poets. He speaks very highly of the children who have emanated from the sunny soil of Italy. But does he not know of the learned scholars of the world who, away back in the early

ages, sprang from the soil of Ireland? If he does not know that, then he is lacking in his knowledge of history. I might refer to many of her noble sons. But I am not supposed to speak for that race. That is the particular honor which belongs to our distinguished Mayor (laughter). I am afraid that I am treading upon somebody's corns, or stealing somebody's powder, when I attempt to say anything in defense of the Irish race.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will remind the gentleman that the question is on the passage of the order.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President and gentlemen of the Council, I am only here tonight to speak for the people of East Boston. I am here to represent them in part in an honest, conscientious manner—regardless of the fact that a Democratic Mayor has seen fit to turn down a Democratic constituency, and has refused to accord to that Democratic constituency what he pledged himself to give them; namely, an all-the-year-round bath-house and gymnasium. Not only has he neglected to do that, Mr. President, but his predecessors also failed to provide that for East Boston; but while they did that because they did not have an opportunity of living up to their pledges, it was up to the present Mayor to accept the opportunity given him by the City Council of living up to his pledge; and when he failed to do that, then I say that he is not a Democratic Mayor, and is not a true representative of the people of this city—and particularly is he not true to his pledge and promise to the people of East Boston.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will not reflect upon His Honor the Mayor. The question is on the passage of the order, notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. SANTOSUOSSO—Mr. President, when I arose to speak to the question of personal privilege, I did so because I felt it to be my duty—I having sprung from the race which was referred to by the remarks of the previous speaker. I did not intend in my remarks to step on the toes of any other race of men, and I am satisfied that I did not do so; but I did intend to the best of my ability to uphold the cause of the Italian race in my remarks, because the gentleman made a specific statement inferring that His Honor the Mayor was playing to a certain sect, or to a certain class of people, and insinuating that they did not deserve the recognition which they were receiving. I desire to warn the gentleman who has preceded me that those same people live in Wd. 2. Many of them cast their votes in that part of the city. I also desire to inform the gentleman, and all other members of the body, that I have always been one of the best defenders of the Irish race. I have always done my duty in the way of upholding that race, its cause, and its fight for liberty, and I believe that I can prove that beyond any question of doubt, if ever the occasion arises, or if ever I am put to the task.

The PRESIDENT—The chair will remind the gentleman that the question is on the passage of the order.

Mr. SANTOSUOSSO—In regard to the passage of the order, Mr. President, I trust that this body will uphold His Honor the Mayor in the veto which he has sent in. I am satisfied that his veto was based upon economic business principles, and that he was not actuated, guided or governed by the influence of any party or faction or politics in the matter of his veto of that order. Therefore I trust that the words of the previous speaker will not be properly digested, to the extent of causing the members of the body to oppose the veto of His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. WOODSIDE of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I sincerely hope that this order will be passed this evening, notwithstanding the veto of His Honor the Mayor. This order provides something which is absolutely necessary over there in East Boston. We have a population over there of possibly something over 50,000, and we have a bath-house and gymnasium there which is in such a bad condition that it is dangerous for a man to go in and take exercise in the gymnasium or use the bath-house proper. All we ask is \$50,000 to put the building in proper shape. I think, Mr. President, that we ought to have it, and notwithstanding the Mayor's veto, I hope that the order will be passed.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I do not know as there is much that I can add to what my colleagues from East Boston have already said. If a person should take a journey over to East Boston on any day of the week, and would go through the parks over there, he would find what a large number of people there are compelled to come to Boston in order to get the benefit of a bath. If you will go over to Wood Island Park, you will learn the necessity of an all-the-year-round bath-house. The old gymnasium and bath-house which we have there now was presented to the city by Mr. Leonard B. Ahl of Commonwealth Ave. some years ago as a remembrance of his father. It was presented by him to the city and did not cost the city one copper. We over there feel, in consideration of the fact that the city did not spend a cent in acquiring it, that it is only fair and right that we should receive recognition in regard to this appropriation of \$50,000 for putting that bath-house and gymnasium in condition. I hope, Mr. President and gentlemen, that this order will be passed over the Mayor's veto.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order—that the Mayor has a representative sitting here in the chamber in one of the member's seats. I hope that the President will perform his duty. The gentleman is just now leaving the chamber. I hope the President will see that we do not have any more cases of that kind. It is not right, and we cannot allow it.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair had not noticed the circumstance to which the gentleman referred, and of course, would not have tolerated it if he had.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 moved that the order be indefinitely postponed; but the motion was lost, and the question came on the passage of the order, the veto of the Mayor notwithstanding.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—I understand, Mr. President, that the order which has been sent in here tonight with a veto message from His Honor the Mayor provided that bonds should be issued to the amount of \$50,000, for the establishment of a bathhouse in East Boston. I am satisfied to vote for any appropriation and for any improvement for any section of the city. I am satisfied, and always have been willing, to aid East Boston in securing improvements. When East Boston desired aid for the establishment of a hospital I was one of the first to come to its aid, with the other South Boston members, and work for the appropriation. But I believe, Mr. President, that the veto which His Honor the Mayor sent in here tonight is worthy of a great deal of consideration by the members of this body. He says:

"It has always been the practice of the Mayor's office to take up the subject of loan appropriations after the appropriation bill to meet the running expenses of the departments for the year has been disposed of."

Why, Mr. President and members of

the Council, should we depart from that custom, and not give to the present Mayor the courtesy which has been given to former Mayors? He further says:

"At that time"—meaning, after the appropriation bill has been disposed of—"the requests of the several departments for urgent necessities are considered carefully by the Mayor, and it has been customary to recommend those that are most urgent in a message to the City Council. Urgent requests for loan appropriations have been received from the Schoolhouse, Children's Institutions, Insane Hospital, Fire, Consumptives' Hospital, Pauper Institutions, Park and Bath Departments."

Now, Mr. President, of all of those requests which have been submitted to the Mayor's office, those that he could reasonably recommend to the Committee on Appropriations, he has recommended to that committee; and the Committee on Appropriations are considering them now. The Mayor concludes his message by saying:

"I feel, therefore, that it would be a mistake to depart from the established precedent, and that all local improvements should wait until the absolute needs of the city have been considered, and provision made for them."

Now, Mr. President, there is no gain made by passing this bill over His Honor's veto, because by passing this order you are merely authorizing the loan, and the Mayor need not sign the bonds nor issue them during the rest of his term unless he sees fit to do so. The gentleman from Wd. 2 must know that. If he does not, he ought to; and let me make it plain, Mr. President, that if you pass this bill over the Mayor's veto, the Mayor does not have to issue the bonds during the rest of his term—and he undoubtedly will not do so until he can find sufficient reason for doing it. I contend that this whole debate is simply a washing of dirty linen on the part of the gentleman from East Boston. I contend that the present Mayor should be given the same courtesy that former Mayors have been given. If, in his fairness and his wisdom, after the appropriation bill has been passed, he is convinced that bonds should be issued for the establishment of a bath-house over there in East Boston, and nothing is done then, I would be willing to vote for the passage of a loan order for the benefit of the citizens of East Boston. But I think that we should not depart from the usual custom, but that we should allow the Mayor to run the financial end of the city, the same as former Mayors have been allowed to. The gentleman from West Roxbury put an order in here for an improvement which was needed in his district, but he very courteously tonight, in view of the same kind of a veto from the Mayor, moved indefinite postponement of the order which he had introduced. I sincerely hope that the members of the Council will uphold the hands of the Mayor.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, just a word in reply to the gentleman who has just taken his seat. He has had a great deal to say about the courtesy that should be extended to His Honor the Mayor, and about our upholding the hands of His Honor the Mayor. That is a far different procedure from that which that gentleman himself practised in the past. Under former Democratic Mayors there was no more strenuous opposer to the Democratic administration which was then in existence than this same gentleman who has just sat down. He tells us that the Mayor need not issue the bonds. We all know that Mr. Councilman from South Boston (Mr. McCullough). We know it very well. But we also know that the people from East Boston desire to put

it up to His Honor and to say to him: "Here. The privilege is yours. Either make good, or don't make good." That is our motto in East Boston, regardless of where it strikes or who it hits. Now, the gentleman also speaks about the appropriation bill. He says the Mayor will take care of this, possibly, after he has got the appropriation bill by. Did you gentlemen of the Council notice the appropriation bill that was sent in to us by His Honor the Mayor? Did you notice the hedge in the appropriation bill whereby the city laborers were to be paid at the rate of \$2.25 a day? Did you notice how easily he could slide out of doing that, until it became advisable later on in the year, when he becomes a candidate for re-election, to bring it about? Look into it. It may go for the most of you members here, but it don't go for mine. I do not come from Missouri. I am only a plain representative of the people of my district in East Boston. That is all. But I am satisfied that I have enough intelligence to read between the lines, as they say in common parlance. But, however, the gentleman who has just taken his seat has made an awful apology, it seem to me, for some of his past history. I do not know how closely he is identified with the present administration. I know that I am willing to be as close as any of them, but I cannot get in. It is evident that nobody can get in with the exception of a few of them, who are very closely identified with the administration. I am willing to be fair. I am willing to uphold the hands of a Democratic administration at all times, providing that administration is willing to be fair with the people whom I have the honor to represent here in part. That is why I am opposed to this veto of His Honor the Mayor this evening.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I want the gentleman who has just taken his seat, and also any other member of this body who has or ever will seek to attack my record during my first year in the Council, under that famous administration of which the gentleman who has just taken his seat was undoubtedly a part—I want them all to understand that I never have, and never will, apologize for my attitude during that year. I voted, worked and spoke against many of the graft orders during that administration. Since then it has been proven that I was right. I voted against the continuance of the extravagant expenditure of money on the sewerage system, and I probably was one of the best Republicans in the body that year. I am now convinced that I was right. The present administration has been in office for 15 months, and even the strenuous clairvoyant from East Boston has not been able to point to a single act of extravagance by the present Sewer Department. I voted against many other orders—not because I had any linen to wash, not because I had any axes to grind, but because I believed that the three years which the then Superintendent of Streets and the then Superintendent of Sewers had been in office had shown that they were not doing their duty. At the beginning of my term a year ago I was in practically the same position. I had strenuously opposed the present Mayor for his nomination. I then said to the members of the body, and particularly to the gentleman from Wd. 11, that I wanted to give to the present Mayor a chance, and to give him a year in which to see whether he would not make a different record, and that if after one year he had not made good, I would then take the same position that I had taken in former years. I am not going to talk about my record, but I am perfectly

willing to discuss it privately or publicly at any time with the gentleman from Wd. 2 (Mr. Doherty). Now, the Mayor has sent in a veto message here. He has asked that this order be killed, and he has given good reasons for his request. Even the gentlemen from East Boston, whom we must expect to be in favor of securing for their district all the local improvements necessary, have not given one reason why we should depart from the course which has been pursued under former Mayors. Let us kill this order tonight, and then later on, after the appropriation bill has passed, you have the same remedy. You can then come in here at any time and offer a similar loan order, and then His Honor the Mayor can either veto it or accept it. He then cannot give you the reasons that he gives you tonight; and if your cause is a just one, the order would undoubtedly pass this body. The gentleman from East Boston (Mr. Doherty), in another attempt to throw dust into the eyes of the members of this body, speaks about the increase in pay for the city laborers contained in the appropriation bill. I want to remind him that His Honor the Mayor, during the last 15 months, has not in any one instance broken his word. Opposed to him a year ago were representatives of the Real Estate Exchange, of the Chamber of Commerce, and of all the other so-called business organizations. They today have enough confidence in him to recommend the passage of an order making an appropriation for a Finance Committee to be appointed by the Mayor of the city of Boston. The Mayor has said that he will increase the pay of the city laborers, and it little becomes the gentleman from Wd. 2 to attack me on that score, because two years ago I attempted to amend the appropriation bill so as to provide an increase of pay for the city laborers, and would do so again this year if I were satisfied that His Honor the Mayor would not make good. Now, I am satisfied, Mr. President, that this is all foreign to the issue; but, Mr. President, unless some reason is given why we should change our course, some reason why we should establish a new precedent, I hope that on this second veto of the Mayor tonight—the former one having been acquiesced in by the representatives from Roxbury—the gentlemen from East Boston will be willing to agree to sustain the Mayor's veto. What would you say if I wanted \$350,000 provided by a loan order to buy land in South Boston for a playground in the lower section of South Boston, and the order providing it had been passed, but tonight a veto had come in here, and I asked you not to vote in favor of sustaining the Mayor's veto? What would you say if some member of Charlestown came in and asked you to do the same thing? And suppose that a member from Worcester also made the same request, and the representatives from other sections of the city did the same thing? I say to the people of East Boston that they should be willing to have confidence in the Mayor and to sustain him in the veto message which he has sent in here tonight.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, just a word in reply to the gentleman who has just taken his seat. We of East Boston demand our pound of flesh in the same manner that the people of South Boston demand it, from any administration that is in existence in the city of Boston. We pay our taxes; we have our representation, and we are not here for our health. We are here to take care of the interests of our people. We are here the same as you all are here—to get your pound of

flesh for the districts you represent. We all try to trade with one another. We are willing to trade—call it what you will, log-rolling or anything else. We are merely here to get the best we can for the people of our districts, provided it is for the interests of the entire city of Boston. I do not eulogize His Honor the Mayor. I am not here to defend him, and I am not here to attack him this evening. I would like to ask the gentleman one question, when he speaks of how the Mayor has kept his promises, how the Mayor is backed up by the business organizations and business representatives of the city of Boston—do you know whom they represent? Do they represent the citizens of this city? Do they live in this city? Why, they are glad to come in here and do business on account of the natural conditions that exist here, and for no other reason. If they were to move away we would have thousands come from Nova Scotia tomorrow (laughter), who would be glad to take their place. People with capital, and with a desire to better their financial condition, would come here. Talk about the business representatives—why, you can get them in any place where the natural conditions warrant their coming. Evidently the gentleman from South Boston has not studied political economy (laughter). It is the most natural thing in the world for a population to go where there is wealth, where the earth produces the natural conditions to enable them to live and improve their circumstances. I want to ask the gentleman, in conclusion, the statement having been made about His Honor the Mayor having kept his promises—what has he done about an order that was introduced into and passed by this body in relation to the employment of non-residents here by the city in the various departments? What has he done about it? Has he done anything? If he has, we have received no reply or return from it. When he does, perhaps he will show us that he is a true representative of the citizens of this city, and not before.

A roll call was taken, and the Council refused to pass the order over the Mayor's veto (a two-thirds vote being required for passage), yeas 35, nays 30.

Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Bramhall, Brown, Carruth, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Davidson, Doherty, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), George, Hanrahan, Hatton, Kohler, Lilli, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McGregor, Morgan, Murphy, O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Peshorn, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sorenson, Wentworth, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—35.

Nays—Barrett, Clark (20), Daly (17), Daly (12), Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hackett, Harding, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Leonard, McCullough, McLennan, Mealey, Noonan, O'Brien (5), Pierce, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Sheenan, Spellman, Sullivan (15), Troy, Wharton—30.

Absent or not voting—Buckley, Clark (24), Colpoys, Ducey, Green, McGivern, Montague, Noyes, Santososso, Sullivan (5)—10.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, if I may be permitted to do so at this time, I desire to thank those gentlemen who are here tonight as representatives of the city for their interest in behalf of the people of East Boston, and to assure them that if the occasion may ever arise the people of East Boston will not forget them!

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The Council proceeded to take up Nos. 1 to 4 inclusive, together, viz.:

1. Notice of indefinite postponement of order of Feb. 28 for a loan of \$500,000 for street improvements.

2. Notice of indefinite postponement of order of Feb. 28 appropriating \$5000 for installation of shower baths in basement of Dearborn School, Wd. 17.

3. Notice of indefinite postponement of order of March 7 appropriating \$50,000 to be expended by the Finance Commission.

4. Notice of announcement of appointment of Ald. Woods, Draper and Finigan on Committee on Celebration of Brighton Day.

Severally placed on file.

5. The order for a loan appropriation of (A) forty-two hundred forty-three and 22/100 dollars (4243.22) (B) to meet a deficit in the appropriation for "Dorchester St." comes down passed in concurrence with this amendment: Strike out the words and figures between A and B and insert instead "forty-one hundred dollars (\$4100)."

Passed in concurrence.

The Council proceeded to take up Nos. 6 to 24 inclusive, together, viz.:

6. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of John V. Mulvey, referred May 1, 1905, for compensation for damage to property at 647-653 Walk Hill St., caused by overflow of water—leave to withdraw, suit having been entered against the city.

7. Report of same committee, on petition of Pasquale Di Stasio, referred October 2, 1905, for compensation for damage to property at 14 Commercial St., caused by obstruction of sewer—leave to withdraw, suit having been entered against the city.

8. Report of same committee, on petition of Margaret M. Fitzpatrick, referred November 27, 1905, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Belgrade Ave.—leave to withdraw, suit having been entered against the city.

9. Report of same committee, on petition of Bertha Crane, referred March 5, 1906, for compensation for injuries caused by being bitten by a horse owned by the city—leave to withdraw, suit having been entered against the city.

10. Report of same committee, on petition of William Alpert, referred April 2, 1906, for compensation for damage to property at 128 Chambers St. caused by water from a hydrant—leave to withdraw.

11. Report of same committee, on petition of Salvatore Di Mente, referred April 23, 1906, for compensation for damage to property 345 Hanover St., caused by overflow of sewer—leave to withdraw, suit having been entered against the city.

12. Report of same committee, on petition of Guiseppe Pisano, referred June 5, 1906, for compensation for injuries caused by being struck by iron gate at Christopher Columbus School—leave to withdraw, suit having been entered against the city.

13. Report of same committee, on petition of Albert A. Lewis, referred June 11, 1906, for compensation for damage to property 56-62 Hampden St., Wd. 17, caused by overflow of sewer—leave to withdraw, suit having been entered against the city.

14. Report of same committee, on petition of Rosamund Rothery, referred July 30, 1906, to be repaid a portion of assessments paid on estate on Huntington Ave.—leave to withdraw.

15. Report of same committee, on petition of Thomas A. Keefe, referred September 18, 1906, for compensation for damage to horse and wagon caused by an alleged defect in Canterbury St.—leave to withdraw, suit having been entered against the city.

16. Report of same committee, on petition of Ellen O'Keefe, referred No-

vember 7, 1906, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Dana place, Wd. 21—leave to withdraw, said place being a private way.

17. Report of same committee, on petition of Annie E. Donovan, referred Nov. 7, 1906, for compensation for damage to building at 26 Washington St., Charlestown, caused by the falling of a tree—leave to withdraw, suit having been entered against the city.

18. Report of same committee, on petition of Mary E. Young, referred Nov. 19, 1906, for compensation for injuries caused by alleged negligence and defective gate at Chelsea bridge—leave to withdraw, suit having been entered against the city.

19. Report of same committee, on petition of Rosanna Perron, referred Nov. 26, 1906, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall on the highway—leave to withdraw, suit having been entered against the city.

20. Report of same committee, on petition of Lawrence C. Kelley, referred Dec. 13, 1906, for payment to Charles J. Kelley of balance remaining from tax sale of estate 1 Barnard St., Wd. 14—leave to withdraw.

21. Report of same committee, on petition of Lawrence C. Kelley, referred Dec. 13, 1906, for payment to Charles J. Kelley of balance remaining from tax sale of estate lying easterly from New England Railroad, Wd. 15—leave to withdraw.

22. Report of same committee, on petition of Willard Welsh, referred Jan. 28, 1907, offering to surrender an alleged invalid tax deed to estate 15 Aberdeen St., Wd. 11—leave to withdraw.

23. Report of same committee, on petition of Willard Welsh, referred Jan. 28, 1907, offering to surrender an alleged invalid tax deed of estate 17 Aberdeen St., Wd. 11—leave to withdraw.

24. Report of same committee, on petition of Chase & Sanborn, referred Feb. 4, 1907, for compensation for damage to automobile, alleged to have been caused by a team of the Street Cleaning Department—leave to withdraw.

Severally accepted in concurrence.

25. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of Harriet B. Preston, recommending the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Harriet B. Preston the sum of one hundred thirty-four 76/100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, and statutes in amendment thereof, from the sale of an estate on west side of location of Old Colony Railroad Company, in Dorchester, for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2342, fol. 377.

Report accepted, order passed in concurrence.

26. Report of same committee, on petition of James E. Scott, recommending the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Benjamin Lancy the sum of thirty-one 70/100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, and statutes in amendment thereof, for the sale of an estate on Chapman Ave. (in rear) for unpaid taxes to the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2295, fol. 427.

Report accepted, order passed in concurrence.

27. Report of same committee, on petition of the Boston & Maine Railroad Company (F. R. R.), recommending the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the Boston & Maine R. R. Co. (F. R. R.) to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on Bev-

erly St. at Warren bridge, Wd. 8, in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for offices, main building occupied for offices.

The report was accepted, and the question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. McCARTHY of Wd. 8 moved assignment of the order to the next meeting.

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I move that this order be referred to the Building Committee. My reason for that is very simple. That order was passed by the Building Committee before an investigation was made.

The PRESIDENT—The motion to assign takes precedence of the motion to recommit.

Mr. McCarthy's motion to assign to the next meeting was carried.

28. Ordered, That the expense incurred for hearings by the special committee appointed to consider the subject of the removal of the alleged nuisance at Fort Hill Wharf be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed in concurrence.

29. Ordered, That to meet the expenses which the Finance Commission (to be appointed under authority of the order of the City Council approved March 7) is authorized to incur, the sum of \$50.001 is hereby appropriated, to be expended by said commission during the years 1907 and 1908, and that said amount be raised by taxation upon the polls and estates taxable in the city of Boston.

The rules were suspended on motion of Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3 and the order was passed; yeas 58, nays 3.

Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Barrett, Bramhall, Brown, Carruth, Clark (20), Clark (24), Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Davidson, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (3), George, Hackett, Hanrahan, Harding, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCullough, McGregor, McLellan, Mealey, Morgan, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Peshorn, Pierce, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sheehan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (15), Wharton, Willcutt, Zetterman—58.

Nays—Doherty, Hatton, Woodside—3.

Absent or not voting—Buckley, Colpoys, Ducey, Fitzgerald (14), Foley, Green, McCormack, McGivern, Montague, Noyes, Santosuosso, Sullivan (5), Troy, Wentworth—14.

Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17 moved to reconsider; lost.

30. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public highway Webster Ave., Wd. 25.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25—Mr. President, this street is a private way. There has been a schoolhouse on the street for the last eight years, and, owing to the fact that the street is a private way, it has not been taken care of. I really think the city should go to the expense of laying it out as a public way in order that the school children may not be inconvenienced by the bad walking there, and I sincerely hope the order will pass tonight.

The order was passed in concurrence.

COMMON COUNCIL RULES.

The PRESIDENT, for the Committee on Rules, submitted the following:
The special committee appointed to

prepare and report a draft of the rules to govern the Common Council for the present year, having considered the subject, respectfully submit herewith the accompanying draft, being the same rules as were in force for the year 1906:

RULES AND ORDERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

Rule 1. Unless otherwise ordered from time to time, the regular meeting of the Common Council shall be held on every Thursday at 7:45 P. M., and on the appearance of a quorum the Council shall be called to order. In the absence of the president the oldest senior member present shall take the chair, and a president pro tempore shall be chosen by ballot; and if an election is not effected on the first trial, on subsequent trials a plurality vote shall elect.

The roll shall be called at each meeting of the Council, at the discretion of the president, but not later than 9 o'clock.

When the meeting of the Common Council is called to order, it shall be the duty of the city messenger to cause the electric bell in the antechamber to be rung for the purpose of notifying the members that the body is in session, and for the three minutes next following the ringing of the bell no business shall be transacted and no member recognized by the chair for any purpose.

President.

Rule 2. The president shall appoint and announce all committees, unless otherwise ordered, and shall communicate his appointments to the Council at the meeting following such action, if not made during a session. All vacancies upon committees shall be filled in the manner of original appointment, and members so appointed shall take rank according to the date of their appointment, unless otherwise designated by the president.

Rule 3. The president may, at any time, call another member to the chair, but such substitution shall not continue beyond an adjournment. In all cases the president may vote.

Rule 4. The president shall preserve order in the council chamber, during sessions of the council, and in case any member other than the one recognized by the chair insists on occupying the floor for any purpose, except to rise to a point of order or question of personal privilege, he shall, upon request of the president, take his seat, and upon refusal to comply with such request, said member shall by a majority vote of the members present and voting, be removed from the council chamber, such removal to remain in effect during the remainder of the session, unless otherwise ordered. The president shall forbid smoking in the council chamber.

Clerk.

Rule 5. The clerk shall keep a record of the acts, votes and proceedings of the Common Council, and a separate record all decisions of the chair upon questions of order. He shall have the care and custody of all papers belonging to this branch of the City Council, and shall prepare a schedule of business in order for each meeting, in such manner as the president may direct.

He shall draw up and send all messages to the Board of Aldermen, and shall retain in his possession all papers until the right to file a notice of reconsideration has expired, and if such notice is made he shall keep the papers pertaining thereto until the right of reconsideration has expired.

Conduct of Members.

Rule 6. Except when otherwise provided, no member shall speak for more than 15 minutes, and a further equal

time if the Council so vote. No member shall speak a second time on a question, if another member, who has not spoken, claims the floor.

Rule 7. No member speaking shall be interrupted by another, except upon a point of order.

Every member while speaking shall confine himself to the question under debate, and shall refrain from personalities, and shall not refer to any other member of the Council except by a respectful designation; and no member shall speak or vote out of his place without leave of the President.

Quorum.

Rule 8. Whenever a member raises a doubt of a quorum being present, the chair shall ascertain and declare whether a quorum is present or not. For this purpose he may, at his discretion, or on motion, sustained by one-fifth of the members present, order the roll to be called. If a quorum is not present he shall declare the council adjourned.

Committees.

Rule 9. All matters relating to the election of members shall be referred to the standing Committee on Elections, which shall consist of five members.

Rule 10. There shall be a standing committee on judiciary, consisting of five members, who shall have the power to obtain the opinion of the corporation counsel on all matters that shall be referred to them.

Rule 11. All committees of this Council shall be notified of their meetings by the clerk of committees. They shall not sit during sessions of the Council without special leave, nor be called on less notice than 24 hours from the time the notices are mailed by the clerk or dispatched by special messengers, unless all the members consent; and the clerk shall keep a record of their doings. The member first named shall be chairman, unless otherwise ordered by the committee, in which case the Council shall be notified of the change; and the same rule shall apply to members serving on joint committees.

Rule 12. Special committees of the Council shall consist of three members, unless otherwise ordered.

Rule 13. No report of any committee shall be received unless agreed to by such committee at a duly notified meeting thereof. Such report, when presented, may be ordered to be printed, and shall then take its place among the unfinished business for consideration at the next meeting.

Committee of the Whole.

Rule 14. When the Council shall determine to go into a Committee of the Whole, the president shall appoint the member who shall take the chair.

Rule 15. The rules of proceedings in the Council shall be observed in the Committee of the Whole, so far as they are applicable; but the previous question shall not be moved, and a motion to rise, report progress, and ask leave to sit again, shall be first in order, and shall be decided without debate.

Order of Business.

Rule 16. At every meeting of the Council the order of business shall be as follows:

First. Reading of the records of the preceding meeting, if called for by a majority of the members present.

Second. Messages from His Honor the Mayor, reports of city officers and other communications addressed to the Council.

Third. Papers from the Board of Aldermen.

Fourth. Reports of Committee on Finance.

Fifth. Reports of committees, which shall be called for by division in numerical order.

Sixth. Motions, orders and resolutions. Orders and resolutions shall be read once, and, upon motion, referred to their appropriate committees or assigned to the next meeting. If no objection is made or the rules are suspended, orders and resolutions may, at the time they are offered, be given a second reading and passed. All orders relating to heads of departments shall, unless otherwise ordered, be referred to the Mayor.

Seventh. Unfinished business of preceding meetings.

Eighth. Notices of motions for reconsideration. (See Rule 35.)

Ninth. Motions, orders and resolutions which shall take the same course as provided in the sixth section of this rule; provided, however, that not more than thirty minutes shall be allowed for the presentation of papers under the sixth order of business. Papers shall be called for by divisions in numerical order, and only one member in division one, two members in division two, two members in division three, one member in division four shall be recognized until each division has been called.

Rule 17. All papers addressed to the Council shall be presented by the president or by a member; and unless the Council shall otherwise determine, they shall be read by the president, or such other person as he may request, and be taken up in the order in which they have been presented.

Rule 18. All ordinances, orders and resolutions shall, unless rejected, have two several readings, after each of which debate shall be in order, and they shall then be put on their passage. Whenever the second reading immediately follows the first the document may be read by its title only.

Rule 19. No ordinance, and no order or resolution imposing penalties, or authorizing the expenditure of money, shall have more than one reading on the same day; but this rule shall not apply to an order to print a document.

Motions.

Rule 20. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the president shall so direct, and no other motion shall be entertained until a reasonable time be afforded for compliance with such direction.

Rule 21. In naming sums and fixing times the largest sum and longest time shall first be put to the question.

Rule 22. When a question is under debate the president shall receive any of the following motions, but no others:

1. To adjourn.
2. To lay on the table.
3. The previous question.
4. To close debate at a specified time.
5. To assign to a time certain.
6. To amend.
7. To refer to a committee.
8. To refer to another board.
9. To postpone indefinitely.

These several motions shall not be applied to each other, except that the motion to assign, amend, refer, or to close debate at a specified time, may be amended and the previous question may be demanded upon an amendment, which motion shall be decided without debate. When one of these motions has been made none of the others, inferior to it in precedence, shall be made, and in proceeding to vote motions pending shall be put in the order of their rank as above arranged. No motion or proposition of a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color and amendment.

Rule 23. When a matter has been assigned to be taken up at a fixed hour, or at a certain stage of proceedings, such matter shall, at the time appointed, or at any time subsequent thereto, during the same or succeeding meetings,

be in order upon the call of any member and take precedence of all other business.

Rule 24. When an order or resolution relates to a subject which may properly be examined and reported upon by an existing committee of the City Council, such order or resolution shall, upon presentation, be referred to such committee. When a motion is made to refer any subject, and different committees are proposed, the motion shall be put in the following order:

A standing committee of the Council.

A special committee of the Council.

A joint standing committee.

A joint special committee.

Rule 25. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, provided business of a nature to be recorded on the journal has been transacted since a motion to adjourn was rejected; and such motion shall be decided without debate.

Rule 26. Debate on a call for the previous question, or on a motion to close debate at a specified time, or on a motion to lay on the table, or take from the table, shall not exceed ten minutes, and no member shall speak more than three minutes. In such debate, however, the merits of the main question shall not be discussed.

Rule 27. Any member may require the division of a question when the sense will admit of it; and any member may move at any time for the suspension of any rule or rules.

Previous Question.

Rule 28. The previous question shall be put in the following form: "Shall the main question be now put?" and all debate upon the main question shall be suspended until the previous question has been decided.

Rule 29. When the previous question is ordered, the vote shall be taken upon all pending amendments, and finally upon the main question.

Rule 30. All incidental questions of order, arising after a motion is made for the previous question, shall be decided without debate, except on an appeal; and on such an appeal no member shall be allowed to speak more than once without leave of the Council.

Appeal.

Rule 31. No appeal from the decision of the president shall be entertained unless it is seconded and no motion but to adjourn shall be in order till the question on the appeal has been decided. The question shall be put as follows: "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the Council?" and it shall be deemed to be decided in the affirmative unless a majority of the votes are given to the contrary.

Voting.

Rule 32. If the president is unable to decide, or if any member doubts a vote, the president shall cause a rising vote to be taken on the question without further debate. The president shall appoint two tellers for each division of the Council, as fixed by him, who shall agree on a count, and report the result aloud to him.

Rule 33. A motion that any pending vote shall be taken by yeas and nays shall be in order at any time, and no debate shall be allowed thereon, but it shall be passed by the assent of one-fifth of the members present. Every member present shall answer to his name unless excused before the vote is taken.

Rule 34. After the announcement of member may move for a verification thereof by yeas and nays, and on such motion a debate of the original question, not exceeding five minutes, shall be permitted, and the yeas and nays shall be taken, provided one-fifth of the members voting shall so require.

Reconsideration.

Rule 35. When a vote has been passed, any member may move a reconsideration thereof at the same meeting, either immediately after the announcement of such vote, or whenever motions are in order; or if any member, who is not shown by a yeas and nays vote to have voted against the prevailing side, shall give notice to the clerk, before 10 o'clock A. M. on the next day but one following that on which a meeting was held, except the final meeting of the year, or that preceding any adjournment for over two weeks, of his intention so to do, he may move a reconsideration at the next meeting at which said motion is reached in the order of proceedings.

Rule 36. Debate on motions to reconsider shall be limited to 30 minutes, and no member shall speak more than five minutes. Whenever a matter has been especially assigned, a notice, as above specified, to reconsider any vote affecting it, shall be considered whenever such special assignment takes effect.

Rule 37. When a motion for reconsideration has been decided, that decision shall not be reconsidered, and no question shall be twice reconsidered unless it has been amended after the reconsideration; nor shall any reconsideration be had upon the following motions:

To adjourn.

The previous question.

To lay on the table.

To close debate at a specified time.

Rescinding Votes.

Rule 38. After a vote has been rescinded a reconsideration it shall not be rescinded unless two-thirds of the whole number of the members of the Common Council vote in the affirmative.

Elections.

Rule 39. All elections of city officers by this branch shall be held in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 170 of the Acts of the year 1899.

Seats of Members.

Rule 40. No person except a member of the Council shall be permitted to occupy the seat of any member while the Council is in session. The seats of the members of the council shall be numbered, and shall be determined, in the presence of the council, by drawing the names of members and the number of the seat simultaneously; and each member shall be entitled for the year to the seat bearing the number so drawn against his name, and shall not change it except by the permission of the president.

Spectators.

Rule 41. The city messenger shall allow no person upon the floor of the Council chamber, or in either of the anterooms, except members of the city government, heads of departments and reporters, without the permission of the president; and, while the Council is in session, no person, except members of the city government, heads of departments and reporters, shall be allowed in either of the anterooms on the easterly side. The president shall order such accommodations on the floor for reporters and spectators as he shall deem proper; provided, however, that no spectators shall be seated behind the members of the Council.

Rule 42. The Council chamber shall be used for meetings of the Council only, unless by special vote of the Common Council; provided, that during the summer recess the president may allow the chamber to be used for public purposes, in all cases reporting his action to the Council at its next meeting. The anteroom and large committee-room on

the east shall be subject to the same rules, except that the president may allow committee meetings to be held therein at times when the Council is not in session. The clerk's room shall be assigned to the clerk of the Common Council for occupancy and use. The anteroom between the Council chamber and the clerk's room shall be used during the meetings of the Council to give access to the seats on the floor, and for such other purposes as the president may direct; provided, that smoking there shall not be allowed on the part of visitors. The general care and supervision of these rooms are hereby entrusted to the City Messenger, subject to the direction of the President; but no expenditure of money shall be made except by direct vote of the Common Council.

Parliamentary Practice.

Rule 43. The rules of parliamentary practice as contained in Cushing's "Law and Practice of Legislative Assemblies" shall govern this Council in all cases in which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with these rules or the joint rules of the City Council.

Repeal.

Rule 44. The foregoing rules shall not be altered, amended, suspended or repealed, at any time, except by the votes of two-thirds of the members of the Common Council present and voting thereon.

The report was accepted, and the rules as submitted by the committee were adopted. Mr. Doyle of Wd. 13 moved to reconsider; lost.

NUISANCE, W. SECOND ST.

Mr. DOYLE of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Sewers, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to investigate the cause of obnoxious odor arising from sewer in the vicinity of 201 W. Second St., Wd. 13, and to remedy the same as soon as possible.

Referred to the Mayor.

NEW CITY HALL.

Mr. WHARTON of Wd. 10 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor is requested to appoint a commission of three persons who shall sit jointly with two persons to be designated, one by the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen and the other by the President of the Common Council, who shall serve without compensation, but who shall have authority to employ a stenographer and make expenditures for such clerical work as may be necessary, which expenditures shall be charged to City Council, incidental expenses. Said Commission shall give such hearings as they deem necessary, and shall report on or before the first of June, 1907, to the Mayor and City Council the following:

1. The probable cost to the city for the purchase of the land situated in Park Sq., once used as the Boston & Providence Railroad terminal.
2. The probable cost of the erection of a city hall sufficient for the city's needs for fifty (50) years.
3. The price which can probably be obtained for the city by the sale of the present city hall and the old court house.
4. The amount paid out annually as rentals for premises occupied by various city departments.
5. Whether any of these departments ought to be in City Hall or not.
6. Such other information as in their opinion may be instructive in determining the question of the building of a new city hall in Park Sq.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. WHARTON of Wd. 10—Mr. President, in connection with this order I desire to call the attention of the Council to the Mayor's inaugural address and also to his address to the City Council on January 7th, in which he urges the erection of a new City Hall and strongly advocates something definite being done this year. I would also further call the attention of the Council to the fact that this matter is under serious discussion by the Associated Board of Trade. The land is lying idle in the very centre of the city and is greatly depreciating surrounding real estate values. As there is only a very remote chance of the Boston & Albany railroad ever using this location for a terminal, the city should seize the property by right of eminent domain. Railroad traffic does not enter into the question, for if this site is selected it would be up to the railroads to solve their own problems. The acquiring of the land would not mean a serious loss of revenue to the city, for if you will consider the financial aspect of the question you will see actual economy. In my opinion, a new hall on this site would not cost more than \$3,500,000 and would accommodate all the departments now located in the present hall, as well as bringing together all those now occupying offices rented in outside buildings by the city, thus centralizing all under one head. The assessed valuation on the land and buildings on the proposed site is \$3,741,500, divided as follows: Passenger station, \$40,000; freight house and offices, \$30,000; heater building, \$2000; express building, \$3000; truck offices, \$1000; 453.427 feet of land, \$3,174,000; Potter building, 129 to 145 Columbus Ave., \$51,000; Potter building 147 to 163 Columbus Ave., \$53,500; Potter building, 155 to 163 Columbus Ave., \$118,000; People's Temple, \$215,000. This assessed valuation, plus the estimated cost of a new building, would give an estimated outlay of \$7,241,500. Against this we have the property now used for public business, comprising the present City Hall, valued at \$2,129,000; old Court House, valued at \$1,025,500; Probate building, valued at \$166,000; Historical Society building, valued at \$198,000; the house used for school purposes on Mason St., valued at \$193,000—making a net valuation of \$3,713,000. The valuation of this property, when improved for commercial purposes, would not be less than \$4,500,000. This, with annual taxes at \$16 per thousand, would create a revenue of \$72,000 per year, plus the saving of rentals approximating \$50,000, which would mean a saving of \$122,000 per year. In thirty years this would mean a saving of \$3,660,000, to which should be added the estimated sale of the present buildings at \$3,713,000, making a total of \$7,373,000—more than enough to cover the entire expenditure by \$132,500. Mr. President and members of the Council, I trust that you will take this matter into serious consideration, will take time to look into the merits of it, and I move that it be assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

The order was assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

CARS, CHELSEA ST.

Mr. PENDERGAST of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to run a line of cars on Chelsea St., from Maverick Sq. to Day Sq.

Referred to the Mayor.

WD. 14 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. TROY of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public

Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to remove tree in front of No. 136 M St., Wd. 14.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. TROY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to erect an electric light at the corner of Second and P Sts., Wd. 14.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. TROY offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to inform the Common Council when work will be commenced on the shelter at Castle Island, for which an appropriation of \$1000 has already been made.

Referred to the Mayor.

CAR TICKETS FOR LABORERS.

Mr. TROY offered an order—That the Committee on Appropriations be instructed to include in the appropriation bill such advance in the appropriations for the several departments employing laborers, as will enable the heads of such departments to furnish free car tickets to all laborers who are obliged to work in portions of the city distant from their homes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

IMPROVEMENT OF DEWEY BEACH.

Mr. HATTON of Wd. 4 offered an order—That the Board of Health be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to examine and report on the sanitary condition occasioned by the dumping of refuse in the vicinity of Dewey Beach.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. HATTON offered an order—That the Bath Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to erect suitable locker accommodations at Dewey Beach.

Referred to the Mayor.

NEW SCOWS.

Mr. HATTON offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to include in his recommendation to the Appropriation Committee the sum of \$40,000, to be expended in obtaining two scows for the disposal of ashes in the North End, West End and Charlestown Districts.

Referred to the Mayor.

GYMNASIUM, CHARLESTOWN PLAYGROUND.

Mr. HATTON offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to include in his recommendation to the Appropriation Committee the sum of \$20,000, to be expended by the Board of Park Commissioners for an all-the-year-round gymnasium on the Sullivan Sq. Playground.

Referred to the Mayor.

NEXT MEETING.

Mr. LILL of Wd. 8 offered an order—That when this Council adjourns it be to meet again on Thursday, April 4, 1907, at 7.45 o'clock P. M.

Passed.

WD. 23 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. DAVIDSON of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to include in the first loan bill a sum sufficient for the purchase of a suitable site for a playground in the Jamaica Plain section of Wd. 23.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.
Mr. DAVIDSON offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to report to the Common Council what arrangements can be made for the establishment of an all-the-year bath-house and gymnasium in Wd. 23, together with an estimate of the expense of such establishment.

Referred to the Mayor.

IMPROVEMENTS AT L-ST. BATH.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Bath Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to submit to the Common Council an estimate of the expense of providing six shower baths and a regulation handball court in connection with the L-St. Bath House, Wd. 14.

Referred to the Mayor.

ENGINE HOUSE—FOREST HILLS SQ.

Mr. CARRUTH, of Wd. 23, offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to provide in the first loan bill the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for a fire engine house and site at or near Forest Hills Sq., Wd. 23.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

TUNNEL PERMITS.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Corporation Counsel inform this body at its next meeting by what right, and under what law does the Board of Aldermen grant permits to construct tunnels or bridges between buildings, such as the one that now connects the Boston Herald building on Tremont St., with its building on Mason St.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I introduced a similar order to that on Feb. 7, and I am informed by the Clerk that it was sent to and duly received by the Corporation Counsel. I simply introduce it for the second time to call it again to the attention of the Corporation Counsel. If the Boston Herald has constructed a tunnel or a bridge between its two buildings, contrary to law, I think that either branch of the city government is entitled to know it. I sincerely hope that the Corporation Counsel will take notice of the matter.

The order was passed.

PLAYGROUND, WD. 21.

Mr. FERGUSON of Wd. 21 called up No. 42, past assignment, viz.:

42. Ordered, That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) be appropriated to be expended by the Park Department for a playground and gymnasium in Wd. 21; and that to meet such appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to the above amount.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11 in the chair.

Mr. FERGUSON of Wd. 21—Mr. President, I do not wish to take up much of the time of the Council at this late hour upon this order. I simply wish to state the conditions which exist out in the district which I, with others, have the honor to represent. Wd. 21 is located in the residential section of Boston, surrounded by seven of the other wards, being wedged in between Wds. 19, 18, 17, 16, 20, 23 and 22. In that ward we have three public school districts, and a large percentage of the children from three parochial schools

live in that district. We have from 7000 to 7500 children living in the district. The nearest playground we have is a mile and a half away from the most congested part of Wd. 21. When those children are turned out from the schools at 4 o'clock they have no place to play or to amuse and exercise themselves, except in the public streets. They are compelled to either violate some city ordinance or remain in the house. We have no place in the most congested part of the ward, where they can play outside of the house, unless on the public streets. The people who occupy the houses there object to having the children play in front of their houses, as I have no doubt each member of this body would do, if it were in front of his house. Mr. President and members of the Council, it certainly would not be fair to the 7500 children who live in that district not to give them a chance to play. It would not be fair for the children or for the citizens in that part of the city, to compel those children to remain in the house. We ask for this appropriation because we think it is a very much needed improvement. The children's health demands it; the citizens and taxpayers demand it. Only a few weeks ago a committee of the citizens of that district waited upon His Honor the Mayor in regard to this very matter. It has been brought before the business people there and they are very much in favor of it. The taxpayers are in favor of it; the school teachers out there all demand it and say it is something they ought to have; and it is certainly nothing but fair to the children. I don't remember that my district has ever come to this body asking for any such improvement in that part of the ward. Most of the wards around have a playground of some sort, but we have no place where the children can play within a mile and a half of the place where this playground is supposed to be located. I believe in living up to the motto of His Honor the Mayor in regard to having a bigger, better and busier Boston, and I think the best way to do it is by having bigger, better and healthier young men and women. The way to do that is by giving them some place where they can enjoy themselves in the open air, not compelling them to play in the public streets. I think the health of the children is something that every fair-minded person, whether he has children of his own or not, is interested in. The health of the young means the health of future generations, and the best way to have that is by catering to the younger element and giving them some place to exercise. With these few remarks I am willing to let the question go upon its merits. I think the members of this body are fair enough to see that we are not asking for anything unreasonable. I certainly do not think it is unreasonable to come here and ask for this appropriation, because, as I have already said, the district demands it and it is something we ought to have. It is something we certainly need, and I think it is right that we should have it.

Mr. HACKETT of Wd. 21—Mr. President, I think my colleague has covered the ground pretty well, but I would like to say just one word. Of the 7000 or 8000 school children in Wd. 21 probably 6000 are down in the lower end, the thickly settled part of the ward. There is no place whatever there for them to play, except in the streets. They go a little ways, towards Washington Park, and play in sand boxes there, but when they go on the grass the police drive them away. It is a mile and a half to Franklin Park, at the upper end of the ward, and there are not so many children out there. It is the same as if you

were out in the country—when you get out there there is lots of room and there are few children; in the lower end of the ward there are lots of children, but no room to play. I trust that this order will pass here tonight. I think all the members who have playgrounds in their different wards will appreciate the fact that we need one very badly in ours.

Mr. GEORGE of Wd. 21—Mr. President, I merely wish to add one word to what has been said by my colleagues. I think they have covered the ground very thoroughly. They have stated that our ward is peculiarly situated, touching seven other wards in the city, and of those wards, Wds. 17, 18, 19 and 22 are quite as centrally located, as far as the open spaces of Wd. 21 are concerned, as is the major part of Wd. 21 itself. So in asking for this appropriation we are not actuated by selfish motives. The other wards, I think I can safely say, will share the benefit that Wd. 21 will derive from this playground. While I thoroughly appreciate the desire of the Mayor to cut down expenses and retrench as much as possible—a very proper and laudable ambition—I feel, as my colleague, Mr. Ferguson says, that the money of the city cannot be better or more properly spent than in a way which will add to the happiness and health of the children of this city. In no other way can money be used which will more greatly improve and better conditions in this city. I sincerely trust that the members of the Council will give this matter careful consideration and will realize that we are not asking this from selfish motives, but because we think it is the best thing for all the residents of the city. Furthermore, Wd. 21, to my knowledge, has never come to this body with a request of this kind. We feel that the members realize that when we do come we come in all sincerity and with a full expectation that our request will be granted. It is an eminently fair and just one, and the fact that we do not come very often is proof of the fact that when we do come we have good cause.

A roll call was had, and the order failed of passage (50 votes being required for the same), yeas 48, nays 6:

Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Bramhall, Brown, Carruth, Clark (26), Clark (24), Cose, Cronin, Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (3), Foley, George, Hackett, Harding, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGregor, Morgan, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien, (18), Pendergast, Peshorn, Rackowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sheehan, Sorenson, Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Woodside, Zetterman—48.

Nays—Costello, Hanrahan, Kelly, O'Brien (14), Pierce, Wharton—6.

Absent or not voting—Barrett, Buckley, Colpoys, Daly (17), Daly (12), Ducey, Fitzgerald (14), Green, Kennedy, McGivern, McLennan, Mealey, Montague, Noyes, O'Brien (5), Purcell, Roberts, Santosuosso, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Willcutt—21.

On motion of Mr. FERGUSON, the Council voted to reconsider and assign to the next meeting.

RENTAL FOR LOCATIONS.

Mr. HARDING of Wd. 20 called up No. 36, unfinished business, viz.:
36. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to raise additional revenue by charging a rental fee for all locations, granted on property under his control, for the sale of merchandise and other articles.
Referred to the Mayor.

CARS—JAMAICA PLAIN.

Mr. MORGAN, of Wd. 22, offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to run more cars on the Jamaica Plain-Bunker Hill line, especially during the business hours.

Referred to the Mayor.

SIGN—CLINE ST.

Mr. MORGAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to erect a street sign on Clive St., corner Boylston St., Wd. 22.

Referred to the Mayor.

PAY OF CARPENTERS.

Mr. KOHLER of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to pay the carpenters in the Park Department the union rate of wages, namely \$3.28 per day.

Referred to the Mayor.

REPAIR OF FRANKLIN ST. TUNNEL.

Mr. COSE of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to re-gutter the beams of the tunnel under the Boston & Albany Railroad tracks, Franklin St., Wd. 25, as in its present condition it is unfit for public travel.

Referred to the Mayor.

FIRE ALARM BOX NUMBERS.

Mr. CLARK of Wd. 20 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to request the Fire Commissioner to cause fire alarm box number for Long and Rainsford Islands, so that in case a fire should occur at either of the above named places, the alarm could be communicated by telephone to fire headquarters in the same manner as it can be from Deer Island at the present time, and struck from there on the bells and gongs throughout the Fire Department.

Referred to the Mayor.

VACATION FOR EMPLOYEES.

Mr. NOONAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That all heads of departments be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to grant a two (2) weeks' vacation to all city employees working on a basis of seven days a week.

Referred to the Mayor.

WD. 13 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. NOONAN of Wd. 13 offered the following:

Ordered, That the Bath Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to refurnish D St. Gymnasium, Wd. 13, with proper facilities for bathing.

Referred to the Mayor.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Bridges be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause to be placed as many life ladders as there are life buoys on Dorchester Ave. from Congress St. to Federal St. bridge.

Referred to the Mayor.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Sewers be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to investigate drainage conditions of Wd. 13.

Referred to the Mayor.

Ordered—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause B St., between Congress and First Sts., Wd. 13, to be paved with granite blocks.

Referred to the Mayor.

CARE OF CHILDREN.

Mr. NOONAN offered an order—That the School Committee be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause a competent person to be assigned to each kindergarten, whose duty it shall be to guard the children from accident on the streets after the close of each session.

Referred to the Mayor.

MANNER OF VOTING.

Mr. BAGLEY, of Wd. 1, offered an order—That Common Council Rule 33 be amended by adding thereto the following words, "and shall rise when announcing his vote."

Mr. BAGLEY—Mr. President, I know that there is not very much need of my explaining that order. Its meaning is easily understood, and the object in presenting it is to prevent a very sad and very bad occurrence which has happened in this body at various times during the last few years, to my knowledge, and once recently within two weeks—cases where names have been voted upon, although the members were not present in the body. That occurred last year repeatedly, and has occurred this year, also. That order does not compel any member to respond to his name, but provides that if they intend to vote they shall rise and be recognized by the clerk or his assistant. That is the object of the order. It is nothing of a political nature, whatsoever. It is something which seems to me to be right and fair, to ask that all bills of importance which are passed by this body shall be passed by members rising in their places, when voting on a roll call. It will take a little longer, perhaps, to pass orders; but it seems to me the only correct way to have the vote of the Council taken.

Mr. DRISCOLL—Mr. President, I move that that order be assigned for one week for the simple reason that the full membership of the Council is not here, and they would have no opportunity of reading or considering the order until after it has been passed.

Mr. BAGLEY—Mr. President, I certainly object to the order being assigned until the next meeting. If the gentleman will give me any good reason why the matter should be assigned, I am perfectly willing to vote for the assignment of the matter; but before I agree to assignment he must give me a good and sufficient reason.

Mr. DRISCOLL of Wd. 9.—Mr. President and fellow-members of the Council, my reason for moving assignment is that it seems to me that more than once during this year things have been said which reflected upon me. (Laughter.)

Mr. BAGLEY—Mr. President—

Mr. DRISCOLL—Mr. President, I have the floor.

The CHAIR—Mr. Driscoll has the floor.

Mr. DRISCOLL—When the order which was presented here some weeks ago was passed, there was a doubt about the vote of a member of this body, but it has since been proven that that vote was correct (laughter). That vote was honestly and fairly cast, and it was O. K. Now, the simple reason why I want to have that order assigned is to have every member here to consider it and to vote upon the matter when it goes through. If it is assigned, I think somebody here will have a few

remarks to make in regard to it. For one, I will be willing to have the order go through, because, as the gentleman from East Boston has stated, it will do away with a lot of troublesome things which have happened here, and will place this body right, and will make it plain to the people that when a vote is cast, it will be cast legally. I know myself that such things have occurred, and have no longer ago than tonight heard names called, and heard persons answer to those names from the ante-room. Votes which are given in that way are very doubtful. Mr. President, I hope that my motion to have that order assigned for one week will prevail. I would like to see the order on the calendar. That is one reason why I want it assigned.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, the explanation which the gentleman said, I should hope that this matter would not be assigned. I have heard has just given of the affair which took place here a few weeks ago. He has also spoken of names being answered to from the ante-room tonight. That is one good reason why we should take some action on this order at once. Action upon it should be taken at once. Also, because if we allow such an important order as that to be assigned for one or two weeks, the administration may come forward before we can take action upon that order, and rush through some of their orders which they are bound to get through, by hook or crook. It should be remembered by everybody in this body that the administration wants to pile up a large amount of money for expenditure about the time of the next city election. That seems to be the policy of the administration—and when I say “the administration,” I mean just one man, and that man the Honorable John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of Boston. He is the administration—the whole administration. Now, then, the gentleman from Wd. 9 has said that it had been proven that the vote taken only a few meetings ago and which was referred to by him was proven correct. The action taken by the Board of Aldermen on that same order, which had passed this body illegally, is significant. They threw it out, and refused to pass it; and that disproves the statement of the gentleman from Wd. 9. Therefore, Mr. President, I hope that this order will be considered and passed tonight, and not assigned until the next meeting.

Mr. BAGLEY—Mr. President, I very much regret that the gentleman from the second division (Mr. Driscoll) feels that this order was intended as a reflection upon him in the least. It was offered with no such intention. I never intended to reflect upon anybody in particular. The order, as Mr. Murphy has already said, is simply for the purpose of having a correct vote taken. As has already been said, tonight the name of one of the members of the Council was responded to from the ante-room. Moreover, as Mr. Murphy has said, if we are to assign this from one meeting to another, or even to the next meeting, it simply means that the administration will have an opportunity of hustling through other orders in the same manner as they have certain orders in the past. I think the only fair way is to consider the matter and dispose of it tonight. There are as many members here tonight as there probably will be at any other particular time in the future. I hope that the order will not be assigned but that it will be passed tonight.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, a great deal has been said here tonight about the rushing through of orders—evidently with the intention of reflecting upon the presiding officer

of this body. It is true that some comment was made at the meeting referred to and some allegations were made that the name of a certain member of this body had been voted upon by a person other than himself. It is also true that because of peanut politics played in the upper branch of this government His Honor the Mayor sent a message to the members of that branch, asking them to indefinitely postpone the order. It is not true, Mr. President, that it has been proven that the name of any member of this body was voted upon by any person other than the person himself. I feel, Mr. President, that that matter should be dropped, and that it should not be taken as an argument tonight in favor of the passage of that order. I favor the assignment of the order providing for the amendment to the rules. I do that not because I am opposed to the order, because I believe that the amendment is a good one. But I also favor a further amendment to the rules—one which will prevent the “dodging,” so-called, by members of the Council. For that reason I ask for assignment—or, I will move that it be referred to the Committee on Rules, in order that a perfect rule may be devised, whereby members of the Council shall be required to vote when their names are called, and that they shall rise in their places when declaring their vote. I also hope that neither the President nor any other member of this body will be unfairly criticised. I, therefore, Mr. President, move that this matter be referred to the Committee on Rules. If that is not satisfactory, then, in all fairness, let the matter be assigned to the next meeting.

The CHAIR—The question first comes on assignment.

Mr. DRISCOLL—Mr. President, I wish to state to members of the Council that I am in favor of this order which Mr. Bagley has presented; but I would like to have it assigned, so that when it comes up at the next meeting every member will know that it is coming up, and will understand the matter, and will know what they are voting in favor of when they cast their votes.

Mr. MURPHY—Mr. President, I just want to say a word in regard to a matter that Mr. McCullough spoke about. I want it understood that I did not intend to cast any reflection upon the President of this body. I respect him very highly. He has been a personal friend of mine for fifteen years. I would not for a moment think of casting any reflections upon him. I want that understood by every one in this body. What I wanted to convey to you was the knowledge that the administration has its agents here, and that they ask members of this body to vote on absent members' names.

The motion to assign further consideration of the order until the next meeting, and the motion to refer the matter to the Committee on Rules was also lost.

The question was put on the passage of the order, and it was declared passed.

Mr. McLENNAN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. Under Rule 44, it requires a two-thirds vote to pass that order.

The CHAIR—The point of order is well taken. The Chair will ask the members in favor of the order to rise and remain standing until counted.

A rising vote was taken, and the order was passed, 48 members voting in the affirmative, and none in the negative. Mr. Bagley moved to reconsider; lost.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE—HEBREW HOLIDAYS.

Mr. ROSENBERG of Wd. 8 offered an

order—That the heads of departments be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to grant to all of their employees of the Hebrew faith, leave of absence without loss of pay and in part compensation for services rendered, on the Hebrew holidays, March 30 and April 5 and 6, 1907.

Referred to the Mayor.

WARD 25, IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 offered the following:

Ordered—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a street sign on Sorrento St., Wd. 25.

Referred to the Mayor.

Ordered—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place an additional catch basin between tracks and make such necessary changes as will cause the crossing to be properly drained at the intersection of Cambridge and Franklin Sts. and Harvard Ave., Wd. 25.

Referred to the Mayor.

Ordered—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to raise and properly replace the edgestones on Farrington Ave., Wd. 25.

Referred to the Mayor.

Ordered—That the Board of Health, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to investigate and take whatever action may be necessary to remove the garbage nuisance at the rear of Telford St., Wd. 25.

Referred to the Mayor.

CATCH BASIN, WD. 16.

Mr. KELLY of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Sewers be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a catch basin at the corner of Clapp and Boston Sts., Wd. 16.

Referred to the Mayor.

NEW STREET, WD. 16.

Mr. KELLY of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to lay out a new street where the sewer is now laid, from Columbia Road, crossing Moseley and Carson Sts., to Shoreham St., Wd. 16.

Passed. Sent up.

LAMP—CLIFF ST.

Mr. HACKETT, of Wd. 21, offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be instructed to place a gas lamp at the junction of Cliff St. and Cliff Pl., Wd. 21.

Referred to the Mayor.

PROMOTION OF RESERVE OFFICERS.

Mr. HACKETT offered an order—That the Police Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to promote reserve officers to regular patrolmen in the order of their appointment as reserve police officers.

Referred to the Mayor.

LIST OF STREETS.

Mr. HACKETT offered an order—That the Street Laying-Out Department be requested to prepare an edition of fifteen hundred copies of a list of Streets, Avenues, Courts, Places, etc., by wards

and precincts, showing numbers and divisions of those extending through more than one ward or precinct, together with the location of hotels, apartment houses, etc., the same to be printed as a public document, the expense of same to be charged to the appropriation for Incidental Expenses, City Council.

Referred to the Committee on Printing.

DRINKING FOUNTAIN, ORCHARD PARK.

Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17 offered an order—That the Water Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a drinking fountain in Orchard Park, Wd. 17; the expense of same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Referred to the Mayor.

LIST OF STREETS.

Mr. CLARK of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to prepare and publish an edition of 2000 copies of a revised list of streets, courts and places in the city of Boston, similar to that published by the said Board in 1902, the expense of publishing said list to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Referred to the Committee on Printing.

FOOT BRIDGE—WORDSWORTH ST.

Mr. SORENSON of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the sum of twelve hundred dollars (\$1200) be appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Streets for a foot bridge to cross the Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn Railroad on Wordsworth St., Wd. 1, Prec. 8; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to the above amount.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. SORENSON.

WEDNESDAY HOLIDAY IN MARKET.

Mr. COSTELLO of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Committee on Market Department be requested to make it a condition in all market leases that the employees shall be given a holiday on Wednesday afternoons during June, July and August.

Passed. Sent up.

SIGN, FAIRBURY ST.

Mr. COSTELLO offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to place a new sign marking Fairbury St., Wd. 16.

Referred to the Mayor.

ACCEPTANCE OF DOVE ST.

Mr. COSTELLO of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out Dove St., through to Howard Ave., Wd. 16.

Passed. Sent up.

LAMPS, ROSE ST.

Mr. SACKS of Wd. 10 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a sufficient number of gas lamps on Rose St., Wd. 9.

Referred to the Mayor.

WARD 21 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. FERGUSON, of Wd. 21, offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to resurface and place edgestones on Fountain St., from Regent to Circuit St., Wd. 21.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. FERGUSON offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place shrubbery around the Joseph Warren Statue, Wd. 21.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. FERGUSON offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to resurface and place edgestones on Lansing St., from Warren to Sherman St., Ward 21.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. FERGUSON offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place crosswalks on Dale St., opposite Laurel and Mill Sts., Wd. 21.

Referred to the Mayor.

LIST OF MARKET LEASES.

Mr. FERGUSON offered an order—That the Superintendent of Markets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to furnish the Common Council with a schedule of the market leases, with the names and residences of the lessees; also the names and residences of those occupying premises the leases of which are held by others than those doing business there, and the amount of rental received by the city from said parties.

Referred to the Mayor.

LOAN FOR WATER MAINS.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2 called up No. 38, past assignment, viz.:

38. Ordered, That the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) be appropriated, to be expended by the Water Commissioner for the construction of new and the replacing of old water pipes; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Mr. BARRETT of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I move that the order be assigned to the next meeting.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I know of no reason for further assignment of the order. It has been on the calendar for some weeks now, and the question should naturally come on its passage. We all know what the order is. It has been before us for some time. Let us pass it or dispose of it in some way here this evening.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, if for no other reason, as the gentleman who introduced the order, a colleague of mine from Wd. 13, is not present, I think out of courtesy to him the order should be assigned until he is present.

Mr. BARRETT—Mr. President, my reason for moving assignment is this: I think when an important order like this is pending, we should have something like a fair attendance of the Council. I don't think we have that just now, and for that reason I hope assignment will prevail.

The question was put on assignment. The Chair being in doubt, a rising vote was ordered. The Council stood divided, and assignment prevailed, 19 members in favor, 8 against.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that there is not a quorum present.

The CHAIR—The Chair rules that the point of order is well taken, and declares the meeting adjourned for two weeks.

Adjourned at 10.20 P. M., for two weeks.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, March 25, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Ald. BERWIN presiding.

Absent, Ald. Whelton.

On motion of Ald. BATTIS the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 514 of the Acts of 1894, as follows:

Six petit jurors for the United States District Court, to appear April 9, 1907, viz.:

James M. Kenney, Wd. 10; John J. Barrett, Wd. 9; James H. Carney, Wd. 21; Alan J. Burke, Wd. 22; Edward F. Hanly, Wd. 3; Richard J. Buckley, Wd. 5.

Forty-two traverse jurors, for the Supreme Judicial Court, to appear April 8, 1907, viz.:

Edgar W. Ross, Wd. 21; Elmer C. Lattime, Wd. 22; John J. Madden, Wd. 13; Joseph M. Landrey, Wd. 23; Charles McConlogue, Wd. 9; Thomas H. Barr, Wd. 9; Edmund W. Freeman, Wd. 21; William A. Nixon, Wd. 1; Moses Harris, Wd. 24; Vincent D. Maloney, Wd. 21; Alfred F. C. Bockelman, Wd. 14; Arthur O'Kane, Wd. 24; George E. Barker, Wd. 24; Patrick F. O'Melia, Wd. 18; Charles Parker, Wd. 21; John R. Mills, Wd. 11; Hector Calder, Wd. 2; William A. Duffy, Wd. 8; Frank L. Haney, Wd. 7; Thomas F. Caffrey, Wd. 6; James M. Dunbar, Wd. 22; Jeremiah L. Murphy, Wd. 8; Freeman R. Taylor, Wd. 19; William R. McKenzie, Wd. 20; Edward F. Murray, Wd. 13; George L. Granger, Wd. 1; James T. Whalen, Wd. 10; John P. Kearney, Wd. 14; Michael Readdy, Wd. 4; George H. Smith, Wd. 9; William J. Troy, Wd. 20; Allan J. McDonald, Wd. 22; Louis J. Fitzpatrick, Wd. 21; Michael M. Shea, Wd. 9; Craven Riley, Wd. 18; Frank W. Gustafson, Wd. 18; Thomas J. Lodge, Wd. 21; D. Webster Allen, Wd. 11; Cornelius J. Montgomery, Wd. 3; Martin L. Godvin, Wd. 21; Ernest J. Babcock, Wd. 21; Samuel Adams, Wd. 24.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and were referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Department.

Estate of P. O'Riordan, for leave to build a wooden building on Maudlin St., corner Wapping St., Wd. 5.

D. J. Cutter, for leave to build a wooden addition on Freeport St., opposite Preston St., Wd. 24.

Building Department (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Vincent La Grua, a wooden sign, at 79 Cottage St., Wd. 2.

Cleary & Murphy, for leave to project a wooden sign, at 9 School St., Wd. 6.

Glenbrook Distilling Company, a board sign, at 43 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Lazarus Goldstein, an electric sign, at 213 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Marco Bruno, a cloth sign, at 236A Friend St., Wd. 6.

McMahon & Co., an illuminated sign, at 160 Summer St., Wd. 7.

S. Kofman, a wooden sign, at 27 Compton St., Wd. 9.

Lazarus Kuttner, three barber poles at 373 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 21.

Cruff & Byrne, a sign, at 12 Birch St., Wd. 23.

County Accounts.

Francis A. Campbell, Clerk of the Superior Civil Court, to be paid \$1468.62 for expenses incurred in defending his title to said office.

Faneuil Hall, etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

Zionist Council of Boston, on the evening of March 31.

Pilgrim R. Zolla et al., on the evening of April 21.

Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs et al., on May 11, between the hours of 11 and 2.

Claims.

Jessie Tripp, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in sidewalk on Tremont St., between numbers 259 and 261.

Margaret T. Davern, for compensation for damage to property 140-142 Howard Ave., by a defective water pipe.

Mary Dillon for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in crosswalk at junction of Francis and Vila Sts., Wd. 19.

Mary E. Love, for compensation for injuries caused by a defective coal hole at 352 Tremont St., Wd. 10.

Walworth Manufacturing Company, for compensation for injury to horse caused by an alleged defect Summer St. bridge.

Memorial Day.

Robert A. Bell Post 134, G. A. R., for appropriation for Memorial Day.

Public Buildings Dept.

Major P. J. Grady Camp No. 3, U. S. W. V., for leave to occupy in part the Armory Hall and ante-room of building corner Maverick and Bremen Sts., E. B.

Public Improvements.

T. H. Waldron, for leave to move a building from 245-249 Summer St., to 190-192 Bremen St., Wd. 2.

Filomena Milano, for leave to construct a coal hole opening at 184 Salem St., Wd. 6.

Back Bay Automobile Co., for leave to lay a 1¼ inch pipe at 171 Huntington Ave.

Intercolonial Club of Boston, for leave to construct a bulkhead at 214-216 Dudley St., Wd. 17.

Devonshire Building Trust, for leave to construct a bulkhead and coal hole opening in sidewalk on Devonshire St., Wd. 6.

Petitions for leave to construct sidewalks, viz.:

Gilbert & Goudy, at 8 Rozella St., Wd. 24.

Charles J. Groves, 169-173 Huntington Ave., Wd. 10.

P. O'Hearn, at 12 Greenbrier St., Wd. 20.

Henry E. Lee estate, 93 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 11.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, March 25, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to confirmation by your



Board, I hereby appoint Francis A. Griffin (160 Falcon St., Wd. 1) and Harvey N. Tilden (22 Hanson St., Wd. 9) Constables of the city of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1907.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

The following was received:
City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, March 25, 1907.
To the Board of Aldermen:—
Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint Patrick P. Ford (37 Lester St., Wd. 25), a Weigher of Beef for the term ending April 30, 1907.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

The following was received:
City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, March 25, 1907.
To the Board of Aldermen:—
Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint Fred P. Wood (9 Converse Ave., Malden,) a measurer of grain for the term ending April 30, 1907.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

The following was received:
City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, March 25, 1907.
To the Board of Aldermen:—
Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint John F. Dixon (1240 Morton St., Wd. 24) a Gauger of Liquid Measures (Revised Laws, Chapter 62, Section 18) for the term ending April 30, 1907.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

CLOSING OF EAST CONCORD ST.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 25, 1907.
To the Board of Aldermen:—
I transmit herewith a communication from the President of the Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital stating that it is the desire of the management of this hospital to join with the Boston City Hospital authorities in petitioning that East Concord St. between Albany St. and Harrison Ave. be closed to all heavy traffic. Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital,
East Concord St., Boston.

March 4, 1907.
Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of Boston.

Sir:—The Trustees of the Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital desire to join in the petition of the City Hospital that East Concord St., between Albany St. and Harrison Ave., be closed to all heavy traffic.

The rooms and wards for surgical patients and all the operating rooms are on East Concord St., and the noise and jar are very annoying and the dust is both annoying and injurious to the patients.

For the Trustees,
Charles R. Codman, President.

Attest:

Charles H. Watson,
Secretary pro tempore.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of the Locomobile Company of America for license to store and keep for sale gasoline at 400 Newbury St., Wd. 11.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

On petitions of the West End Street Railway Company, viz.:

2. For location for a single track in Battery St., between Commercial St. and the North Ferry, with the right to use the overhead single trolley electric system thereon.

3. For location for double curved tracks at the southwest corner of Dorchester Ave. and West Fourth St., with the right to use the overhead single trolley electric system thereon.

4. For location for double curved tracks from the north, and double curved tracks from the south, all from and connecting with the existing tracks on Washington St., West Roxbury, south of Lotus Pl. to land of the company there situate; also a cross connection on said Washington St. south of said Lotus Pl.; with the right to use the overhead single trolley electric system thereon.

No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Railroads.

5. On petition of the Boston & Maine Railroad for leave to lay additional tracks on Water St. and Warren Ave., Charlestown.

Sumner Robinson, Esq., for George F. Chapin; Albert F. Rich, James McGinty, E. H. Carter, J. Frank O'Brien and P. J. Kyle, for the Charlestown Improvement Association; Charles V. Sullivan, City Sq., for Mrs. Honora Herlihy; Richard J. Schofield, 8 Rutherford Ave.; J. P. Oriorden, for estate of P. Oriorden; Joseph F. Bassidy and Richard M. Walsh, 709 Sears Building, for Catholic Sailors' Home; John C. Sullivan and William Carr; B. P. McCarthy, 47 Monument Ave., and C. F. Morrill, 19 Highland Ave., Roxbury, as property owners, or as representing property owners, affected, severally appeared and objected to the granting of the petition.

No further objections. Recommended, on motion of Ald. Draper, to the Committee on Railroads with instructions to give a public hearing.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

6. Ordered, That the Committee on Market Department be requested to make it a condition in all market leases that the employees shall be given a holiday on Wednesday afternoons during June, July and August.

Referred to the Committee on Market Department.

7. Ordered, That the Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out Dove St. through to Howard Ave., Wd. 16.

Passed in concurrence.

8. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to lay out a new street where the sewer is now laid, from Columbia Rd., crossing Moseley and Carson Sts., to Shoreham St., Wd. 16.

Passed in concurrence.

CLERK HIRE IN REGISTRY.

A communication was received from William T. A. Fitzgerald, Register of Deeds, certifying the employees in his office and the amounts due them.

Approved and ordered paid.

COAL AND COKE LICENSES.

A list was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth of the Coal & Coke Licenses granted by the Secretary.

Placed on file.

LYING-IN HOSPITAL.

A certificate was received from the Board of Health, on petition referred to that board, March 19, that Elizabeth A. Riley, M. D., is a suitable person, and that her premises are suitable for maintaining a lying-in hospital.

The certificate, with the petition of Elizabeth A. Riley, M. D., for renewal of her license to maintain a lying-in hospital at 310 Bay State Rd., Wd. 11, was referred to the Committee on Health (Aid.) with instructions to give a public hearing.

ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the petitions of Linscott Motor Company to keep for sale oils of fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at 31 Whittier St., Roxbury, and of

Hyman Ruben, to store such oils or fluids at 167 Border St., East Boston,—

Orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon, Monday, April 15, at 3 o'clock, P. M., when the Board will take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the petitioners, and when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

On the petition of Ratschsky Estate Trust, for leave to project a marquisse at 25 Tremont St., Wd. 6, an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon, Monday, April 8, at 3 P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

BUILDING DEPT. REPORTS.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department (Aldermen), submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions (severally referred March 19) for leave to project signs, etc.:—

Samuel A. Soul, sign, 493 Washington St., Wd. 7.

E. P. Parmino, electric sign, 115 North St., Wd. 6.

Mediterranean Fishing Club, illuminated sign, 231 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Max Wyzanski, electric sign, 85 Salem St., Wd. 6.

H. H. Jepson, sign, 132 Friend St., Wd. 6.

A. Davis, electric sign, 12 Winter St., Wd. 7.

F. W. Tatro, electric sign, 147-149 Court St., Wd. 6.

Tim Moriarty, sign, 89 Court St., Wd. 6.

Rosen & Ludwig, illuminated sign, 1859 Washington St., Wd. 18.

Rosen & Ludwig, sign, 206 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Roman Bros., sign, 1132 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

James J. McAteer, two signs, 40 Charles St., Wd. 11.

Morris Yorra, sign, 81 Chambers St., Wd. 8.

Andrew Burke, sign, 42 Traverse St., Wd. 8.

David Winer, sign, 116 Green St., Wd. 8.

J. A. Floyd, electric sign, 168 Summer St., Wd. 7.

Benj. Klous & Co., sign, 498-504 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7.

Harris Pozner, sign, 229 Pleasant St., Wd. 7.

Hyman A. Appleton, electric sign, 53 Eliot St., Wd. 7.

H. M. Lamb, illuminated sign, 30 North St., Wd. 6.

Thomas J. Duggan, sign, 135 Chelsea St., Wd. 3.

Louis Goldstein, sign, 63 Salem St., Wd. 6.

E. J. Lovejoy, electric sign, 540 Tremont St., Wd. 9.

W. J. Anderson, electric sign, 1729 Washington St., Wd. 12.

M. Segal, electric sign, 398 Tremont St., Wd. 9.

Orazzio Puglisi, sign, 2499 Washington St., Wd. 21.

A. F. Mumford, electric sign, 121 Elliot St., Wd. 7.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports recommending that leave be granted on petitions (severally referred today) for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Cleary & Murphy, sign, 9 School St., Wd. 3.

Glenbrook Distilling Company, sign, 43 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Lazarus Goldstein, electric sign, 213 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Cruff & Byrne, sign, 12 Birch St., Wd. 23.

McMahon & Co., illuminated sign, 160 Summer St., Wd. 7.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

CLAIMS REPORT.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Claims, submitted reports recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw on the following petitions, viz.:

John Razeto (referred 1906), for compensation for damage to estate on Catherine St. by overflow of water and sewage from Stony Brook.

Joseph Weisse (referred 1904), for self and as executrix, for compensation for damage to property at 136-138 Sterling St. by overflow of water.

Reports severally accepted, sent down for concurrence.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions, viz.:

National League of the Employees of Navy Yards, etc. (referred March 4), for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of April 26, 1907.

Zionist Council of Boston (referred today), for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of March 31.

Pilgrim R. Zolla et al. (referred today), for the use of Faneuil Hall for a meeting to honor the memory of the late Giosue Carducci, on the evening of April 21, 1907.

Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs et al. (referred today), for the use of Faneuil Hall on May 11, day time.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

MINORS' LICENSES.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted reports recommending that licenses be granted to 11 newsboys, 2 vendors and 1 bootblack.

Reports severally accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

ORDER OF NOTICE.

Ald. DRAPER, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted a report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company (referred March 19)—Recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing on Monday, April 15, 1907, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted, order of notice passed.

POLICE (ALD.) REPORT.

Ald. BANGS, for the Committee on Police (Ald.), submitted a report on the petition of Daniel L. Reagan (referred March 19) to be paid for the loss of seven cows bitten by a dog—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Daniel L. Reagan the sum of \$207 in compensation for the loss of seven cows killed or died from being bitten by a dog in January, February and March, 1907; said sum to be paid the income from dog licenses.

Report accepted, order passed.

REPORTS ON DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE.

Ald. BANGS, for the Special Committee on Disposal of Garbage, submitted the following reports, viz.:

Majority Report.

The Joint Special Committee on the Disposal of Garbage and Waste Material, appointed in accordance with the communication of His Honor the Mayor to the City Council, dated February 4, 1907, after several advertised public hearings and numerous meetings in executive session, having carefully considered the subject, beg leave to submit the following report:

1. The committee find that the proposal submitted by Mr. Arthur N. Pierson is not advantageous to the city;

2. That offers more advantageous than that of Mr. Pierson have been submitted to the committee;

3. That the city should build a temporary structure on Fort Hill Wharf sufficient to abate the nuisance now claimed to exist there, until the expiration of the contract for the disposal of garbage, at a cost not to exceed \$25,000;

4. That it is not expedient to continue the utilization contract after it expires;

5. That it is not expedient to continue the lease of Hecht's Wharf after it has expired;

6. That the proper way to dispose of waste material is by incineration and utilization plants located in various parts of the city;

7. That of the propositions submitted to the committee, the one of James P. Maloney, hereto annexed and made a part of this report, is the most advantageous for the city.

For the Committee,

Francis R. Bangs, Chairman.

Messrs. Bangs, Clark, Draper, Fitzgerald and Pierce dissent.

Proposal of James P. Madoney.

Boston, March 12th, 1907.

To the City Council Committee on the Disposal of Garbage.

1. We propose to build two incinerating plants upon suitable locations furnished by the city, which plants shall be of modern construction and shall be capable of providing for the separation and disposition in a sanitary manner of all the refuse (waste and rubbish) which shall be daily collected and delivered by the city into said plants.

2. We will accept in payment for said plans bonds of the city of Boston bearing interest at 4 per cent. at the rate of fifty thousand (50,000) dollars for each plant, or a total of one hundred thousand (100,000) dollars for the two plants. As a location for the two incinerating plants we would suggest the South End yard, on Albany St., which same would care for the South End and parts of the Back Bay, Roxbury, Highland, Dorchester and South Boston districts; and the second plant at either the North End yard, on Commercial

St., or the City yard, just over the bridge in Charlestown. This plant would care for the North and West Ends, all of Charlestown and part of Back Bay.

3. We propose to separate and dispose of, without creating a nuisance, and in a sanitary manner, by burning or otherwise, all said refuse and dispose of all substances and waste excepting ashes and garbage.

4. We propose to keep the city harmless from any suits or claims on account of any possible infringement through our use of any patented devices or appliances.

5. It is our intention and firm purpose to at all times recognize the rights of labor and agree always to pay prevailing wages in the erection and operation of the plants. We also agree to employ none but citizens of Boston, wherever this is possible.

6. As compensation for the performance of said services, the city of Boston shall pay to us a yearly gross sum of fifteen thousand (15,000) dollars in monthly payments of twelve hundred and fifty (1250) dollars each. From such gross sum of fifteen thousand (15,000) dollars there shall be returned to the city, and the city may withhold from each monthly payment, a proportionate amount for a fifteen (15) year sinking fund and for the payment of the interest on the bonds.

7. The duration of the contract shall be 15 years, and we are prepared to furnish to the city a good and satisfactory bond for the faithful performance of our undertaking during said period.

Very respectfully,

Jas. P. Maloney,

For himself and others.

10 Postoffice Sq., Boston.

Minority Report.

March 25, 1907.

The undersigned, a minority of the Joint Special Committee on the Disposal of Garbage and Waste Material, dissent from the report of the committee, and beg leave to submit the following recommendations and findings:

1. That the proposal submitted by Mr. Arthur N. Pierson is not advantageous to the city;

2. That offers more advantageous than that of Mr. Pierson have been submitted to the committee;

3. That it is not advisable at the present time to enter into any permanent contract;

4. That it is not expedient to continue the utilization contract after it expires;

5. That it is not expedient to continue the lease of Hecht's Wharf after it has expired;

6. That the city should build a temporary structure on Fort Hill Wharf sufficient to abate the nuisance now claimed to exist there, until the expiration of the contract for the disposal of garbage, at a cost not to exceed \$25,000;

7. That the proper way to dispose of waste material is by incineration and utilization plants located in various of the city.

FRANCIS R. BANGS.

LOUIS M. CLARK.

THOS. F. FITZGERALD.

MYRON B. PIERCE.

The two reports were referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. CURLEY.

CONGRESS ST. BRIDGE.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to provide in the first loan bill

the sum of \$25,000 for the construction of approaches to the Congress St. bridge.

Referred to the Committee of Finance.

BATH-HOUSE, ETC., EAST BOSTON.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to provide in the first loan-bill the sum of \$100,000 for the construction of an all-the-year-round bath-house and gymnasium in East Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HOLIDAY FOR STREET DEPARTMENT MEN.

Ald. FLANAGAN offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to grant a holiday, without loss of pay, in part compensation for services, to employees who are members of Street Department Union 5751 on the day of their annual picnic, Wednesday, July 24, 1907.

Passed.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two trees standing in front of estate southwest corner of Brighton Ave. and Harvard Ave.; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of 15 Newton St., Wd. 25; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. DRAPER offered an order, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of 61 Sherman St., Wd. 21; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

RESURFACING SARATOGA ST.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this Board to resurface Saratoga St., from Central Sq. to Shelby St., and the Fennington St. boulevard, from Wordsworth St. to the junction.

Passed.

WIDENING AND EXTENDING AVERY ST.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to furnish this Board with an estimate of the expense of widening and extending Avery St., Wd. 7, in accordance with plans already prepared.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. BATTIS—Mr. Chairman, I desire to say just a word upon that order. The reason why I have offered it is that I understand there has been more or less talk in regard to widening or putting through Hamilton Pl. As I understand, not many years ago plans and specifications were prepared and estimates made up, in connection with the proposed widening of Avery St. I would like to know what the expense would be and to learn something about the plans.

The order was passed.

BATH-HOUSE, FREEPORT ST.

Ald. CLARK presented the petition of Thomas F. McManus and a large number of other residents of Wd. 24, living in the vicinity of Freeport St., that an appropriation of \$5000 be made for the construction of a new bath-house on Freeport St.

In connection with the petition Ald. CLARK offered an order, That the Committee on Appropriations be requested to provide in the annual appropriation bill an additional sum of \$5000, to be expended by the Bath Commissioners for the construction of a new bath-house at Freeport St., Wd. 24.

The petition and order were referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

MEDALLIN OF MAYOR WHELTON.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Board of Art Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to cause a bas relief medallion of former Mayor Daniel A. Whelton to be made, and that the same be hung with the others in the Mayor's office the expense attending the same to be charged to the Appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Board of Aldermen.

Passed.

PUBLIC PARK, SAVIN HILL.

Ald. CLARK submitted the petition of Dr. M. F. Rogers and a large number of other registered voters of the Savin Hill district of Wd. 20, that the Board of Aldermen pass the following order:

Ordered, That the sum of \$35,000 be appropriated for the purchase of that part of Dorchester known as Savin Hill, to be used as a public park; the expense thereof to be charged to the Park Department appropriation for Savin Hill Park.

The CHAIR—The Chair will refer the petition and order to the Committee on Finance.

Ald. CLARK—Mr. Chairman, I would like to have that go to the Committee on Appropriations.

The CHAIR—If there are no objections, the Chair will ask the privilege of recalling the reference and will refer the matter, on motion of Ald. CLARK, to the Committee on Appropriations.

There being no objections, the petition and order were referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

RECESS.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY, the Board voted, at 4 P. M., to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by Ald. BERWIN at 4:18 P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Chairman BERWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions referred today recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1907, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:

Intercolonial Club of Boston to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening 3 feet by 3 feet, with an iron cover of rough surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 214-216 Dudley St., Wd. 17.

Filomena Milano, to construct, maintain and use a coal hole opening, not exceeding 18 inches in diameter, with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 184 Salem St., Wd. 6.

Back Bay Automobile Company, to lay, maintain and use a 1½-inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate 171 Huntington Ave., Wd. 10.

Devonshire Building Trust, to construct, maintain and use a bulk head opening 4 feet by 4 feet, also one coal hole opening not exceeding 18 inches in diameter, with iron covers of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk on the Devonshire St. side of the Devonshire Building, Wd. 6.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

(2) Report on the petition of T. H. Waldron (referred today), recommending the passage of an order—that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to T. H. Waldron to move a wooden building, flat roof,

40 feet in length by 20 feet in width, by 30 feet in height, from 245-249 Sumner St., along Sumner, Maverick Sq., Chelsea, Porter and Bremen Sts., to foundation at 190-192 Bremen St., Wd. 2, on terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Report on the remonstrance of James M. Prendergast and others (referred March 4) against renewing license for Lying-in Hospital at 316 Bay State Rd., and asking for a hearing, recommending reference to the Committee on Health Department (Ald.).

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY, the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. WOODS, at 4:21 P. M., to meet on Monday, April 1, at 3 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, April 1, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Ald. BERWIN presiding and all the members present.

JURORS DRAWN.

Twelve additional jurors for the Superior Civil Court, Fourth Session, to appear April 10, were drawn in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 514 of the Acts of 1894, viz.:

James Travers, Wd. 23; Herbert Austin, Wd. 11; Peter J. Gough, Wd. 20; George F. Bunker, Wd. 25; James P. Shanessy, Wd. 16; Henry A. Smith, Wd. 21; Leroy A. Grant, Wd. 17; Sam Cohen, Wd. 8; John J. Smith, Wd. 18; Joseph E. Hayes, Wd. 19; Arthur H. Gormley, Wd. 24; John W. Kelleher, Wd. 16.

THORNDIKE BEQUEST.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, April 1, 1907.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the executors of the will of George L. Thorndike, informing me that they are ready to turn over to the city the sum of \$10,000 left by the deceased to the city of Boston in trust, the income to be expended "for the purchase of coal to be distributed to deserving widowed women of East Boston." The bequest should be accepted by the City Council, and I recommend the passage of the enclosed order.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

31 Milk St., Boston, Mass.,

March 25, 1907.

To His Honor John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of the city of Boston:

Dear Sir:—In the will of George L. Thorndike, late of East Boston, deceased, is the following bequest:

I give, devise and bequeath to the city of Boston ten thousand (10,000) dollars in trust, forever, the income from the same is to purchase coal to be distributed to deserving widowed women of East Boston.

We are the surviving executors of said will and are now ready to pay over said sum of \$10,000 to said city of Boston in trust as soon as we know that the said bequest is accepted by the said city of Boston according to its terms.

Very truly,

Albert E. Clary.

William B. Pigeon.

Ordered, That the legacy contained in the will of George L. Thorndike of \$10,000 to the city of Boston, in trust, the income from the same to be used to purchase coal to be distributed to deserving widowed women of East Boston, is hereby accepted, the same to be held and disposed of in accordance with the provisions of said will; that the City Treasurer be authorized, on behalf of the city, to accept and receipt to the executors of said will for said legacy, and to invest and reinvest said sum; and that the income of said

legacy be and hereby is appropriated for the purposes set forth in the provisions of said will.

The message was read and sent down. The order was passed unanimously. Sent down.

NEPTUNE AVE. CONSTRUCTION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, April 1, 1907.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Park Commissioners in answer to your order requesting that Neptune Ave. be laid out and constructed as a highway.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks.

Jamaica Plain Mass., March 14, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, City Hall:

Dear Sir:—The Board has received and duly considered the enclosed order of the City Council requesting us to lay out and construct Neptune Ave., in East Boston. We shall be glad to comply with the request if the Common Council will kindly give us an appropriation for the expense of the same. We estimate the cost of construction at about \$37,500.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

Read and sent down.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and were referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Department (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Stewart & Salisbury, an illuminated sign, at corner of Chelsea and Prospect Sts., Wd. 3.

Wolf Greenberg, an electric sign, at 73 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Louis Goldstein, a sign, at 42 Howard St., Wd. 6.

Importers Outlet Company, an illuminated sign, at 9 Essex St., Wd. 7.

Dilley, Estabrook & Co., a sign, from balcony at 5 Park St., Wd. 7.

Megerdichv Boyajian, an illuminated sign, at 175 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Majestic Theatre (Edward D. Smith, manager), an illuminated sign, at 217 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

H. H. Jepson, a sign, at 182 Friend St., Wd. 6.

Paul Bandini, a wooden sign, at 1900A Washington St., Wd. 17.

Roxbury Horse Guards, a sign, at 2185 Washington St., Wd. 18.

Gaetano De Luca, a wooden sign, at 6A Erie St., Wd. 20.

John Cele, two signs, 5 West Lenox St., Wd. 18.

Board of Health.

Edith M. Harper, for license to maintain a lying-in hospital at 20 Coolidge Rd., Wd. 25.

Faneuil Hall.

Methodist Social Union, for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of April 22.

Claims.

Owners of Tug Annie Emmons, to be paid \$25 for delay of said tug by the closing of the bridge over Neponset river.

Lewis W. Leary, for compensation

for damages caused by an alleged defect in Hancock St., Dorchester, Sept. 9, 1905.

Electric Wires.

American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, for leave to relocate one pole on C St. and one on West Ninth St., Wd. 13.

Petitions of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, viz.:

For leave to remove one pole on Sumner St., near Bremen St., Wd. 2.

For leave to relocate one pole on Condor St., opp. Brooks St., Wd. 1.

Railroads.

Edward Gill et al., asking for the restoration of car service on Shawmut Ave.

Public Improvements.

Massachusetts Automobile Club, for a renewal of its license to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum in a Bowser tank at 761 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

Filippo Todisco, for leave to construct a bulkhead opening at 305 Sumner St., Wd. 2.

T. H. Waldron, for leave to move a wooden building from 243-245 Sumner St. to 192 Bremen St., Wd. 2.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:

Mrs. J. R. Glass, 2794 Washington St., Wd. 21.

Arthur C. Whitney, 815-821 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

Mrs. Elizabeth Byrne, 68 Bradshaw St., Wd. 20.

Joseph H. Cody, 64 Bradshaw St., Wd. 20.

George Pelley, 88 Paul Gore St., Wd. 22.

Fred Johnston, 853-857 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 23.

Myer L. Lourie, 59 Bradshaw St., Wd. 20.

Whiton-Haynes Co., 375 Congress St., Wd. 13.

Norman Clark, 91-93 Harvard St. and Waterlow St., Wd. 24.

Samuel M. Johnson, 10-12 Vale St., Wd. 15.

Samuel H. Knopf, 76 Westville St., Wd. 20.

REVIEW OF ELEVATED RAILWAY LOCATION.

Ald. WHELTON offered the following:

Boston, April 1, 1907.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

The undersigned respectfully petitions that the Corporation Counsel of the city of Boston be directed to take proper legal proceedings before the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts to cause the annulment of certain locations granted the Boston Elevated Railway Company by the Board of Railroad Commissioners, Dec. 22, 1906, contrary to the vote of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Boston, to construct and operate an elevated road through Causeway, Lowell and other streets contiguous thereto in the West End section of the city; and your petitioner herewith transmits a copy of order which he submits in proper form to carry out the prayer of this petition, and respectfully requests that upon this petition and order an early public hearing before your honorable Board be granted.

Daniel J. Kiley,

36 Hancock St., Boston.

In connection with the foregoing petition, Ald. WHELTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel bring and prosecute in behalf of the Board of Aldermen a bill in equity,

under the provisions of Section 157 of Part III of Chapter 463 of the Acts of the General Court for the year 1906, in the Supreme Judicial Court, for the purpose of reviewing the order or decision of the Board of Railroad Commissioners of Dec. 22, 1906, granting a location for an elevated railway in Boston to the Boston Elevated Railway Company upon its petition for a location under the provisions of Chapter 520 of the Acts of the General Court for the year 1906, and to restrain the Boston Elevated Railway Company from erecting, maintaining or operating any elevated railway under said order or decision of the Board of Railroad Commissioners.

Petition and order referred, on motion of Ald. WHELTON, to the Committee on Public Improvements.

(See action later in the session, under Public Improvements.)

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

On petitions for leave to project bay windows, viz.:

1. Julia Fletcher, one at 102 Marion St., Wd. 1.

2. Thomas J. Broderick, one at 16 Sullivan St., Wd. 5.

3. Frank A. Bourne, one at 50 River St., Wd. 11.

4. On petition of the International Trust Company, for leave to project a marquise at 45 Milk St., Wd. 7.

No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Building Department (Ald.).

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Chair called up Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8, unfinished business, viz.:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz.:

5. Francis A. Griffin and Harvey N. Tilden, to be Constables.

6. Patrick P. Ford, to be a Weigher of Beef.

7. Fred P. Wood, to be a Measurer of Grain.

8. John F. Dixon, to be a Gauger of Liquid Measures; all the above to be for the term ending April 30, 1907.

The question came on confirmation, Committee—Ald. Woods and Bangs. Whole number of votes cast, 13; yeas 13, and the several appointments were confirmed.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

A notice was received from the Railroad Commissioners of a hearing on April 5, at 10:30 A. M., on petition of the West End Street Railway Company for approval of 262nd location, and for approval of attachment of wires to poles of the Edison Company on L St. Placed on file.

ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions for leave to project bay windows, viz.:

Simon Goldsmith, four, 1267-1273 Tremont St., Wd. 19.

Simon Goldsmith, two, 1263-1265 Tremont St., Wd. 19.

Simon Goldsmith, two, 1048 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings on Monday, April 15, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

On the following petitions for licenses to store and keep for sale products of petroleum, viz.:

Estate of Frederick E. Randall, 66 Stanhope St., Wd. 10.

Prentiss Motor Car & Supply Company, 15 Berkeley St., Wd. 10.
George E. Ladd, 396 Columbus Ave., Wd. 12.

Orders of notice were passed; hearings on Monday, April 22, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

MINORS' LICENSES.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 17 newsboys and five bootblacks.

Report accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

WOODEN BUILDING.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department, submitted a report on the petition of the Estate of P. O'Riorden (referred 1906), recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the estate of P. O'Riorden to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on Foss St., corner of Maudlin St., Wd. 5, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied for wagon storage and repair.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

PROJECTION OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that leave be granted on petitions (severally referred March 25) for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Lazarus Kuttner, three barber poles, 373 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 21.

S. Kofman, sign, 27 Compton St., Wd. 9.

Vincent La Grua, sign, 79 Cottage St., Wd. 2.

Marco Bruno, sign, 236A Friend St., Wd. 6.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports recommending that leave be granted on petitions (severally referred today) for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

John Cele, two signs, 5 West Lenox St., Wd. 18.

Majestic Theatre, illuminated sign, 217 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Importers Outlet Co., illuminated sign, 9 Essex St., Wd. 7.

Megerdich Boyajian, illuminated sign, 175 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Roxbury Horse Guards, sign, 215 Washington St., Wd. 18.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted a report on the petition of the Methodist Social Union (referred today) for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of April 22.—Recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

RELOCATION OF POLE.

Ald. CURLEY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted a report on the petition of the New England Tele-

phone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts (referred Jan. 21), for leave to relocate one pole on Bernard St.—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, said pole to be located as follows: Bernard St., between Nightingale and Kingsdale Sts., Wd. 20, 1 pole, height and diameter of pole not to exceed 35 feet by 13 inches, width of sidewalk 8 feet, date of plan Dec. 24, 1906.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Bernard St. one pole, shown by a black cross on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue a permit for opening and occupying the street for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed.

USE OF ARMORY BUILDING.

Ald. WHELTON, for the Committee on Public Buildings Department, submitted a report on the petition of Maj. P. J. Grady Camp No. 3, U. S. W. V., (referred March 25) for leave to occupy a portion of the Armory building on Maverick St., East Boston—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, be hereby authorized to allow Maj. P. J. Grady Camp No. 3, U. S. W. V., to occupy in part, for a nominal consideration and upon such terms and conditions as he may deem advisable, the armory hall and ante-rooms in the building at the corner of Maverick and Bremen Sts., East Boston.

Report accepted, order passed. Sent down.

CANCELLATION OF BOSTON & ALBANY LEASE.

Ald. FINIGAN offered the following:

Whereas, by Chapter 468 of the Acts of 1900, the Commonwealth gave its consent to the contract and lease of the railroad, franchises and property of the Boston & Albany Railroad Company and to a supplemental contract therewith for the sale of certain of its assets, which contracts were made and entered into between the directors of the Boston & Albany Railroad Company and the directors of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company on the 15th day of November, 1899, upon the express condition and in consideration that the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company should not permit the standard of service upon the Boston & Albany railroad or the provisions made for the security and convenience of the public to deteriorate, and

Whereas, Its entrance upon the demised premises for the purposes of operating the said railroad under the said lease by the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company is deemed to be an acceptance by the lessee of the conditions imposed by the Commonwealth, and

Whereas, There has been frequent and continuous breach of the said condi-

tions by the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company to the great injury of the public interests; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the consent of the Commonwealth, given as aforesaid, to the contract and lease of the railroad, franchises and property of the Boston & Albany railroad ought to be annulled, revoked and rescinded.

Ald. FINIGAN—Mr. Chairman, in offering this resolution for the Board of Aldermen to pass upon this afternoon I will simply say that I believe this city should, through its representatives, take some action in the matter at this time. People all along the line—from Boston to Worcester and all along the road—are up in arms, protesting against the manner in which the Boston & Albany railroad system at the present time is run by the New York Central. The steamship companies of Boston are gradually moving out because their freight consignments to and from different sections of the country have had to be shifted to New York and other ports for distribution, because of the action of this road. Our business interests here in Boston are at stake, because of the way in which this road is conducting itself. People who come here to do their shopping in the large business houses go down to the South station to take a train and find that if they take their train at 5 o'clock they will not be able to get to their homes, if they live out perhaps as far as South Framingham, until perhaps two weeks afterwards. These conditions all go to make up the reason why Boston is gradually declining. I think the City Council of Boston should take some action. Let us today pass this resolution, showing to the members of the Legislature and of the legislative committee considering the matter that we are interested, and that we offer our earnest protest against the way in which the Boston & Albany railroad is using its patrons.

The resolution was read a second time, and the question came on its adoption.

On motion of Ald. DRAPER, the resolution was declared referred to the Committee on Railroads. Ald. WHELTON doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The motion to refer to the Committee on Railroads prevailed, yeas 9, nays 4.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Curley, Draper, Woods—9.

Nays—Ald. Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton—4.

Later in the session Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Committee on Railroads be instructed to report on or before April 15 on the resolution referred to said committee this day in favor of annulling the contract and lease between the Boston & Albany Railroad and the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad.

Passed.

ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Ald. CLARK offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain an electric light at the end of Walnut-St. Ct., Wd. 24; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

PARK, SAVIN HILL.

Ald. CLARK offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to provide in the first loan bill the

sum of \$35,000 for the purchase of land at the top of Savin Hill for public park purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HISTORY OF ROXBURY.

Ald. DRAPER offered an order—That the City Registrar, under the direction of the Committee on Printing, be authorized to have printed five hundred additional copies of the Thirty-fourth Report, Boston Records, entitled "The Town of Roxbury"; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed. Sent down.

IMPROVEMENTS, WOOD ISLAND PARK.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this Board to have the baseball grounds at Wood Island Park put in condition at once for ball playing.

Passed.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Committee on Appropriations be requested to include in the annual appropriation bill the sum of \$3500 for repairs on the Athletic Building, Wood Island Park.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

FOOT BRIDGE, BLANDFORD ST.

Ald. BERWIN offered an order—That the City Engineer, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to furnish this Board at its next meeting with an estimate of the cost of constructing a foot bridge over the tracks of the Boston & Albany Railroad between Beacon St. and Blandford St., Wd. 11.

Passed.

ENGINE HOUSE, EAST BOSTON.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the Fire Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to furnish this Board with an estimate of the cost of providing a new house for Engine 40, now located on Sumner St., East Boston.

Passed.

ADDITIONAL DEPUTY SEALERS.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY, the Board took up past assignment, viz.:

12. An Ordinance Relative to Additional Deputy Sealers of Weights and Measures.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter 43 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in Section 1 by striking out the word "ten" in the third line of said section and inserting in place thereof the word "eighteen."

The question came on the passage of the ordinance.

Ald. CLARK—Mr. Chairman, I understand that this ordinance was introduced in order to provide additional inspectors to carry out the law which might be passed by the present Legislature. At the time when it was introduced it was assigned, as I understood, for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the Legislature would pass this law. I understand that the law has not yet been passed by the Legislature. Therefore I cannot see that this ordinance now has any better standing than it had when it was originally introduced, except that I am told that the committee of the Legislature

has reported favorably upon the measure which would make this ordinance necessary. I would move, Mr. Chairman, that the ordinance be further assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

The question came on assignment.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, what the alderman from Dorchester says is true regarding this proposition, and my position on it. But I will say that I attended both hearings when the question was under consideration before the Committee on Mercantile Affairs, and no one appeared at either hearing to oppose the proposition, and I have heard on reliable authority today that the Committee on Mercantile Affairs have reported unanimously in favor of extending the powers of sealers of weights and measures in cities and towns in Massachusetts to the sealing and inspecting of these so-called computing scales. Anticipating, in view of what took place at the hearings, together with the unanimous report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs, that the matter would be immediately passed through both branches of the Legislature, I called the matter up today, as it is necessary that it should go to the Common Council for concurrence and be signed by the Mayor before it can become operative. I want to say I am satisfied that there is no danger in immediate action, because if the Legislature fails to act favorably upon the recommendation of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs I am satisfied that His Honor the Mayor will veto the ordinance. But I am also satisfied that the committee's report will be received favorably and will receive the sanction of His Excellency the Governor. I can see the wisdom, perhaps, of assignment for one week; but, at the same time, I feel that no great danger would result if action were taken today. However, since the disposition of the Board seems to be that the matter should be assigned for a week, I want to say that I am agreeable to that action.

The ordinance was further assigned to the next meeting.

PAVING OF DUDLEY ST.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this Board to have Dudley St. repaved from Warren Ave. to West Cottage St.
Passed.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. BELL, at 3:53 P. M., to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order at 4:44 P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Chairman BERWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition of Daniel J. Kiley and accompanying order (referred today), that the Corporation Counsel bring action in the Supreme Judicial Court for review of action of the Railroad Commissioners in granting an elevated railway location to the Boston Elevated Railway Company, Dec. 22, 1906—recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing on said petition and order on Monday, April 8, at 2 o'clock P. M., when any parties interested may appear and be heard.

Report accepted, order of notice passed.

(2) Report on message of the Mayor

transmitting communication from Trustees of Massachusetts Homoeopathic Hospital (referred March 25) in favor of closing East Concord St., between Harrison Ave. and Albany St., to heavy traffic—recommending the passage of an accompanying preamble and order, to the effect that the passage of heavily loaded teams along said street be prohibited and that the Superintendent of Streets be requested to put up suitable signs to that effect and to enforce this regulation.

Report accepted, said order passed.

(3) Report on petition of the Massachusetts Automobile Club (referred today) for renewal of license to store and keep oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum—viz., gasoline, in a Bowser tank at 761 Boylston St., Wd. 11—that a license be granted.

Report accepted, license granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Report on M St. playground loan order for \$4500 for gymnastic apparatus and lockers (referred Jan. 21)—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted, said order passed in concurrence, yeas 10, nays 2, Ald. Bangs and Clark voting nay.

(5) Report on the loan order of \$500,000 for street improvements (referred Feb. 25)—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted, further consideration of the order assigned to the next meeting of the Board, on motion of Ald. CURLEY.

(6) Report on the petition of T. H. Waldron (referred today)—recommending the passage of an order that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to T. H. Waldron to move a wooden building, flat roof, 20 feet 7 inches front by 33 feet 7 inches deep, by 30 feet in height, from 243-245 Sumner St., along Sumner St., Maverick Sq., Chelsea, Porter and Bremen St., to stone foundation at 192 Bremen St., Wd. 2, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(7) Report on the petition of Filippo Todisco (referred today), recommending the passage of an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Filippo Todisco to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening, 3 feet by 2½ feet, with an iron cover under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 305 Sumner St., Wd. 2, the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1907, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted, order passed.

(8) Reports on petitions (referred today) recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining and to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, with granite edgestone, owner to furnish material, in front of the following estates:

Mrs. J. R. Glass, 2794 Washington St., Wd. 21, brick.

Samuel H. Knopf, 76 Westville St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Arthur C. Whitney, 815-821 Boylston St., Wd. 11, artificial stone.

George Pelley, 88 Paul Gore St., Wd. 22, artificial stone.

Joseph H. Cody, 64 Bradshaw St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Mrs. Elizabeth Byrne, 68 Bradshaw St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Fred Johnston, 853-857 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 23, artificial stone.

Whiton-Haynes Company, 375 Congress St., Wd. 13, artificial stone.

Samuel W. Johnson, 10-12 Vale St., Wd. 15, artificial stone.

Norman Clark, 91-93 Harvard St., and on Waterlow St., Wd. 24, artificial stone.

Myer L. Lourie, 50 Bradshaw St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Also similar reports on the following petitions:

Charles J. Groves (referred March 25), 169-173 Huntington Ave., Wd. 10, artificial stone.

Gilbert & Goudy (referred March 25), 8 Rosella St., Wd. 24, artificial stone.

Louis A. Ginsburg (referred March 19), Curtis Ct., at Saratoga St., Wd. 1, brick.

P. O'Hearn (referred March 25), 12 Greenbrier St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Ald. WHELTON, it was voted that when the Board adjourned it be to meet on Monday next, at two o'clock P. M.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. BALDWIN moved a general reconsideration of all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. DRAPER, at 4:55 P. M., to meet on Monday, April 8, at two o'clock P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, April 4, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P. M., President BARRETT in the chair.

The President announced that the first business in order was messages from His Honor the Mayor and other

city officers, but it was ascertained that there were none in the hands of the Clerk.

Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will please state his point of order.

Mr. JOYCE—That there is not a quorum present.

The PRESIDENT—Mr. Joyce raises the point of order that there is not a quorum present. Members of the Council present will rise and remain standing until counted, in order to ascertain whether there is a quorum present.

The members arose, and it was ascertained that there were only 27 members present.

The PRESIDENT—Only 27 members, or less than a quorum being present, the Chair will declare the Council adjourned, to meet next Thursday evening at 7.45 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, April 8, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 2 o'clock P. M. Ald. BERWIN presiding, and all the members present.

The reading of the records of the previous meeting was dispensed with, on motion of Ald. FINIGAN.

HEARING AT 2 O'CLOCK.

1. On the matter of the passage of an order (on petition of Daniel J. Kiley), "that the Corporation Counsel bring and prosecute in behalf of the Board of Aldermen a bill in equity, under the provisions of Section 157 of Part III. of Chapter 463 of the Acts of the General Court for the year 1906, in the supreme judicial court, for the purpose of reviewing the order or decision of the Board of Railroad Commissioners of Dec. 22, 1906, granting a location for an elevated railway in Boston to the Boston Elevated Railway Company, upon its petition for a location under the provisions of Chapter 520 of the Acts of the General Court for the year 1906, and to restrain the Boston Elevated Railway Company from erecting, maintaining or operating an elevated railway under said order or decision of the Board of Railroad Commissioners."

Mr. Daniel J. Kiley, appearing in favor of the order, stated that the petition originally filed in the Board of Aldermen for a location was illegal, and that it was stated by the Railroad Commissioners that it was illegal, when the road appealed to that body after having been turned down by the Board of Aldermen; that the location given by the Board of Railroad Commissioners is just as unauthorized, from the standpoint of law, as the petition originally presented to the Board of Aldermen; that the petitioners simply ask that the Corporation Counsel be directed to petition the Supreme Court, on behalf of the citizens of Boston, to do that which law and justice require—namely, to annul the decision of the Board of Railroad Commissioners, and to have such action remain operative until such time as an act is passed by the Legislature giving a proper route, a proper system of rapid transit, from the North Station or Haymarket Sq. to the city of Cambridge; that the Board of Aldermen, as trustees of the corporation of the city of Boston, are simply asked to take action on behalf of the people really interested, whose property is injured and who technically have no standing in court, because of the wording of the act which has been passed, which makes the only parties in interest, the Elevated road, the Boston & Maine road and the city.

Lee M. Friedman, Esq., representing West End property interests, seconded Mr. Kiley's remarks. While he was speaking Ald. WOODS said:

Mr. Chairman, as this promises to be a lengthy hearing and we have much important business before us today, I move that the hearing be continued until tomorrow at 3 o'clock, before the whole Board.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, to

put it mildly, I am more than surprised at the motion made by the Alderman from Brighton. After careful consideration of the matter now before us it was voted, last Monday, that the people who favored the petition and order then presented—in fact, all parties interested—should be heard by this Board at 2 o'clock today. Mr. Chairman, what has happened? This Board did not meet until quarter of three, and from quarter of three until three the Board was engaged in listening to communications from His Honor the Mayor. As has been said, there are a number of attorneys here representing various estates. There are people here to speak for their own property, as well as for properties of others. They should be heard and should not be put to the annoyance of coming here day after day, or having the matter referred from time to time. Had we met promptly at 2 o'clock, probably the hearing would have been over by 3, the regular time for the meeting of this Board. I sincerely hope and trust that the Alderman will be courteous enough to those who have put aside their business interests in order to come here and devote their time and energy to this matter. Now that this agitation has begun, I trust that every one will be heard and that the motion made by the Alderman from Brighton will not prevail.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I said at the beginning that, as this promised to be a lengthy hearing, I would like to have it continued to another day, as we have before us today many important measures which we must act upon in the interests of the citizens. I now maintain that same position. We have the appropriation bill before us, and if we do not get through with it today it will lie over for another week, and thousands of laboring men may be compelled to walk the streets in the meantime because there will be nothing for them to do when the money to run their departments is exhausted. We have many improvements in which we are interested, for which orders should be passed. This hearing can wait. I will be glad to spend my time every other day this week listening to those who wish to appear here; but I believe we should have a day set apart for the hearing, so that we can go into the matter thoroughly and give everybody a proper opportunity to be heard, not trying to do it all in an hour or two. I hope the motion will not prevail.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, Ald. Woods says that we have many important matters before us. If we have any matter before us more important than No. 1 on the calendar, I would like to know what it is. If something is not done to prevent the action now proposed by the road in connection with the property in that district, the assessed value of that property will be greatly depreciated. That is, if the Elevated road secures what it wants, the city will lose a great deal of the income which now goes into its coffers. The Mayor tells us that we need every possible cent in order to meet the expenses of the city. I heard him say so today, and so did the Alderman. Why the Alderman should use the argument he does, in connection with the appropriation bill, in order to push this important matter to one side, I cannot understand. There is certainly no reason why we cannot give a proper hearing upon this matter today, and also act upon the appropriation bill and other matters which may come before us.

Ald. WOODS—Will this property depreciate in value by reason of waiting 24 hours, or will waiting 24 hours affect the matter one way or the other?

Ald. WHELTON—I don't know as it would, Mr. Chairman, and I don't know, on the other hand, as it would hurt the alderman to give at least one hour to the petitioners who are here to speak upon the matter.

Ald. Woods' motion was lost by a rising vote, one member voting in the affirmative, 10 in the negative, and the hearing was continued and completed.

Robert Homans, Esq., Hon. John R. Murphy, Mr. Alonzo W. Pollard of Wood, Pollard & Co.; David Mancovitz, Esq., and Mr. Joseph Bergman, representing large property interests which they claimed would be affected by the proposed structure, severally appeared and also seconded the position taken by Mr. Kiley.

Mr. Kiley stated that he did not wish to take up the time of the Board unnecessarily, and asked other interested parties present, property owners and business men along the line, who favored the passage of the order, to arise, and a very large number of people did so.

Mr. George C. Travis, Esq., appeared for the Boston Elevated Street Railway Company, and stated that there was no need of the Board of Aldermen taking any such action; that, in spite of the claim that individuals along the line were eliminated as parties in interest, anybody who was injured had a perfect, undisputed right of appeal to the courts, and that there was no reason why the city should step in, through its Law Department, to enforce such individual rights.

No other parties desiring to be heard, the hearing was declared closed.

Ald. WHELTON offered the following amendments:

Insert after the word "equity" the following words, "or such other proceedings," and after the words "1907," where they first occur, the words "or otherwise."

The amendments were adopted.

On motion of Ald. DRAPER, the order was declared referred to the Committee on Public Improvements. Ald. WHELTON doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, yeas 8, nays 4.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Bangs, Bell, Berwin, Curley, Draper, Leary, Woods—8.

Nays—Ald. Battis, Finigan, Flanagan, Whelton—4.

CONSTABLES APPOINTED.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, April 8, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint the following-named persons Constables of the city of Boston for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.

Commissions of Constables not named herein will expire on April 30, 1907, and such Constables are hereby removed from office from and after May 1, 1907, for the good of the service.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Connected With Official Positions.

Jacob Barber, Frederick A. Breen, Carlan A. Brown, Cornelius J. Bresnahan, Timothy J. Callahan, William W. Campbell, William W. K. Campbell, Daniel E. Carmody, John M. Casey, William K. Coburn, Thomas A. Crawford, James F. Curran, Joseph P. Dever, Thomas J. Donnellon, William G. Dolan, Aaron A. Downs, Charles A. Downs, William L. Drohan, Charles H. Filisetti, John J. Franey, Jeremiah J. Gilman, Oliver S. Grant, Charles P. Harrington, George E. Harrington, Jo-

seph M. Harrington, John J. Henry, George M. Hosmer, Joseph Houghton, Thomas Jordan, James P. Keliher, Lawrence J. Kelly, Edward A. Kennedy, James M. Kilroy, Edward J. Leary, James F. McCarthy, John F. McCarthy, John McLoughlin, George H. Nason, James E. Norton, James A. O'Brien, James O'Connor, James A. O'Donnell, Thomas J. O'Keefe, George N. Parker, Alvin I. Phillips, Charles J. Smith, Albert M. Taylor.

Connected With Official Positions, and to Serve Without Bonds.

Truant Officers—George W. Bean, Henry M. Blackwell, James Bragdon, John S. Clark, Maurice F. Corkery, Philip Davis, Frank A. Dothage, John T. Hathaway, David L. Jones, Timothy J. Kenny, David F. Long, John McChrill, George Murphy, William A. O'Brien, Richard F. Quirk, Amos Schaffer, William B. Shea, Warren J. Stokes, Daniel J. Sweeney, Richard W. Walsh, John H. Westfall, Charles B. Wood, Charles S. Woodfinale.

Probation Officers—William A. Blossom, Nathaniel Leonard, Charles H. D. Stockbridge.

With S. P. C. T. C.—Monsier D. Mann, Edwin R. Smyth.

With S. P. C. T. A.—Thomas Langlan, George W. Spaine.

With Society of St. Vincent de Paul—John A. Elliott.

With Animal Rescue League—Frank J. Sullivan.

Not Connected with Official Positions.

John E. Andrews, Nathan E. Bates, John A. Buswell, Sherman H. Calderwood, Michael Cangiano, James J. Clark, John J. Conroy, George W. Crawford, Edward Cresswell, Eugene S. Cronin, Timothy S. Cronin, James W. Currier, Henry H. Dewey, Robert J. Dooley, George G. Drew, John A. Duggan, Thomas A. Dunn, Edwin J. Fairbank, Jr., Thomas Fee, Joseph W. Ferris, James Fraser, Frank Goddard, Sears H. Grant, Abner C. Gray, George W. Green, Francis A. Griffin, John H. Griffin, Lewis G. Grossman, Joseph Guttentag, Charles F. Hale, John Harrington, Edward L. Hopkins, Walter Isidor, John H. Jennings, Gusteen I. Kenerson, John J. Kenney, Russell R. Knapp, Clarence H. Knowlton, James F. Larkin, William H. Lyon, William M. Macdonald, John R. Mahoney, Thomas F. Malone, William McCarthy, James McNulty, James J. Morgan, John Mundy, Osborn A. Newton, Isaiah Paine, Jr., William I. Paine, James E. Powers, Robert Reid, Peter H. Reinstejn, John J. Rogers, George Henry Royce, James V. Russo, David Schapero, Henry J. Shine, Henry C. Shrieves, William L. Simmons, Anson Stern, Moses H. Steuer, John J. Sullivan, Joseph J. Sullivan, Joseph P. Swift, William H. Swift, Harvey N. Tilden, William H. Travers, Jeremiah A. Twomey, James H. Waugh.

Action on the several appointments was laid over under the law.

SHELTERS AT L STATIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, April 4, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:

I transmit herewith, in order that they may be placed in the files of the City Clerk, the following plans of proposed additions to the elevated structure of the Boston Elevated Railroad Company:

(1) No. 27,628, showing proposed form and method of construction of a temporary shelter over a portion of the surface platform of City Sq. Station.

(2) No. 27,652, showing proposed form

and method of construction of a shelter over a portion of the surface platform of Thompson Sq. Station.

The above plans have been approved by me, under the provisions of Chapter 500 of the Acts of 1897, as to architectural appearance and obstruction to light and air. Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.
Placed on file.

RESTRAINING OF DOGS.

The following was received:

City of Boston.
Office of the Mayor, April 8, 1907.
To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith, for such action as your Board may deem expedient, a communication from the Board of Health in reference to the restraining of dogs.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Health Department,
Old Court House, April 5, 1907.
Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:—Inasmuch as the order of the Board of Aldermen for muzzling or restraining dogs in Boston for a period of three months expired yesterday, the Board of Health desires to respectfully state that there have been eight cases of rabies among dogs in Boston in January, 10 in February and six in March, with two more cases now under examination. There has also been one death from this disease in a child, April 1.

Under these circumstances the Board of Health would fail in its duty if it did not earnestly recommend that all dogs in Boston be restrained from running at large for the next three months, that is, they should not be allowed off the owners' premises, except on leash and in charge of a responsible person.

Yours very truly,
Samuel H. Durgin, Chairman.
Placed on file.

FOOTBRIDGE, IRVINGTON ST.

The following was received:—

City of Boston.
Office of the Mayor, April 8, 1907.
To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the City Engineer in answer to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of a bridge to be established at grade connecting Yarmouth St. and Irvington St. Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston.
Engineering Department, April 6, 1907.
Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Dear Sir:—In compliance with the order of the Board of Aldermen "That the City Engineer be requested to give this Board an estimate of the cost of a bridge to be established at grade connecting Yarmouth and Irvington streets," an estimate has been made and I find the cost of carrying Yarmouth St. over the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad to connect with Irvington St. by a bridge 50 feet wide and with headroom over tracks of 18 feet as follows:

Construction	\$40,750.00
Property damage, 60 per cent. of assessed value	76,620.00

Total

.....\$117,370.00

Yours respectfully,
William Jackson, City Engineer.

Placed on file.

HOUSE FOR ENGINE 40.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 8, 1907.
To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner in answer to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of providing a new building for Engine 40, now located on Sumner St., East Boston. Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Headquarters Fire Department, City of Boston,

Bristol St., Boston, April 6, 1907.

His Honor John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Sir:—In compliance with the request of the Board of Aldermen for estimate of cost of providing a new house for Engine 40, now located on Sumner St., East Boston, I would report that, in my opinion, a suitable house can be built within the sum of \$30,000. I assume that this inquiry is made by reason of the change of grade of Sumner St., at the point where Engine 40 is now located, in consequence of the abolition of the railroad crossing near by.

The house is old, and a new structure would be very desirable if the financial situation would permit.

As the situation stands now, a contract will be let for the raising of the present structure, and in the meantime provision will be made for keeping the apparatus in service.

Yours respectfully,
Benjamin W. Wells,
Commissioner.

Placed on file.

OLD HOME WEEK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 8, 1907.
To the City Council:—

At a meeting of the representatives of the business and trade organizations held some weeks ago it was decided to launch an "Old Home Week" movement in Boston, the celebration to begin July 28th and end on Aug. 3d. The matter was subsequently taken up at a larger meeting, which was attended by representative men from every walk in life, and it was the unanimous opinion of those present that the celebration should take place.

It is proposed to raise \$100,000, and it was felt by the Executive Committee of Twenty-Five that the city of Boston should subscribe \$25,000 toward the fund.

The celebration will be on a larger scale than anything of this nature ever attempted in this part of the country. The celebration will be inaugurated by appropriate observances in all the churches of the city, and the programme for the remaining six days, although not definitely decided upon, will include a Founders' Day, a New England Day, to which all the Governors of the New England States are to be invited; Greater Boston Day and a Baked Bean Day. It is also intended to have illuminations, fireworks, civic and trade processions, a military parade to include all the militia of the Commonwealth and the United States army and navy forces stationed within a short distance of Boston.

I believe that the judicious expenditure of the \$25,000 which it is expected that the city will appropriate, together with the fund of \$75,000 which the Executive Committee has voted to raise by public subscription, will be of much advantage not only to the commercial interests of the city, but will add to the social welfare of all our people.

I therefore recommend that the ap-

propriation bill be amended by providing that the sum of \$25,000 be appropriated for the "Old Home Week" celebration, the same to be added to the amount set aside for public celebrations.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.
Read and sent down.

BEQUEST OF CHARLES E. FRENCH.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, April 8, 1907.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the executors of the will of Charles E. French, informing me that they are ready to turn over to the city the amounts left to it by the deceased. I also enclose a copy of the will.

It is the unanimous opinion of the School Committee and school superintendents that the distribution of gold and silver medals and prizes on so large a scale as is provided for in Mr. French's will to the members of the classes in the high, Latin, normal and grammar schools on the basis of the best general scholarship would tend to impair the efficiency of the schools. Their judgment is that while it might be a comparatively easy task to select one or two scholars as the best in the class, the selection of quite a number would lead to charges of favoritism. The line of distinction between some of the pupils who would be given these medals and others who were not given them would be so shadowy as often to be invisible to the scholars themselves. It would be entirely different from giving prizes for the best compositions or best results in certain studies. The will provides that the residue of the estate shall be paid to the Boston Provident Association and The Associated Charities, one-half to each, to constitute two funds, the income from which shall be devoted to charity; and the attorney for the executors informs me that if the city rejects the medal legacies it is intended to pay the amount involved to the organizations named.

There are other legacies in the will which ought to be accepted by the city, and I enclose two orders, one accepting certain legacies and one rejecting the medal legacies, and I recommend their passage.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Ordered, That the bequests contained in the will and codicils of Charles E. French of \$10,000, the income to be used for the care of certain cemeteries belonging to the city; \$3000, the income to be used for repairs on Old State House; \$5000, the income to be used for the care of oldest and largest trees on Boston Common to preserve them from the woodman's axe, be and are hereby accepted, the same to be held and disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the will. That the City Treasurer be authorized on behalf of the city to accept and receipt to the executors of said will for said legacies and bequests and to invest and reinvest said legacies or dispose of the income thereof in accordance with the terms of said will and codicils.

Ordered, That the legacies or bequests to the city, the income to be expended for gold and silver medals and for prizes to be awarded to members of the classes in the High, Latin, Normal and Grammar Schools on the basis of the best general scholarship, be not accepted, and that the executors be notified of the non-acceptance of said legacies.

The message and order were referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

2. On petition of the Ratshesky Estate Trust, for leave to project a marquis at 25 Tremont St., Wd. 6.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.).

3. On petition of K. J. Quinn & Co. (Inc.), for license to store oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at 481 Chelsea St., East Boston.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

4. On petition of The White Company, for license to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at 341-343 Newbury St., Wd. 11.

Horace G. Allen, Esq., in behalf of adjoining property owners, appeared and objected to the granting of the petition as a detriment to property.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, with instructions to give a hearing, on motion of Ald. DRAPER.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received, and were referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Dept.

Boston & Maine R. R., for leave to build a wooden building on Roland St., opposite Crafts St., Wd. 4.

Building Dept. (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Abram Jacobson, watch-maker's sign, at 361 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Salaway & Olson, an electric sign, at 32 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

Hyman J. Levy, a tin sign, at 1367 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Solomon Scheinfeldt, two illuminated signs, at 1022 Washington St. and Asylum St., Wd. 9.

Bay State Trust Company, an illuminated sign, at 222 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

P. Tivnan & Co., an illuminated sign, at 725 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 16.

The Boston Employment Exchange illuminated sign, 418 Washington St., Wd. 7.

William V. Fishel Company, sign, 161 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Charles De Patti, sign, 25 Motte St., Wd. 9.

Emanuel P. Seigliano, electric sign, 142-144 North St., Wd. 6.

Claims.

William H. Wyeth, for compensation for damage to coat torn by a barrel being taken from an ash cart of the city.

John McKinnon, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defective sidewalk at 240 Border St., E. B.

Daniel P. Kelly, for compensation for damages to property at 63 Call St., J. P., by a defective sewer.

Ethel Maud Freeman, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Belgrade Ave.

Electric Wires.

The New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, for leave to erect three poles on Lothian road, Wd. 25.

Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, for leave to relocate one pole on Curtis St., between Saratoga and Chaucer Sts., Wd. 1.

Same company, for leave to erect one pole on Guild row, near Dudley St., Wd. 18.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Socialist Party, for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of May 1, 1907.

Territorialists Organization, for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of April 14, 1907.

International Garment Workers of America, for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of April 10, 1907.

The Wage Earners' League of Massachusetts, for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of May 14, 1907.

Memorial Day.

Robert G. Shaw Veteran Association, for an appropriation for Memorial day.

Railroads.

West End Street Railway Company for an extension of time in which to complete work under locations Nos. 246, 247, 249, 253 and 255.

Same company, for leave to lay tracks with the overhead single trolley system on Washington St., Haymarket Sq. and Canal St.

Same company, for leave to lay tracks with the overhead single trolley system on Congress, State and Devonshire Sts.

Public Improvements.

Eben H. Googins, for leave to lay a 14-inch iron pipe at 114-116 Bird St., Wd. 16.

T. J. Billings, for leave to move a wooden building from Baker's Court, Wd. 24, to Butter St., Wd. 24.

William S. Butler & Co., lessee, for leave to place a bulkhead opening in sidewalk at 55 Temple Pl., Wd. 7.

Petitions for renewals of petroleum licenses, viz.:

John W. & S. M. Paddon, 14 Walnut Ave., Wd. 21.

Billings, Clapp Co., 178 Freeport St., Wd. 20.

Hub Automobile Exchange, 191-195 Freeport St., Wd. 20.

Baker Rubber Cement Co. (Inc.), 72 Temple St., Wd. 24.

Isaac Osterweil, 58 Park St. and rear of 4-5 Exchange St., Wd. 24.

J. Edwin Swan, 1141 Washington St., Wd. 24.

Eli Pitonof, 11 Everdean St., Wd. 24.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:

Louis Deiss, 342 Geneva Ave., and on Homes Ave., Wd. 20.

Anna B. Washburn, 105 Melville Ave., Wd. 24.

Henry S. Clark, 925-929 Broadway, Wd. 14.

Thomas Shay, 19-21 Bower St., Wd. 21.

COAL AND COKE LICENSES.

A communication was received giving a list of the coal and coke licenses granted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Placed on file.

CONSTABLE'S BOND APPROVED.

The constable's bond of Francis A. Griffin was received, having been approved by the City Treasurer.

Approved by the Board.

LYING-IN HOSPITAL.

A report was received from the Board of Health, on the petition of Edith M. Harper (referred April 1) for a license to maintain a lying-in hospital at 20 Coolidge Rd., Wd. 25—that the petitioner desires to withdraw the application.

The petitioner was given leave to withdraw, at her own request.

ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the petition of Frank Lovezzala, for leave to project a bay window at 78 Leyden St., Wd. 1, and

On the petition of the Westminster Chambers Trust, for leave to project a permanent awning at Trinity Pl. entrance of said hotel. Orders of notice were passed for hearing on Monday, April 22, at three o'clock P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

On the petition of the Boston Yacht Club, for leave to store and keep for sale products of petroleum at Columbia Rd., foot of O St., Wd. 14, an order of notice was passed for a hearing on Monday, April 29, at three o'clock P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

CLAIMS REPORTS.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Claims, submitted reports on the following petitions, recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz.:

Albert Friedberg (referred 1906), for compensation for injuries caused by alleged defective turnstile at East Boston ferry.

Robert Turner (referred 1904), for compensation for removal of water pipe by agents of the city.

Charles H. Buchanan (referred Jan. 21), for compensation for damage to caravan on account of an accident at the East Boston ferry.

John W. Badger (referred 1905) for compensation for damage to clothing caused by a paint brush dropped by an employee of the city.

Annie D. Linehan (referred 1903), for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in West Springfield St.

Joseph Hoffman (referred 1904), for compensation for injuries caused by being run over by fire apparatus.

John A. Johnson (referred 1904), for compensation for damage caused by collision with city ash team.

A. S. Eaton (referred 1904), for compensation for injuries caused by car being struck by wagon of bridge department.

Sarah A. Donlan (referred 1905), for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Lauriat Ave.

Helen Edith Eurt (referred 1905), for compensation for damage to automobile by a collision with fire apparatus.

Clara Sanborn (referred Feb. 25), for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Central Sq. (suit entered).

Reports severally accepted. Sent down.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions (severally referred today) for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

Territorialists Organization of Boston, evening of April 14, 1907.

International Garment Workers of America, evening of April 10, 1907.

The Wage Earners' League, evening of May 14, 1907.

Socialist Party, evening of May 1, 1907.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

MINORS' LICENSES.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted reports recommending that licenses be granted to 11 newsboys and one vendor.

Report accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

PROJECTION OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department, Ald., submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred April 1)—Recommending that leave be granted, viz:—

Wolf Greenberg, electric sign, 73 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

H. H. Jepson, sign, 182 Friend St., Wd. 6.

Louis Goldstein, sign, 42 Howard St., Wd. 6.

Paul Bandini, sign, 1900A Washington St., Wd. 17.

Stewart & Salisbury, illuminated sign, corner Chelsea and Prospects Sts., Wd. 3.

Gaetano De Luca, sign, 6A Erie St., Wd. 20.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today)—Recommending that leave be granted, viz:—

Charles De Patti, sign, 25 Motte St., Wd. 9.

William V. Fishel Company, sign, 161 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Boston Employment Exchange, illuminated sign, 418 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of the International Trust Company (referred April 1) for leave to project a marquee at 45 Milk St., Wd. 7—Recommending that leave be granted; said marquee to be at least 10 feet above the sidewalk, to be suspended from the building and not supported by posts, and the plans to be approved by and the construction to be under the supervision of, the Building Commissioner.

Report accepted, leave granted on the conditions specified.

RAILROAD REPORTS.

Ald. DRAPER, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company (referred March 25), for track locations on Washington St., near Lotus Pl.—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted to the West End Street Railway Company for locations for tracks in the streets of the city of Boston, said company shall have the right to construct, maintain and use double curved tracks from the north, and double curved tracks from the south, all from and connecting with the existing tracks on Washington St., West Roxbury, south of Lotus place, to land of the company there situate; also a cross connection on said Washington St. south of said Lotus place, together with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections, to take the place of existing tracks; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated Jan. 23, 1907, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

And the consent of the Board of Aldermen is granted to said company to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said location, and to erect, maintain and use iron poles, not less than 20 feet in height, at places indicated by red dots on the aforesaid plan, or at such other places, to be shown by blue dots or circles on said plan, as may be approved by the Superintendent of Streets, and to place on said poles such wires and other appliances as the Commissioner of Wires shall approve.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, and the kind and locations of poles, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order, and shall file such acceptance with the City Clerk in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 399 of the Acts of 1902; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work authorized to be done under the provisions of this order shall be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

The report was accepted.
Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I object to the second reading of the order at this time.

The CHAIR—Under the rules, the order will lie over to the next meeting of the Board.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I move a suspension of the rules that the matter may be acted upon at the present time.

The Board refused to suspend the rule. Ald. Draper doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were taken, with the following result:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Bangs, Battis, Berwin, Curley, Draper—6.

Nays—Ald. Bell, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton—5.

The CHAIR—Six members having voted in the affirmative and five in the negative, it is a vote, and the rules are suspended.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask how the Chair determines, with 11 votes, 6 in favor and 5 in the negative, that the rules are suspended? It has been the custom of the Board from time immemorial to require a two-thirds vote, and not a majority vote, for suspension of the rules.

The Chair examined the rules and consulted the City Clerk.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, as there seems to be some difference of opinion, and the hour is getting late, I will very willingly withdraw my motion, which seems to have caused some disagreement if I am allowed to do so. As I remember it, some time ago we passed a vote to adopt certain rules of the Board, except this one rule requiring a two-thirds vote for suspension of the rule; and I will ask the Chair if we cannot by a majority vote of the Board suspend all the rules that are now in use?

The CHAIR—The Chair must rule, unfortunately for his own previous ruling, that there are no provisions in the rules for a suspension of the rules, because if all rules were suspended the Board would not be in a position to do business under any rules. For that reason, the Chair asks unanimous consent to withdraw his own ruling and to rule that the rules were not suspended, and that the matter will lie over for one week.

Later in the session, on motion of Ald. BELL, the Board voted to reconsider its vote whereby the Board refused to suspend the rules. The rules were suspended, on motion of Ald. BELL, and the order was passed.

(2) Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company (referred March 25) for track location on Battery St.—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted to the West End Street Railway Company for locations for tracks in the streets of the city of Boston, said company shall have the right to construct, maintain and

use a single track in Battery St., city proper, between Commercial St. and the North Ferry, from and connecting with the southerly end of the existing tracks on said Battery St. to land of the Boston Elevated Railway Company situated on the southerly side of Battery St., together with all necessary curves, crossovers, switches and connections; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated Feb. 14, 1907, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets. And the consent of the Board of Aldermen is granted to said company to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said location, and to erect, maintain and use iron poles, not less than twenty feet in height, at places indicated by red dots or circles on the aforesaid plan, or at such other places, to be shown by blue dots or circles on said plan, as may be approved by the Superintendent of Streets, and to place on said poles such wires and other appliances as the Commissioner of Wires shall approve.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, and the kind and location of poles, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order, and shall file such acceptance with the City Clerk in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 399 of the Acts of 1902; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work authorized to be done under the provisions of this order shall be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I would like to have the matter lie on the table until we come back from the Committee on Public Improvements. I would like to see the plan offered.

The matter was laid on the table.

(3) Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company (referred March 25), for track location on corner of Dorchester Ave. and West Fourth St.—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered. That in addition to the rights heretofore granted to the West End Street Railway Company for locations for tracks in the streets of the city of Boston, said company shall have the right to construct, maintain and use double curved tracks at the southwest corner of Dorchester Ave. and West Fourth St., South Boston, connecting with existing tracks at both ends; together with all necessary curves, crossovers, switches and connections; to take the place of existing tracks; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated Feb. 25, 1907, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

And the consent of the Board of Aldermen is granted to said company to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said location, and to erect, maintain and use iron poles, not less than twenty feet in height, at places indicated by red dots on the aforesaid plan, or at such other places, to be shown by blue dots or circles on said plan, as may be approved by the Superintendent of Streets, and to place on said poles such wires and other appliances as the Commissioner of Wires shall approve.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, and the kind and locations of poles, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order, and shall file such acceptance with the City Clerk in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 399 of the Acts of 1902; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work authorized to be done under the provisions of this order shall be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed.

(4) Report on the resolution (referred April 1) in favor of annulling the lease of the Boston & Albany Railroad by the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company—that the resolution ought to be adopted.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the adoption of the resolutions.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I would like, with the consent of the Board, to be excused from voting on this proposition. As I am a lessee of the Boston & Albany Railroad and at the same time represent a constituency out there, I ask to be excused from voting on these resolutions.

The CHAIR—If there are no objections on the part of the Board, Ald. Woods will be excused from voting on the report of the Committee on Railroads just read.

Ald. BALDWIN moved assignment of the matter to the next meeting of the Board; carried. Ald. WHELTON doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote; the Board stood divided and the matter was assigned to the next meeting, 7 members in favor, 5 against.

(5) Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company (referred today) for an extension of time in which to complete work under certain locations granted by the Board of Aldermen—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered. That the time allowed the West End Street Railway Company to complete the work authorized under the 246th, 247th, 249th, 253d and 255th locations granted by this Board be and the same is hereby extended for one year from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed.

(6) Reports on the following petitions, recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings on Monday, April 29, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:

Boston Elevated Railway Company (referred March 19), for approval of its becoming a common carrier of newspapers, baggage, express matter and freight on its tracks in Boston.

West End Street Railway Company (referred today), for leave to lay tracks with the overhead single trolley system on Washington St., Haymarket Sq. and Canal St.

West End Street Railway Company (referred today), for leave to lay tracks with the overhead single trolley system on Congress, State and Devonshire Sts.

Reports severally accepted, orders of notice passed.

APPROPRIATION BILL.

Ald. DRAPER, for the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following: The Committee on Appropriations, to

whom was referred the message of the Mayor, transmitting the estimates of the several departments for the financial year 1907-1908, and the appropriations recommended by him, having considered the same, respectfully submit the following appropriation bill for the city and county for the present financial year, and recommend its passage, together with the accompanying orders:

Appropriation and Tax Orders for the Financial Year 1907-1908.

Ordered, That to meet the current expenses payable during the financial year beginning with the first day of February, 1907, of performing the duties and exercising the powers devolved by statute or ordinance, or by vote of the City Council during the year, upon the city of Boston, or the county of Suffolk, or the departments or officers thereof, and to meet their respective obligations for interest on debt, sinking fund requirements and maturing debt not provided for by sinking fund, the respective sums of money hereinafter specified be, and the same are, hereby appropriated for the several departments, and for the objects and purposes hereinafter stated.

Ordered, That the appropriations for Water Department, current expenses, and the payments to the state under the provisions of Chapter 488 of the Acts of 1895 and acts in addition or amendment thereto, and for the interest requirement for loans issued for water purposes, be met by the income from said works and any excess over income from taxes; that the other appropriations hereinafter specified or heretofore made be met out of the money remaining in the treasury at the close of business on Jan. 31, 1907, exclusive of the money raised by loan or needed to carry out the requirements of any statute, gift, trust or special appropriation, and by the income of the financial year, beginning Feb. 1, 1907, and by taxes to the amount of \$4,459,868, and that said amount be raised by taxation on the polls and estates taxable in the city of Boston.

Ordered, That all sums of money which form no part of the income of the city, but shall be paid for services rendered or work done by any person or corporation other than the city of Boston, be paid into the general treasury and then credited to the appropriation of the department or division rendering such service or doing such work,

and that all contributions made to any appropriation be expended for the objects and purposes directed by the several contributors thereof.

Ordered, That to provide temporarily money to meet the appropriations aforesaid, the City Treasurer issue and sell, at such times and in such amounts as he may deem best, notes or certificates of indebtedness of the city of Boston, not exceeding nine million dollars in the total, in anticipation of the taxes of the current municipal year; that all such notes or certificates of indebtedness be dated the day the money for the same is received, be made payable with the interest thereon at the office of the City Treasurer within the current municipal year, from the taxes of said year, and bear interest from their date until the same are made payable at such rate as said Treasurer shall deem proper.

Ordered, That all taxes raised to meet the appropriations of the City Council, and all taxes assessed for meeting the city's proportion of the state tax of the year 1907, or of any other taxes or assessments payable to the Commonwealth, be due and payable on the first day of October, 1907; that all such taxes paid after the first day of November, 1907, bear interest from and including said day until paid, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, except the taxes assessed upon shares of stock of national banks shall bear interest at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum from and including said first day of November until paid; and that all interest which shall have become due on taxes shall be added to and be a part of such taxes.

Ordered, That the City Auditor, from time to time during the year, may, with the approval of the Mayor, make transfers within any department from the appropriation for current expenses of one division of a department to the appropriation for current expenses of any other division of the same department, and may, with the further approval of the Committee on Finance, make transfers from the Reserve Fund to any appropriation for current expenses of a department; and that said Auditor may, with the approval of the Mayor, between Dec. 1, 1907, and Feb. 1, 1908, make transfers from any appropriation to any other appropriation, and apply any of the income and taxes not disposed of in closing the accounts for the financial year.

Current Expenses.

Art Department—One hundred dollars.....	\$100 00
Assessing Department—One hundred ninety-five thousand dollars...	195,000 00
Auditing Department—Forty-two thousand dollars.....	42,000 00
Bath Department—One hundred eighty-five thousand dollars.....	185,000 00
Board of Aldermen—Thirty thousand five hundred dollars—	
Salaries.....	\$21,500 00
Contingent expenses.....	9,000 00
	30,500 00
Building Department—One hundred ten thousand dollars.....	110,000 00
Board of Appeal—Two thousand dollars.....	2,000 00
Cemetery Department—One hundred thousand dollars.....	100,000 00
City Clerk Department—Fifty three thousand dollars.....	53,000 00
City Council—Thirty-one thousand three hundred dollars—	
Incidental expenses.....	\$10,000 00
City Council proceedings.....	21,300 00
	31,300 00
City Messenger Department—Thirty-nine thousand dollars.....	39,000 00
Clerk of Committees Department—Eighteen thousand six hundred fifty dollars.....	18,650 00
Collecting Department—One hundred sixty thousand dollars.....	160,000 00
Common Council—Thirty thousand five hundred dollars—	
Salaries of Councilmen.....	\$22,500 00
Contingent expenses.....	2,500 00
Salaries of clerk and assistants.....	5,500 00
	30,500 00
Consumptives' Hospital Department—Forty thousand dollars.....	40,000 00
Election Department—One hundred seventy thousand dollars.....	170,000 00
Engineering Department—Eighty-two thousand dollars.....	82,000 00

Fire Department—One million four hundred sixty-two thousand dollars—		
Current expenses.....	\$1,380,000 00	
Pensions.....	82,000 00	1,462,000 00
Health Department—Two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars....		225,000 00
Hospital Department—Four hundred eighty-five thousand dollars...		485,000 00
Institutions—		
Children's Institutions Department—Two hundred seventeen thousand dollars—		
Placing Out and Office Division.....	\$125,000 00	
Parental School.....	50,000 00	
Suffolk School for Boys.....	42,000 00	217,000 00
Insane Hospital Department—		
Boston Insane Hospital—One hundred sixty-five thousand dollars		165,000 00
Institutions Registration Department—Twenty-three thousand five hundred dollars.....		23,500 00
Pauper Institutions Department—Two hundred forty-three thousand four hundred dollars—		
Boston Almshouse and Hospital.....	\$160,000 00	
Almshouse, Charlestown....	16,000 00	
Epileptics, etc., care of.....	52,000 00	
Office expenses.....	3,900 00	
Pauper expenses.....	3,500 00	
Steamer "John Howard".....	8,000 00	243,400 00
Steamer "Monitor"—Twenty-five thousand dollars.....		25,000 00
Lamp Department—Eight hundred forty thousand dollars.....		840,000 00
Law Department—Sixty-five thousand dollars—		
Law Department.....	\$55,000 00	
Codification of Statutes.....	10,000 00	65,000 00
Library Department—Three hundred twenty-five thousand dollars..		325,000 00
Market Department—Eleven thousand six hundred dollars.....		11,600 00
Mayor—One hundred forty thousand dollars—		
Office expenses, etc.....	\$100,000 00	
Public celebrations.....	40,000 00	140,000 00
Music Department—Twenty-five thousand dollars.....		25,000 00
Overseeing of the Poor Department—One hundred thirty-five thousand dollars.....		135,000 00
Park Department—Three hundred thousand dollars.....		300,000 00
Police Department—One million nine hundred forty-six thousand seven hundred eight dollars—		
Current expenses.....	\$1,820,000 00	
Pensions.....	126,708 00	1,946,708 00
Licensing Board—Fifty thousand dollars.....		50,000 00
Printing Department—Forty thousand dollars—		
City Documents, salary of Superintendent, etc.....		40,000 00
Public Buildings Department—Two hundred fifty thousand dollars..		250,000 00
Public Grounds Department—One hundred seventy-five thousand dollars.....		175,000 00
Registry Department—Forty-one thousand dollars.....		41,000 00
Reserve Fund (for the payment of claims, executions of court, court fees, expert witnesses and other legal expenses and for transfers)—One hundred thirty-two thousand three hundred ninety-three dollars.....		132,393 00
Sinking Funds Department—Three thousand dollars.....		3,000 00
Soldiers' Relief Department—Two hundred fifty-four thousand dollars.....		254,000 00
Statistics Department—Ten thousand dollars.....		10,000 00
Streets—		
Bridge Department—Two hundred six thousand dollars.....		206,000 00
Sanitary Department—Seven hundred seventy thousand dollars..		770,000 00
Sewer Department—Three hundred ninety thousand dollars.....		390,000 00
Street Cleaning and Watering Department—Six hundred eighty thousand dollars.....		680,000 00
Street Department—One million two hundred ten thousand dollars—		
Street Department.....	\$960,000 00	
Ferry Division.....	250,000 00	1,210,000 00
Supply Department—Seventeen thousand five hundred dollars.....		17,500 00
Street Laying-Out Department—Eighty-seven thousand dollars.....		87,000 00
Treasury Department—Fifty-two thousand five hundred dollars.....		52,500 00
Weights and Measures Department—Twenty-four thousand three hundred dollars.....		24,300 00
Wire Department—Sixty-seven thousand dollars.....		67,000 00
		\$12,382,951 00
City Debt Requirements—		
Sinking Funds.....	1,545,802 00	
Interest.....	3,130,000 00	
		\$17,058,753 00

County of Suffolk—One million three hundred thirty-nine thousand one hundred fourteen dollars—		
General expenses.....	\$960,000 00	
House of Correction.....	177,000 00	
Office Expenses of Penal Institutions Commissioner.....	20,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,157,000 00
County Dept Requirements—		
Sinking fund and principal.....	\$58,984 00	
Interest.....	123,130 00	
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		1,339,114 00
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		\$18,397,867 90
Water Department—Seven hundred seventy-nine thousand dollars. (To be paid by water income)		
Current expenses and extension of mains.....	\$600,000 00	
Debt requirements. (Interest.).....	179,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$779,000 00

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I move that the matter be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, before that action is taken, I desire to say, on behalf of myself and two other members of the Board, that we desire to submit a minority report, and ask for the same disposition of it.

Minority Report.

Ald. BELL, for a minority of the committee, consisting of Ald. Bell, Bangs and Clark, submitted the following (the introductory orders being the same as printed in the majority report, except the amount to be raised by taxes is increased to \$14,859,863).

Current Expenses.

Art Department—One hundred dollars.....		\$100.00
Assessing Department—One hundred ninety-five thousand dollars.....		195,000.00
Auditing Department—Forty-two thousand dollars.....		42,000.00
Bath Department—One hundred eighty-five thousand dollars.....		185,000.00
Board of Aldermen—Thirty thousand five hundred dollars—		
Salaries	\$21,500.00	
Contingent expenses	9,000.00	
	<hr/>	30,500.00
Building Department—One hundred ten thousand dollars.....		110,000.00
Board of Appeal—Two thousand dollars.....		2,000.00
Cemetery Department—One hundred thousand dollars.....		100,000.00
City Clerk Department—Fifty-three thousand dollars.....		53,000.00
City Council—Thirty-one thousand three hundred dollars—		
Incidental expenses	\$10,000.00	
City Council proceedings	21,300.00	
	<hr/>	31,300.00
City Messenger Department—Thirty-seven thousand dollars.....		37,000.00
Clerk of Committees Department—Eighteen thousand six hundred fifty dollars		18,650.00
Collecting Department—One hundred thirty-five thousand dollars.....		135,000.00
Common Council—Thirty-five thousand five hundred dollars—		
Salaries of Councilmen	\$22,500.00	
Contingent expenses	2,500.00	
Salaries of clerk and assistants	5,500.00	
	<hr/>	30,500.00
Consumptives' Hospital Department—Forty thousand dollars.....		40,000.00
Election Department—One hundred seventy thousand dollars		170,000.00
Engineering Department—Eighty-two thousand dollars.....		82,000.00
Fire Department—One million four hundred sixty-two thousand dollars—		
Current expenses	\$1,380,000.00	
Pensions	82,000.00	
	<hr/>	1,462,000.00
Health Department—Two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars.....		225,000.00
Hospital Department—Four hundred eighty-five thousand dollars.....		485,000.00
Institutions:		
Children's Institutions Department—Two hundred seventeen thousand dollars—		
Placing Out and Office Division.....	\$125,000.00	
Parental School	50,000.00	
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Insane Hospital Department—		
Boston Insane Hospital—One hundred sixty-five thousand dollars....		165,000.00
Institutions Registration Department—Twenty-three thousand five hundred dollars		23,500.00
Pauper Institutions Department—Two hundred forty-three thousand four hundred dollars—		
Boston Almshouse and Hospital	\$160,000.00	
Almshouse, Charlestown	16,000.00	
Epileptics, etc., care of	52,000.00	
Office expenses	3,900.00	
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Steamer "John Howard"	8,000.00	
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Steamer "Monitor"—Twenty-five thousand dollars		25,000.00
Lamp Department—Eight hundred twenty-five thousand dollars.....		825,000.00
Law Department—Sixty-five thousand dollars—		
Law Department	\$55,000.00	
Codification of Statutes	10,000.00	
	<hr/>	65,000.00
Library Department—Three hundred twenty-five thousand dollars.....		325,000.00
Market Department—Eleven thousand six hundred dollars.....		11,600.00

Mayor—One hundred fifteen thousand dollars—		
Office expenses, etc	\$75,000.00	
Public celebrations	40,000.00	
		115,000.00
Music Department—Twenty-five thousand dollars.....		25,000.00
Overseeing of the Poor Department—One hundred thirty-five thousand dollars		135,000.00
Park Department—Three hundred thousand dollars.....		300,000.00
Police Department—One million nine hundred forty-six thousands seven hundred eight dollars—		
Current expenses	\$1,820,000.00	
Pensions	126,708.00	
		1,946,708.00
Licensing Board—Fifty thousand dollars		50,000.00
Printing Department—Forty thousand dollars—		
City Documents, salary of Superintendent, etc.....		40,000.00
Public Buildings Department—Two hundred fifty thousand dollars.....		250,000.00
Public Grounds Department—One hundred seventy-five thousand dollars		175,000.00
Registry Department—Forty-one thousand dollars.....		41,000.00
Reserve Fund (for the payment of claims, executions of court, court fees, expert witnesses, and other legal expenses, and for transfers) —One hundred sixty-one thousand two hundred ninety-three dollars		161,293.00
Sinking Funds Department—Three thousand dollars.....		3,000.00
Soldiers' Relief Department—Two hundred fifty-four thousand dollars..		254,000.00
Statistics Department—Twelve thousand five hundred dollars.....		12,500.00
Streets—		
Bridge Department—Two hundred one thousand dollars.....		201,000.00
Sanitary Department—Seven hundred forty thousand dollars.....		740,000.00
Sewer Department—Three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars.....		375,000.00
Street Cleaning and Watering Department—Six hundred eighty thousand dollars		680,000.00
Street Department—One million two hundred thousand dollars—		
Street Department	\$950,000.00	
Ferry Division	250,000.00	
		1,200,000.00
Street Improvement—Five hundred thousand dollars.....		500,000.00
Supply Department—Fifteen thousand dollars.....		15,000.00
Street Laying-Out Department—Eighty-seven thousand dollars.....		87,000.00
Treasury Department—Fifty-two thousand five hundred dollars.....		52,500.00
Weights and Measures Department—Twenty-four thousand three hundred dollars		24,300.00
Wire Department—Sixty-five thousand dollars.....		65,000.00
		\$12,282,951.00
City Debt Requirements—		
Sinking-funds	1,545,802.00	
Interest	3,130,000.00	
		\$16,958,753.00
County of Suffolk—One million three hundred thirty-nine thousand one hundred fourteen dollars—		
General expenses	\$960,000.00	
House of Correction	177,000.00	
Office Expenses of Penal Institutions Commissioner	20,000.00	
		\$1,157,000.00
County Debt Requirements—		
Sinking-fund and principal.....	\$58,984.00	
Interest	123,130.00	
		182,114.00
		1,339,114.00
		\$18,397,867.00
Water Department—Seven hundred seventy-nine thousand dollars. (To be paid by water income.)		
Current Expenses and Extension of mains	\$600,000.00	
Debt requirements. (Interest).....	179,000.00	
		\$779,000.00

On motion of Ald. DRAPER, the reports and orders were referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

POLE RELOCATION.

Ald. CURLEY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted a report on the petition of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts (referred April 1)—Recommending the passage of the following:
 Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by J. A. McCoy; said pole to be located on Condor St., opposite Brooks St., Wd. 1; height and diameter not to exceed 35 feet by 13 inches, width of sidewalk 9 feet; date of plan, March 30, 1907.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Condor St. one pole shown by a black cross on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order declared passed.
 Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the chairman of the Committee on Electric Wires, through you, sir, when the last meeting of that committee was held or called.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, there has not been a meeting of the Committee on Electric Wires as yet this year on this petition. That petition was submitted to some members of the committee today. It is just a petition for the right to relocate a pole, the present pole standing in front of a passageway, the owners of the passageway being desirous of having it removed, and the company being agreeable to its removal.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I understand that the chair has declared the order passed?

The CHAIR—The Chair has so declared.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I am not opposed to the passage of the order, but I would like in the future to at least have the names of the committee who are agreeable to such action submitted, as has been done in the past in connection with other committees where they have not been able to hold a meeting.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I move a reconsideration of the vote whereby the order was just passed. I do so because I don't know what the order is, and as a member of the Committee on Wires it was not submitted to me.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, if the gentleman will withdraw his motion I will move a reconsideration of the vote whereby the order was adopted, and if that prevails will then move recommitment.

Ald. DRAPER withdrew his motion. On motion of Ald. CURLEY the action of the Board passing the order was reconsidered, and the order was recommitted to the Committee on Electric Wires.

Later in the session Ald. CURLEY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the order passed.

MILTON BRANCH GRADE CROSSINGS.

Ald. CLARK offered the following:

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Boston it is necessary for the security and convenience of the public that at the crossings at grade of Neponset Ave. and Granite Ave. in the City of Boston with the Milton branch of the Old Colony Railroad, New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, lessee, an alteration should be made in such crossings, in the approaches thereto, in the location of the railroad or public or private ways, or in the grades thereof, as to avoid a crossing at grade.

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel, in behalf of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Boston, be authorized to petition the superior court in accordance with the foregoing resolution, for the appointment of a commission for the abolition of said grade crossings in accordance with law.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

BATH-HOUSE, MCKENZIE BEACH.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2000) be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be expended by the Bath Trustees for bath-house, McKenzie Beach.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

NEW HOUSE, ENGINE 40.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That

the Committee on Finance be requested to provide in the first loan bill the sum of \$30,000 for the erection of a new house for Engine 40 in East Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

CLOSING OF STREETS.

Ald. BANGS offered an order—That the Police Commissioner be hereby authorized to close to travel by vehicles, except fire, police, hospital and mail wagons, on Friday, April 19, such streets as may be necessary for the Marathon races on said day; and the City Messenger is hereby authorized to rope off such streets as the Police Commissioner may require in connection with said races; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for City Messenger Department.

Passed.

EXPENSE OF HEARINGS.

Ald. BERWIN offered an order—That the expense of hearings given by committees of the Board of Aldermen on matters referred to them be charged to the Contingent Fund of the Board of Aldermen.

Passed.

NIGHT SERVICE, SOUTH FERRY.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested by this board to instruct the Superintendent of Streets to take immediate steps to provide an all night service on the South Ferry to and from East Boston.

Passed.

PLAYGROUND, MATTAPAN.

Ald. CLARK offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be authorized to hire for playground purposes the Woodman-Jones estate, on River St., Mattapan; the expense, not exceeding two hundred dollars, to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed. Sent down.

LIST OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES.

Ald. BERWIN offered an order—That the Sheriff and other officers of Suffolk County are hereby requested to prepare and furnish to the County Auditor, on or before the sixth day of May, lists of the officials and employees appointed or employed by them and paid from the county treasury on the weekly payroll for the week ending Thursday, May 2, 1907, or on the monthly payroll payable May 1, 1907. Such lists shall give the names, residences, designations of, compensation of, and date of appointment of election of each of such officials and employees; and it shall be the duty of the County Auditor to verify the said lists from the payrolls.

Passed.

LOAN FOR HIGHWAYS.

Ald. BERWIN offered an order—That the sum of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) be appropriated for the laying out and construction of highways, under the provisions of Chapter 393 of the Acts of the year 1906; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

VACATING OF PREMISES, ALBANY ST.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Board of Health, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this Board to take action under Section 71 of Chapter 75 of the Revised Laws or such other provisions of law as may be applicable, to cause the premises numbered 169 Albany St. to be vacated and declared a public nuisance.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, this building, 169 Albany St., is now being used as a lodging house for a crowd of men brought here from other cities for the purpose of breaking the strike of the teamsters of the city of Boston. This building, as I understand it, is an old foundry. It is thoroughly unfit to be used by any person, and is in an unsanitary condition. I think this is a matter that should be attended to at once. We have in our city, I am sorry to say, a deplorable state of affairs at this time, arising from the strike among the teamsters, and I think this Board ought to condemn, by vote of censure, the master teamsters of Boston for causing a strike of this kind. It is totally uncalled for. The business of the master teamsters of Boston has increased 33 per cent, and the cost of living has increased 20 per cent. Such being the facts, what do these men asked for? One dollar per week more. I understand something about the teaming business. I am not a labor leader. I am an employer of labor, having 26 union men working under me, and I know what is just and right. Those men each carry at least 50 tons per week of material for the different houses, and all the master teamsters have to do is go to the different concerns and ask for a raise of but two cents per ton for carrying material. That would enable the teamsters to receive their one dollar per week more. Certainly, to bring such a crowd of people into our community, this peaceful, law-abiding city, to disrupt it, is uncalled for. I hope the order will pass. If the master teamsters get this class of help, let them treat them well, as long as they have them here, giving them something to live on and not trying to house them in any such place as that up there.

Ald. BELL—Do I understand that this order is simply a request upon the Board of Health?

The CHAIR—It is a request to the Mayor to ask the Board of Health to act in the matter.

The order was passed.

LICENSING OF TRUCK DRIVERS.

Ald. WOODS offered the following:
A Regulation Relating to the Use of Vehicles.

Be it ordered by the Board of Aldermen of Boston as follows:

Section 1, Chapter 6 of the Revised Regulations of 1898 is hereby amended by inserting the following new section after Section 18 and by renumbering the remaining sections of said chapter accordingly:

Section 19. No truck or vehicle used for the transportation of heavy merchandise shall be allowed to pass through a public street unless said truck or vehicle is in the charge of a person who has been licensed by the Police Commissioner as a driver for such vehicles.

The CHAIR—The regulations will be referred to the Committee on Ordinances, on the part of the Board.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I would say, in connection with that regulation, that I am perfectly willing to have it go to the Committee on Ordinances,

because I would like the Teamsters' Union and other labor leaders to be consulted in regard to the matter before it is passed on. They may not wish to be licensed under the Board of Police, for instance. But I am perfectly willing to have it go to the Committee on Ordinances.

The ordinance was referred to the Committee on Ordinances (Ald.).

RECESS TAKEN.

On motion of Ald. FINIGAN, the Board voted, at 5:15 P. M., to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order at 7:05 P. M.

ADDITIONAL VACCINATION.

Ald. CURLEY offered the following:
Whereas, It appears from reports from this and surrounding cities that an epidemic of smallpox is threatened,

Ordered, That the Board of Health, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this Board to have the occupants of the buildings 161-169 Albany St. vaccinated, and to take such steps as may be necessary to have all persons brought to this city for temporary employment vaccinated.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

ADOPTION OF RULES.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Committee on Rules for the year 1907 be discharged.

The order was declared passed.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIR—For what purpose does the honorable alderman rise?

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I had already arisen to speak on the question before the Chair put the vote.

The CHAIR—The Chair would suggest to the alderman, although it may seem a little impertinent, that a motion to reconsider the vote just passed will be considered by the chair.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I move to reconsider the vote whereby the Chair has just declared the order to discharge the Committee on Rules passed. I do that solely for this reason, that I believe that was desired because of a ruling made by the Chair in open Board whereby it was maintained that no motion could be entertained to suspend the rules, because there was no rule allowing that motion. That ruling directly affected an order introduced by me. I was willing to abide by it. Now, inasmuch as it seems to affect some other members of the Board, it is thought desirable by some members to get around that ruling by a discharge of the Committee on Rules. I arose to debate the question and was not recognized by the Chair, although I believe I was seen by him. I do not believe, Mr. Chairman, that that is the proper way to conduct a meeting of this Board; and, while I believe that I am in a minority so far as the desire to do away with the Committee on Rules is concerned, I am not inclined to allow the matter to go through without my protest. I do desire to be recognized and treated with fairness by the Chairman of this Board.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, for my part, I have no desire to be discourteous to the chairman of the Committee on Rules, of which committee I am a member. I desire to state that I believe the Chair, in the ruling he made, was in error; that I have looked the matter up and find that one of the recognized authorities, Cushing,

states that where there is no established rule governing suspension general consent is necessary to pass any measure. But, in order that the city's business may not suffer; in order that the taxpayers, whose interests we have been elected to represent, may not suffer because of failure on the part of this Board to adopt such rules as should be adopted for the government of the body, I have presented this order—and not with any desire to be discourteous to the chairman of the Committee on Rules or any member of that committee. If this order is adopted, I then propose to present an order for the adoption of the rules of 1906, to serve as the rules of the Board for 1907. I do this in order that we may proceed legally and properly. I believe my position was in every respect similar to that of a majority of the members—I labored under the mistake or misapprehension that a failure on the part of this Board to adopt Rule 32 of the rules of the Board gave the Board the right to pass by majority vote on any question that might come before it. I have since found that I was wrong, and that a majority of this Board, in all probability, were wrong in their contention, and that on matters of finance, or other matters requiring suspension of the rule, that a single objection of any member of the Board is sufficient to prevent suspension of the rule, where a rule governing suspension has not been adopted by the Board. I sincerely trust, in view of that statement and of the condition that presents itself to us, that reconsideration will not prevail.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, if there is no objection I will withdraw my motion to reconsider. I am perfectly willing to admit that I made it possibly because of sensitiveness I may have had by reason of the fact that I was not recognized by the Chairman, or because I was chairman of the Committee on Rules and had not been consulted as to this proposed action. Under the circumstances, I wished to state my position to the Board. I now withdraw my motion.

The CHAIR—Ald. Draper's motion having been withdrawn, the order stands as passed.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the rules of the Board of Aldermen for 1906 be adopted as the rules for the Board of Aldermen of 1907.

The question same on the passage of the order.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I trust that the order offered by Ald. Curley will not be adopted. I think it is pretty sharp practice when the member of a committee will draw up a report and present it as the report of the committee, without consulting the chairman of the committee at all, and I think further, that it is pretty sharp practice for a member of this Board to introduce an order trying to prevent any other member of the Board of an opposite party from having the same right to object to a matter that has already been extended to another member this afternoon. I proposed to raise objections to the appropriation bill being passed, and I believe I have the same right as a member of this Board to have the appropriation bill laid over to the next meeting that was given to another member of the Board in connection with another order before we went into recess. If it is going to be the practice of members of this Board to indulge in this kind of thing, I certainly want to register my protest. The chairman of the Committee on Rules knew nothing of the order just introduced by the Alderman until he had offered it, any more than members of the Committee on Electric Wires this afternoon knew anything about a

report and order purporting to come from that committee. Is it to be the privilege of one member of this Board to introduce orders at any time or to report orders at any time, as coming from committees, without consulting other members who should be consulted, or without giving to the chairman or other members of a committee from whom a report is alleged to come the right to make a minority or majority report? I object to the presentation and reading of that order.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I have no desire to debate the position taken by the Alderman from Dorchester on this proposition, for the simple reason that he is not discussing, or has not discussed, the proposition that is now before the Board. If he had discussed the proposition before the Board, I would feel justified in taking issue with him; but when he discusses a proposition foreign to the one under consideration, I feel that I would be doing an injustice to myself in discussing it.

The order offered by Ald. Curley was declared passed. Ald. Bell doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays. The order was passed, yeas 7, nays 6.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Pinigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—7.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper—6.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. BERWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Reports (severally referred today) recommending that licenses to store and keep for sale oils composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, be renewed as follows:

Eli Pitonof, at 11 Everdean St., Wd. 24.

J. Edwin Swan, at 1141 Washington St., Wd. 24.

Isaac Osterwell, at 58 Park St., and in rear of 4-5 Exchange St., Wd. 24.

Baker Rubber Cement Company (Inc.), at 72 Temple St., Wd. 24.

Hub Automobile Exchange, at 191-195 Freeport St., Wd. 20.

Billings Clapp Company, at 178 Freeport St., Wd. 20.

John W. & S. M. Paddon, at 14 Walnut Ave., Wd. 21.

Reports severally accepted; said licenses renewed on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of H. J. Quinn & Co., Inc. (referred today), for license to store petroleum and its products at 481 Chelsea St., East Boston—recommending that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report (referred March 25) on petition of the Locomobile Company of America, for a license to store and keep for sale petroleum and its products at 40 Newbury St., Wd. 11—recommending that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on usual conditions.

(4) Reports recommending the passage of orders directing Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of the estates of the following petitioners, said sidewalks to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutters adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of the material specified with granite edgestones, the owners of the said estates to furnish the materials, viz.:

Henry E. Lee Estate (referred March 25), 93 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 11; artificial stone.

Cornelius Mahoney (referred March 19), 74 Middle St., Wd. 15; brick.

Boyd & Berry (referred March 19), Norton St., northwest corner Bowdoin St., Wd. 20; artificial stone.

Alexander Cook (referred Feb. 11), 183-185 H St., Wd. 14; brick.

Louis Deiss (referred today), 342 Geneva Ave., and on Homes Ave., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Anna B. Washburn (referred today), 105 Melville Ave., Wd. 20; artificial stone.

Henry S. Clark (referred today), 925-929 Broadway, Wd. 14, brick.

Thomas Shay (referred today), 1921 Bower St., Wd. 21; brick.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

(5) Reports recommending the passage of the following (severally referred today):

Order appropriating for a bath-house at McKenzie Beach, \$2000 of the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island.

Resolution stating that public security and convenience require the abolition of the grade crossings on Neponset Ave. and Granite Ave. and the Milton Branch of the Old Colony Railroad (N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Company, lessee) and order authorizing the Corporation Counsel, on behalf of the Board of Aldermen, to petition the Superior Court for the appointment of a commission to provide for the abolition of said grade crossing.

Reports accepted; resolution and order passed.

(6.) Reports (on petitions referred today) recommending the passage of the following:

Order authorizing Superintendent of Streets to issue a permit to Eben H. Googins to lay a 1¼ inch iron pipe under the sidewalk in front of 114-116 Bird St., Wd. 16.

Order authorizing Superintendent of Streets to issue permit to T. J. Billings to move a wooden building, pitch roof 30 feet in length, 22 feet in width and 24 feet in height, from Baker's Court, Wd. 24, along Pierce Sq. and Adams St. to Butter St., Wd. 24.

Reports accepted; orders passed.

(7) Report on the majority and minority reports of the Committee on Appropriations (referred today) and the appropriation and tax orders accompanying them—Recommending the passage of the appropriation and tax orders accompanying the majority report (as printed above), and recommending the adoption of the items accompanying the majority report, with the exception of the items for "Mayor," "Reserve Fund" and "Statistics Department," which were changed to read as follows:

Mayor—One hundred forty thousand dollars—	
Office expenses, etc.....	\$100,000 00
Public celebrations.....	65,000 00
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	\$165,000 00

(an increase of \$25,000 in the item for Public Celebrations).

Reserve Fund (for the payment of claims, executions of court, court fees, expert witnesses, and other legal expenses, and for transfers): One hundred four thousand eight hundred and ninety-three dollars.....\$104,893 00
(a decrease of \$27,500.)

Statistics Department—Twelve thousand five hundred dollars \$12,500 00
(an increase of \$2500.)

The question first came on the adoption of the amendment in the item of Public Celebrations, in Mayor's Appropriations, increasing the amount from \$40,000 to \$65,000.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I rise to oppose that amendment to the appropriation bill that in the appropriation as reported by the committee, the appropriation for the Mayor's Department, office expenses, etc., has been increased from last year

\$60,000 to this year \$100,000. Of his appropriation of \$60,000 last year he spent but \$51,000. The auditor told the Committee on Appropriations that the increase of \$50,000 for the Mayor's Department this year was wanted, \$25,000 of it, for Old Home Week. The Chief of the Bureau of Publicity informed me that of the \$50,000 appropriated for that bureau, \$25,000 was going to be used for Old Home Week; and now an amendment has been offered to the appropriation bill increasing the Public Celebrations item of the Mayor's office \$25,000 for that purpose. If this amendment to the appropriation bill passes, it will mean that the city will have \$75,000 to spend for Old Home Week, a sum of money altogether too great for that purpose. I am perfectly willing that the city should spend \$25,000, under Home Week and I believe it would be spent for the interests of Boston; but I more than protest against spending \$75,000, having \$25,000 come through each of three different channels. Inasmuch as in the appropriation bill this particular item of \$25,000 is specifically included, on the word of the City Auditor, it seems to me that this amendment is uncalled for and simply duplicates it.

Ald. CURLEY.—Mr. Chairman, I should like to ask the gentleman how much of the \$50,000 allowed the Mayor for incidental expenses was expended last year by him and how much of the sum appropriated for Publicity Bureau was spent by the Mayor for publicity purposes?

The amendment was declared adopted. Ald. Bell doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The amendment was adopted, yeas 10, nays 3, Ald. Bangs, Bell and Clark voting nay.

The question next came on the adoption of the amendment striking out from the item for reserve fund \$132,393, and inserting in place thereof \$104,893.

The amendment was adopted.

The question next came on the amendment in the item for Statistics Department, striking out \$10,000 and inserting in place thereof \$12,500.

The amendment was declared adopted. Ald. Whelton doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The amendment was adopted, yeas 11, nays 2, Ald. Baldwin and Whelton voting nay.

The question then came on the passage of the appropriation bill as amended.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I am not going to take up the time of the members of this Board by going through the various items suggested in the minority report. They will speak for themselves when they are published. But there is one thing I do want to present to the members of the Board, and that is the fact that certain members have offered to the administration an opportunity to get \$500,000 for street improvements, which it has been asking for, to be taken from just the place whence it should properly come, the tax levy. Street improvements are necessary; \$500,000 will go but a small way towards completing the street improvements that should be carried out through this large city. There is no question about that. But there are members of the Board who differ with the administration greatly as to the proper methods and means of raising that half million dollars; and in my opinion, speaking for myself, the proper source from which to raise it is the tax levy. Money to be spent for current expenses and repairs should come out of the taxes for the current year, and I protest strenuously against this \$500,000 being raised by loan, and ask that the members accept the money from this source, from

the tax levy. That is the greatest change of the minority report from the majority report. There are other items that we do not agree upon. I believe the Collecting Department can get along with less money than the committee has voted to give them; that the Sanitary Department can get along with less money. The minority report gives them more money than they spent last year, exclusive of the \$31,000 spent for scows, which they will not have to buy this year, unless they want more. The items for Sewer Department, Street Department, Supply Department and Wire Department have each been reduced in the minority report, but as those are simply matters of opinion as to how those departments should be run, it is not worth while to argue them here particularly. I know that no words of wisdom will have any effect on the members, but I do wish to say that we of the minority protest strongly against borrowing \$500,000 by loan for street improvements, and ask the members to except this item from the appropriation bill.

The CHAIR—Does the Chair understand Ald. Bell to offer an amendment to the appropriation bill along that line?

Ald. BELL—No, it would be simply a waste of time and would accomplish nothing.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I have little to add to what Ald. Bell has said. I simply intend to dissent from the bill as reported by the committee and to adhere to the dissenting appropriation bill, as introduced by Ald. Clark, Bell and myself, and signed by us. We have been over the items very carefully, and I do not care to take up the time of the Board, because I know how the votes will stand, in discussing the various items. I can, however, only reiterate what Ald. Bell has said about the \$500,000 for street improvements. I feel, and other gentlemen are of the same opinion, that the city needs and should spend a large amount of money for street renewal. I stand ready, and other gentlemen of the minority stand ready, to give \$500,000 out of the tax levy in the shape of an appropriation to renew certain streets—just what the Street Department wants. It should come out of the tax levy, there is no question about it; and we stand ready to vote for it, proposing to introduce it into the appropriation bill. It seems, however, that that does not meet with favor, that gentlemen representing certain schools of opinion believe the money ought to be borrowed. I believe it is a ruinous policy to borrow that money. The money should be raised by taxation, as an income and not as a capital charge, and not by loan. I shall feel at perfect liberty to oppose with all my power any attempt to raise this money by loan, having offered it to the administration in the form of an appropriation.

Ald. CLARK—One word, Mr. Chairman. I take it that all the members of this Board are agreed that \$500,000 should be spent on repairing the streets of Boston in some way or another, either in the way of what some may call permanent repairs, or what others may call temporary repairs, renewals. The majority report does not include in the appropriation bill any money for this purpose. It includes no part of the \$500,000 which is asked for. The minority report does include \$500,000 to be raised in the tax levy. I have not been able to bring myself to think that, when you have money in your pocket—in other words, when the city has the power to raise more money by taxation than it does raise in this bill—you should go out and borrow money and charge up to the future what should be paid at present. Some claim that these are new streets,

but there is a certain well defined line between permanent additions and improvements. I take it that when a man has an elevator in a building and it wears out, and he puts in a new one, that is an improvement and not a permanent addition to the property. If he puts in a better elevator than was there before, it is still an improvement, and all such bills, to my mind, should be paid out of tax levy. That is my principal objection to the majority report.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, with no desire to take up the time of the Board on this particular proposition as to what constitutes current expense and what constitutes permanent improvement or permanent expenditure, I want to say that I can only reiterate what was said on this particular subject last year—that, with conditions as they are in Boston today, it would be ruinous to the welfare of the city, to the business interests, to the interests of the small property holder, to increase the tax rate. I believe, also, with the style of road, streets, highways that are built today—they can properly be termed permanent public improvements—that they cannot be considered under the head of current expenses. In the old days, with the system of road building as invented by Macadam, or as invented by the Frenchman, Telford, or with the style in common use of our American cities of putting in a gravel base, laying the paving blocks, fill in the joints with gravel, the lease of life being in no case in excess of eight or nine years, that might have been termed properly a current expense; but with the style of paving being put into our streets today—whether the creosoted wood block that has been in use in the city of Chicago since 1891, and which up to the present time in the busiest portions of Chicago's streets shows less than one-eighth of an inch actual wear, or the style put in in our own city some eight years ago, under the administration of Mayor Hart, which up to the present time, on such streets as Federal and Congress Sts., shows no wear or tear, except in such places as public service corporations have torn up the streets to lay their pipes and mains—I believe such paving can be properly considered a permanent public improvement, and can be considered under no other head. On this particular question I maintain, and I think every member of this Board who has a knowledge of finance and who is interested in the welfare of this or any other city would contend, that if public service corporations could be controlled in their work of opening the streets, every street constructed under modern methods would be considered as nothing other than a permanent public improvement. But if, as is common, public service corporations can come in and rip up our streets, and where the life of a street, because of its being so ripped up, does not exceed 15 years, the question might be raised whether it is a current expense or a public improvement. This question has been gone into very thoroughly by the League of American Municipalities, and in their report, issued last year, they make this statement in connection with this particular proposition:

"We waste energy because every day in Chicago about 350 brawny laborers descend upon our streets and destroy an average of \$1300 worth of pavement between dusk and dawn. If a public enemy should attack us thus and destroy our property we would arm ourselves to the teeth. Think of it!—22,000 street openings a year by public service corporations, the equivalent of a street pavement of full width extending from the postoffice clear out to Grand

Crossing, and thus destruction all done so legally, unostentatiously and pleasantly that our endurance of it reminds me of a reported interview in the newspaper last fall with General Kuropatkin."

That is the same condition that prevails here in the city of Boston. We should adopt an ordinance or a regulation covering the work of public service corporations upon our highways, and if such regulation or ordinance were rigidly enforced, there would be no question as to whether the building of streets was a permanent public improvement or whether it might be termed a current expense. But, despite the work of the public service corporations, the leasee of life of any of our down-town streets built according to modern methods and modern plans is in excess of 15 or 20 years. If that is the condition of affairs, I believe bonds should be issued covering the period of 15 or 20 years for the building of those streets; and I think it is a ruinous policy, in view of the industrial and commercial conditions in our city, in view of the stagnation in real estate, to resort to the tax rate to meet what can be termed properly a permanent public improvement and can be regarded in no other way.

Ald. DRAPER.—Mr. Chairman, I feel that about everything has been said that can be said on both sides of this matter. There is simply a difference of opinion among the members of the Board as to what is a permanent improvement. Those who are using every effort to include this item in the appropriation bill have not yet definitely said what a permanent improvement is. They have simply said that a repair of streets—even to the extent of the work done on Southampton St., which was formerly Sweet St., and which almost consisted in building a new street—would not be a permanent improvement. They have gone so far as to say that the alteration of a building where it is worn out and the walls are torn down and a new building is to be erected, is not a similar instance to the building of streets in some cases at the present time, although we know, and I believe those who advocate having this item included in the appropriation measure know, that that is considered by mortgagees a new building, to all intents and purposes, for purposes of borrowing money. In the construction of streets a street is entirely torn up, an entirely new method of construction adopted, and the duration of the street is considered by experts to be at least 25 years. If you ask those who oppose the proposition to borrow money for such purposes, they will not tell you whether 15, 20 or 25 years is the time that a permanent improvement should last. They will tell you that they don't know. They will tell you that it is more desirable to have the tax rate high than to borrow money for such purposes. I believe, without intending to reflect on those who are opposed to this measure, that it is their duty to say what is a per-

manent improvement and what are repairs. If they say they don't know, I say that they have not gone to the limit to which they say they have gone, that they have not exerted every effort. Of course there must be some decision in the matter. Therefore, I do not believe those who take the opposite view from the view taken by the majority in this Board have properly given to the other members of the Board the information they should give to them, if they have it. If they do not know, why should they object to a contrary view being taken by other members?

The appropriation bill as amended was passed, yeas 10, nays 3, Ald. Bangs, Bell and Clark voting nay.

Ald. CURLEY moved to reconsider; lost.

LOAN FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Ald. WOODS called up No. 5, special assignment, viz.:

5. Ordered, That the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Streets for "Street Improvements"; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount.

Ald. CLARK moved to further assignment of the order to the next meeting and the motion was declared carried. Ald. Baldwin doubted the vote and asked for a roll-call, which was taken, and assignment prevailed, yeas 7, nays 6.

Yeas—Ald. Bangs, Batts, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper, Finigan—7.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—6.

NEXT MEETING.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That when this Board adjourns, it be to meet on Friday, April 12, 1907, at 1 P. M.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I think that order is quite well understood by members of the Board. Under it, when we adjourn, it will be to the day agreed upon in the Committee on Public Improvements; and if this order is passed, and we meet on Friday next, we will then adjourn to April 22, a week from Monday.

The order was passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. BANGS moved to reconsider the action taken today on all motions, orders and resolutions, hoping the same would not prevail.

The motion was lost.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. CLARK, at 7:50 P. M., to meet on Friday, April 12, at 1 o'clock P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, April 11, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P. M., President BARRETT in the chair.

SANITARY CONDITION OF DEWEY BEACH.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 4, 1907.
To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Health in answer to your order requesting that an examination be made of the sanitary condition of premises in the vicinity of Dewey Beach. Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Health Department,
Old Court House,
Boston, April 3, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir:—The order of the Common Council, concerning the condition of the premises in the vicinity of Dewey Beach, Charlestown district, referred to His Honor the Mayor, has been received by the Board of Health.

The Board has examined said premises and found the same in an uncleanly condition, from the deposit of refuse matter. The owner of the premises was ordered by the Board of Health to put the same in cleanly condition forthwith, and to refrain from permitting any further deposit of refuse matter thereon until his premises were in proper condition, when the Board of Health would issue the necessary permit for such dumping of refuse matter, under the ordinary restrictions.

The premises were found, on Tuesday, April 2, to have been cleaned, and other necessary precautions instituted to prevent the escape of refuse matter to the bath-house precincts adjoining, and a permit was issued this morning to the owner of the property.

Very truly yours,

Samuel H. Durgin, Chairman.
Placed on file.

BATH-HOUSE, WD. 12.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 4, 1907.
To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Bath Commissioners in answer to your order requesting a report as to the necessity and expense of providing public bathing facilities for Wd. 12. Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Department of Baths,
64 Pemberton Sq.

Boston, March 19, 1907.
Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of the City of Boston.

Dear Sir:—The enclosed order from the Common Council, under date of

Jan. 24, 1907, "requesting the Bath Trustees, through His Honor the Mayor, to report to the Common Council the necessity and expense of providing public bathing facilities for Wd. 12," has been received and considered by this Board.

It is the opinion of the Bath Trustees that, under the present conditions of the city's finances, the Dover and Cabot St. bathhouses are sufficient to take care of that section of the city. The cost of erecting a bathhouse in Wd. 12 would be at least \$100,000, not including the land.

Respectfully yours,

Henry Ehrlich,

Chairman pro tempore, Bath Trustees.
Placed on file.

CONVENIENCE STATION, NORTH-AMPTON ST.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 4, 1907.
To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Bath Commissioners in answer to your order requesting that a convenience station be placed under the elevated structure at the corner of Northampton St. and Washington St. Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Department of Baths,
64 Pemberton Sq.

Boston, March 19, 1907.
Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of the City of Boston.

Dear Sir:—In reply to the enclosed order received from the Common Council, under date of January 24, 1907, "that the Bath Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a convenience station under the elevated structure at the corner of Northampton and Washington Sts., Wd. 12," will state that we have no money available for such purpose. Respectfully yours,

Henry Ehrlich,

Chairman pro tempore, Bath Trustees.
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CONVENIENCE STATION, TREMONT ST.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 4, 1907.
To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Bath Commissioners in answer to your order requesting that an underground convenience station be constructed at the corner of Tremont St. and Boylston St., on Boston Common. Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Department of Baths,
64 Pemberton Sq., Boston,
March 19, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of the City of Boston.

Dear Sir:—Replying to order received from the Common Council, under date of Feb. 2, 1907, "requesting the Bath Trustees to construct an underground convenience station for men and women on Boston Common, at the corner of Tremont and Boylston Sts.," I wish to state that the Bath Trustees approve of a station being erected at this location, but it would be necessary to obtain an appropriation of at least \$22,000 for the purpose.

Respectfully yours,

Henry Ehrlich,

Chairman pro tempore, Bath Trustees.

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SHELTER, CASTLE ISLAND.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, April 4, 1907.
To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in answer to your order requesting information as to when work will be commenced on the shelter on Castle Island.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks, March 28, 1907.
Honorable John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor,
City Hall.

Dear Sir:—The Board has received and duly considered the enclosed request that we would inform the Common Council when work will be commenced on Castle Island. The Board is glad to inform the Council that the United States Government has at last given permission to this Department to use the fort in which we propose with the consent of the United States Government to arrange a proper shelter and sanitary conveniences for those visiting the island. Yours very truly,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

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VETO—PLAYGROUND LOAN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, April 10, 1907.
To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith without my approval your order passed Jan. 17-April 1, appropriating by loan the sum of \$4500, to be expended for gymnastic apparatus and lockers for M St. Playground.

The practice of passing loans indiscriminately without reference to the requests of the departments and the urgent needs of the city is not desirable. Local improvements should be postponed until the absolute necessities have been provided for. In accordance with the established precedent, after the disposition of the appropriation bill, the requests of the departments and needs of the city will be considered, and recommendations concerning the same submitted to the City Council for its consideration. Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. TROY of Wd. 14.

TUNNEL AT HERALD BUILDING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Law Department,

Boston, March 25, 1907.

To the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—I am requested by that body to inform the Common Council by what right and under what law the Board of Aldermen grants permits to construct tunnels and bridges between buildings such as the one which now connects the Boston Herald building on Tremont St. with its building on Mason St.

I do not understand that the Board of Aldermen grants such permits. The permits are granted, as I am informed—the one for the bridge as a fire escape from one building to another, by the Building Commissioners, and the one for the tunnel by the Superintendent of Streets and the Wire Commissioner. The authority of the Board of Aldermen to take action in the prem-

ises by authorizing these permits to be granted comes under its authority as surveyors of highways. The executive duties of surveyors of highways were taken from the Board of Aldermen by the charter amendments of 1885, but that body still retains the legislative duties of surveyors of highways, and among those duties is the right to legislate concerning what uses, by the abutters, of their fee in the highway would or would not interfere with the use of the streets by the traveling public. Under our statutes the abutters own the fee of the street and may make such use of their fee as is not inconsistent with the rights of the public to use the street as a way.

I am informed that the owners of these two buildings on Mason St., who thereby own the fee of the whole of the street adjacent to the buildings, desired to put a covered bridge as a fire escape between the two buildings. A permit for that purpose, under the statute, would have to be given by the Building Commissioner, but the Board of Aldermen, as surveyors of highways, would have a right to legislate to say how far above the surface of the street such fire escape ought to be placed so as not to be an obstruction to travel or to the use of the street.

As far as the tunnel or underground passage is concerned, in addition to the rights of the Aldermen as surveyors of highways, by Chapter 454 of the Acts of 1894, in the sections of the city where the wires, etc., have been ordered to be placed underground (which section includes Mason St.), it is provided that after the work is done no tunnel, subway or conduit shall be placed in the street without the express consent of the Mayor and Aldermen. Before any permit for placing this underground tunnel or subway in the street could be issued by the Superintendent of Streets or Wire Commissioner, the Board of Aldermen and the Mayor had to give their express consent.

Under the decisions of the court these permits, like the permits to occupy areas underneath the sidewalks and extending out into the street, are terminable as soon as the public authorities decide to use the underground portion of the streets for any public purpose which ways may be used for. The rights of the abutting owners to use their fee of the street in the permitted manner cease at once when the public authorities decide to use the whole underground portion of the street for public purposes, and they cannot recover damages for being deprived of the permitted use of their fee.

Yours respectfully,

Thomas M. Babson,

Corporation Counsel.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Mayor's message transmitting a communication from the Park Commissioners expressing their willingness to comply with the request of the City Council to lay out and construct Neptune Ave. as a highway if an appropriation is given them for the purpose. They estimate the cost of construction at about \$37,500.

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2. Mayor's message recommending that the appropriation bill be amended by providing that the sum of \$25,000 be appropriated for the "Old Home Week" celebration, the same to be added to the amount set aside for Public Celebrations.

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3. Mayor's message relative to acceptance of legacy of George L. Thorndike for coal for deserving widows in East Boston, and recommending the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the legacy contained in the will of George L. Thorndike of \$10,000 to the city of Boston in trust, the income from the same to be used to purchase coal to be distributed to deserving widowed women of East Boston, is hereby accepted, the same to be held and disposed of in accordance with the provisions of said will; that the City Treasurer be authorized on behalf of the city to accept and receipt to the executors of said will for said legacy, and to invest and reinvest said sum; and that the income of said legacy be, and hereby is, appropriated for the purposes set forth in the provisions of said will.

The communication was placed on file. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17, and the order was passed by a unanimous vote.

4. Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations submitting the Appropriation and Tax Orders for the Financial Year 1907-1908. (City Document 72.)

Said orders come down passed for concurrence with these amendments:

Under the item "Mayor," make the item for "Public Celebrations" \$65,000 in place of \$40,000, thereby increasing the total appropriation for "Mayor" to \$165,000 in place of \$140,000.

Make the item for "Reserved Fund" \$104,893 in place of \$122,393.

Make the item for "Statistics Department" \$12,500 in place of \$10,000.

The report was accepted and the orders were read once, reading by the clerk down as far as the last order being dispensed with on motion of Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11.

Before the clerk had finished reading the items of the bill, the further reading was dispensed with, on motion of Mr. Lill, of Wd. 8, the orders and items being before the members in the printed report.

The question came on giving the appropriation orders a second reading.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 moved a suspension of the rule that they might be put upon their passage tonight.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, if in order at this time, I desire to offer the following amendment.

The PRESIDENT—To the suspension of the rules or to the bill?

Mr. DOHERTY—To the bill.

The PRESIDENT—That will be in order when we get to the bill. The question is now on suspension.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I hope the rule will not be suspended in order that this bill may go upon its passage at once—a bill calling for the appropriation of more than eighteen and one-half million dollars. It is the old story, Mr. President. Let us make haste slowly. If men who know what the changes in appropriations in one department or another, whether there have been decreases or increases, will, when the different items come up, get up and give us intelligent reasons why the amounts should be more or less, should be changed, even that would take in connection with the various departments at least an hour. Of course, gentlemen, away down deep in our hearts we know it is perfectly insane, foolish to put a bill of this sort through, involving nineteen million dollars, under suspension of the rule, without any consideration at all. Even our friends of the Board of Aldermen gave it considerable consideration in their chamber; and I think we should look into these items carefully, on our part. I think there are several items that

are certainly open to criticism. It does not seem right to me to pass such a bill without proper consideration. If I find that the rules are suspended, so that this bill is to be literally jammed through tonight, I shall later take the extreme liberty, Mr. President, of representing the taxpayers, speaking for a few of them whom I know on several items. But until then I hope, gentlemen, that you will not vote to suspend the rules, but that this will at least lie over until the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. McCULLOUGH, of Wd. 13—Mr. President, this is the annual appropriation bill presented by a committee consisting of eight Aldermen and ten members of this body. The committee, of which I have the honor to be a member, held several meetings and discussed the estimates of the various heads of departments and the estimates of the mayor, very carefully. The result is this bill. The only objection offered by the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Noyes) to suspending the rules tonight is that he desires an intelligent reason from one or more members of the committee why these amounts are either increased or decreased. I think if the rules are suspended, if there is an item here that the gentleman wants to question, he will receive the satisfactory answer. There is no intention on the part of anybody to ram this bill through. The gentleman from Ward 11 evidently does not believe in popular government. If committees are to spend six or eight weeks in preparing bills of this sort and are then to bring in their report and have it held up, simply because some gentleman wants to ask questions, I think it is time that that sort of thing should stop. Now, Mr. President, it is important that we pass this bill tonight. Every member of this body will have an opportunity to amend the bill, if his contention is right. The heads of departments, the auditor has informed the committee, have already run out their appropriations which they might incur for the first three months of the financial year. Failure to pass this bill tonight means that hundreds of laborers and other city employees will be obliged to suspend work. Now, if any gentleman argues that the bill should not be passed tonight because of lack of information, I am sure any member of the Committee on Appropriations is willing to give any information that he can, to assist the Council. I want to call this to your attention, that there is not one dissenting vote on the part of the members of this body who are in the committee to this bill, and the minority party was represented by, I believe, five of the ten members.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, as a member of that committee I must certainly say that I am astonished at my friend from Wd. 11 (Mr. Noyes) for the stand which he has taken. That bill was thoroughly scrutinized and the matter was thoroughly looked into. Every item in the bill was considered separately, and was voted on separately. The heads of each and every department came before that committee. They were questioned in regard to the money to be appropriated for their departments. They answered the questions satisfactorily to the committee, and the items contained in this bill were voted in accordance with that. In making up the appropriation bill we considered the requests of each department very carefully. I must say that I have been associated this year with one of the best committees on appropriations that I have ever sat with. I have not sat with any such committee lately, but during my previous years in the Council I sat

with a number of them. There was no question whatever of the honesty and the sincerity of the committee. Each member of the committee was actuated by the interest of the taxpayers, and by a desire for retrenchment and economy. I certainly, as a taxpayer, would not do anything which would adversely affect my property. If I thought that there was any item in this bill that was unnecessary I should not have voted for it. When we finished our deliberations and made up the bill, after a number of meetings that were held during three weeks, each and every member of the committee voted as a unit to support this bill. After the bill had been prepared and submitted to this Board we found that there were two dissenters from the report of the committee—Ald. Bangs and Ald. Clark. Of course, as you know, it would be policy for them to dissent. They gave no reasons for dissenting. At the meeting of the committee they seemed to have concluded that the bill was made up to the very best of their ability. It may be that they were actuated in dissenting by considerations of politics. I have no doubt that that was the case. Therefore, I move, Mr. President, that the rules be suspended and that the bill be given a second reading.

The PRESIDENT—The question now is on suspension of the rules.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, it is evident from the remarks of the two distinguished gentlemen who have preceded me, and who helped to comprise the Committee on Appropriations, that the committee adopted nothing but the suggestions of His Honor the Mayor, and that they fulfilled all the requirements, and did their duty, as we may say, to the "Queen's taste"; and in their opinion there is nothing left for our respective bodies to do but—

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President—The PRESIDENT—For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. McCULLOUGH—To a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—The gentleman from Wd. 11 is not in order when he says that I adopted only the suggestions of His Honor the Mayor.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order well taken, as the Chair considers that—

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11—Mr. President—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair is going to rule on this point of order first, before recognizing any member of the Council. The Chair will state that the point of order is well taken. The gentleman making the remark, that he did reflect on a member of a committee of this body. The Chair will, therefore, request the gentleman to refrain from making such reflections and confine himself to the question before the house.

Mr. NOYES—Mr. President—

The PRESIDENT—For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. NOYES—To have the remarks made by the gentleman from the third division (Mr. McCullough) set right. His point of order referred to "the gentleman from Wd. 11," and you refused to listen to me. "The gentleman from Wd. 11" made no statement such as he referred to. It has gone into the records that he did make such a statement. I do not know what in the world the gentleman in the third division (Mr. McCullough) is talking about. I move that all remarks referring to "gentleman from Wd. 11" be stricken out of the proceedings. I do not know what he means.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, if I may be permitted, I would like to

say that I did not intend to refer to the gentleman who has just spoken; but I could hardly be blamed for thinking that the gentleman to whom I did refer came from Wd. 11. (Laughter.)

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President—

Mr. NOYES—Mr. President, the gentleman states that it was—

The PRESIDENT—Does Mr. Doherty yield?

Mr. DOHERTY—If by doing so I do not deprive myself of the privileges of the floor.

The PRESIDENT—If the gentleman yields, he yields for all time.

Mr. DOHERTY—I probably can prevent the gentleman in the Third Division—

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will address his remarks to the Chair, and will confine himself to the subject.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President and gentlemen of the Council, it is evident to everybody who knows me that I do not have the honor of representing Wd. 11. I am just a plain representative of the common people (laughter) and I glory in the assumption. But I would like to ask—becoming serious, Mr. President and gentlemen of the body—what has the Committee on Appropriations done with an order that was passed by this body directing the heads of departments to increase the wages of laboring men in this city from \$2 to \$2.25 per day? I want to ask some member of that committee to tell this body whether that increase has been embodied in the present appropriation bill or not. If I can be assured that it has, then I am satisfied here tonight to vote for a suspension of the rules, but until such time as it has been shown to me that the city laborers of this city are going to receive their just rights and what they are justly entitled to then I am against this appropriation bill, or any other appropriation bill—in view of the fact, Mr. President and gentlemen of the body, that our distinguished mayor has an increase in this appropriation bill of over \$60,000 more than any of his predecessors have had.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, the only objection that the gentleman from Wd. 2 has to suspending rules tonight is that he desires to know whether or not provision has been made for the increase in the laborers' pay. I want to assure him that those heads of departments who have not originally included in their estimates the amounts necessary for an increase were asked by the Committee on Appropriations to make a further estimate for an additional appropriation, and that provision has been made in the appropriation bill for the laborers of the city of Boston to receive \$2.25 per day.

Mr. DOHERTY—May I ask the gentleman when?

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will first address the Chair, and secure recognition.

Mr. DOHERTY—Pardon me. I do not desire to be at all discourteous to our distinguished President. (Laughter.) You know that, Mr. President, yourself, as well as any member of this body.

The PRESIDENT—Mr. Doherty will proceed.

Mr. DOHERTY—I have the greatest admiration and respect for you.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair appreciates that; and now Mr. Doherty will please proceed.

Mr. DOHERTY—Now, may I ask—

The PRESIDENT—The question comes on suspending the rules. If the gentleman wants to talk on suspending the rules he can proceed; otherwise not.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, on the question of suspending the rules, I believe that all necessary debate is always in order, whether it is considered wise or unwise. You know that

an open discussion is for the benefit of the entire people. I would like to ask the gentleman, in view of his last statement to this body, when do the heads of the various departments of this city contemplate, or intend, giving to the laborers of this city the increase which was passed by this body from \$2 to \$2.25 per day?

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, the gentleman from Wd. 2, I take it, assumes that His Honor the Mayor told the Committee on Appropriations when he was going to do this, and when he was going to do that. I know, from the figures given to the committee by the various heads of 5 departments, that the increased estimate which they asked for includes enough money to increase the pay of the laborers shortly. It may be the first of June, or it may be the first of July—what the Mayor intends to do I do not know. I do not pretend to butt into his business.

Mr. NOYES—Mr. President, as I remember, either the gentleman in the third division (Mr. McCullough) or the gentleman in the second division (Mr. Sullivan), gave as a reason for suspending the rules in order to jam this bill through here tonight, that all the heads of departments had appeared before this committee, and that they had said thus and so, and that the committee has given them what they asked for. Now, the gentleman in the third division (Mr. McCullough) has already said that the departments have run over, in some cases, the amount that is allowed them to carry on their departments for the first three months of the financial year—during which period I understand they are allowed to expend one-fourth of the amount allowed for their department in last year's appropriation bill. Now, of course, everybody will say that I am prejudiced; but to my mind this is a splendid example of municipal misgovernment and municipal carelessness all the way through. Mr. President, if, as either the gentleman from Wd. 13 (Mr. McCullough) or the gentleman from Wd. 15 (Mr. Sullivan) has said—and I think it was the gentleman in the third division (Mr. McCullough)—the various departments are at a point where, to be specific, they would have to discharge tomorrow the great body of working men in the employ of their departments, it is their own fault. The responsibility rests with the heads of departments. The responsibility does not rest with the taxpayers, or with the members of the City Council. It does not rest with the Councilman from the Back Bay district who has the temerity to get up here and ask a few questions. It does not rest upon him, but upon the heads of departments, who should spread their jelly a little thinner, in order to carry their departments along through the whole year. They knew that such a contingency as this has arisen before, and they knew that it might very well arise again. Our fiscal year commences the first of February. They have carried on their departments through the months of February, March, and here it is now April 11.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, may I interrupt just a moment?

Mr. NOYES—Certainly, yes.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I simply wanted to call attention to the fact that it was four months and not three months—one-third of the year.

Mr. NOYES—Better still! Or worse still, Mr. President! I hope to receive another interruption saying that it is five months. They have disposed already in two and one-half months, or a little less, as I understand it, of four

months' ordinary appropriation; and yet we are asked to pass this bill immediately, are told that everything is all right, and that we should vote for this amount of money which is recommended by a committee which the gentleman states is evenly divided. I understand that that is not quite the case, that there was a slight preponderance of some of our Democratic colleagues—which is quite fair, of course; but, even so, after that kind of a statement, on that kind of responsibility, do you want to immediately pass this bill, giving every department what it wants? Do you, in fact, want to give some departments more than they want? If you wish to suspend the rules and put this bill through as it stands, very well. I say, however, that it is unwise, that it is bad finance, that it is bad business, bad judgment, and that it is even bad politics.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I don't believe that the gentleman who has just taken his seat, and who has known me for some time—or who ought to know me—believes that I meant that, to the date, tomorrow, any head of a department had expended all the money of the department. The gentleman has truthfully stated that the financial year begins the first of February. The gentleman wonders why, after almost three months' time, heads of departments have spent a fourth of the year's appropriations. Does not the gentleman from Wd. 11 know that there must be some money expended for materials? Does the gentleman from Wd. 11 desire the various heads of departments to hold back the pay of employees, or does he desire the heads of departments not to purchase materials? Mr. President, the opposition to this bill from Wd. 11 is not new. During my three years' experience in this body it has come up here, year after year. This is our proposition, as the Committee on Appropriations, to you. We, as your committee, had this proposition submitted to us. We sat jointly with a committee of the Board of Aldermen, which was practically evenly divided between both political parties—if you want to bring political parties into this discussion. The estimates of the various heads of departments were submitted to the committee. Previously, they had been submitted to the Mayor, and the Mayor submitted his bill to the committee, and the committee then held six or eight meetings and decided to call in every head of a department and discuss the merits of each question. What we ask you to do tonight is to suspend the rules in order that this bill may be passed. I say to you, to the gentleman from Wd. 11, that it is true—and I have it on the authority of the City Auditor, and every other member of the Committee on Appropriations knows it—that if this fails of passage tonight, next week Thursday is the 18th of April, and we will probably desire to adjourn over, and that the bill will not be passed until the 25th. The Committee on Appropriations have no desire to be unfair. If you have amendments to offer, submit them, and we will answer you as best we can; and if your case is a good one, you will undoubtedly secure the passage of the amendments. But, Mr. President, if you do not sustain the action of your committee here tonight, you might as well wipe out all committees.

Mr. DAVIDSON of Wd. 23—Mr. President, wishing a little further light on the question of this appropriation bill, appreciating the great favor of the gentleman in the third division (Mr. McCullough) who has declared that he is willing to explain any item in the ap-

propriation bill, I would like to ask him if he can explain to us—

Mr. MCGIVERN of Wd. 16—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that the question is on suspension of the rules, and all this discussion has been on the main question.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken.

Mr. DAVIDSON—Appreciating the favor of the gentleman in the third division, who is a member of the Committee on Appropriations, and who has declared that he is willing to explain, as far as he is able, any item in this appropriation bill, I would like to call his attention to an item about half-way down on Page 4 of Document 72. I would like to ask him if he will explain to me so that I may have some further light on the subject, that item; because, as I understand it, should this item, with other items in the bill, once pass the Council, no member of the City Council and no other citizen of this city of Boston has any power to ask how this money is spent. I would like to ask the gentleman if he can explain to my satisfaction how the money is to be spent under the item half-way down Page 4, which reads, "Mayor, \$140,000; office expenses, etc., \$100,000; public celebrations, \$40,000—\$140,000"? Although this is a small item, as compared with the whole appropriation bill, it will give some satisfaction to know how it is intended to spend this money, for I think the gentleman in the third division realizes, as I do, that orders have been introduced into the City Council requesting money for public celebrations outside of this \$40,000.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, do I understand the gentleman in the first division to ask me how this money is to be expended and where it is to be expended? Mr. President, I do not believe that the gentleman in the first division wants me to answer that question. He knows that yearly about \$40,000 is appropriated for public celebrations. That money is allotted in the Mayor's office. There is apparently some doubt as to why \$100,000 is asked for, why there should be this increase, as the gentleman from Wd. 2 has inquired. That is easily explained. There is \$50,000 included in there for a publicity bureau that was not included last year. But as to how the money for public celebrations is to be allotted, I cannot say; neither can you nor any other member of this body, or of the Board of Aldermen. That lies within the power of His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3—Mr. President, in all the discussion that has taken place on this matter it seems to me that the crucial point has not been touched. The gentlemen ask not to have the rule suspended, that they may have further time to look into this matter. This bill, or the Mayor's bill, was submitted to the Board of Aldermen on Feb. 25th. There has been some change made in it since then, but it seems to me that the bill in the main has been public now for some three weeks, and I don't think it is going to add much to our enlightenment on the matter to lay it over for another week. Any one who is disposed to look into these items and to examine into the reason for them, the adequacy or inadequacy of them, has already had plenty of time. It seems to me that the reasons advanced by those asking assignment in order that they may have further time to look into the matter do not really hold good.

Mr. MCGIVERN—Mr. President, I move the previous question.

The PRESIDENT—The question is, shall the main question be now put?

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2—Mr. Presi-

dent and gentlemen of the Council, the gentleman from Wd. 13 (Mr. McCullough) has brought out the fact which I desired very much to have brought out this evening, that the additional expenditure for the Mayor's office contingent fund is for the so-called "Publicity Bureau"—a publicity bureau in name only. It is merely an auxiliary to the Mayor's so-called religious and political weekly, the Republic. If there is any one thing that I am ashamed of, myself, during my experience as a member of this body during the past year, it is of voting for, and attempting to advocate on the floor of this Council, the establishment of a Publicity Bureau.

Mr. SHEENAN of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. The question before the body is, Shall the main question be now put? The gentleman is not discussing that question.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will declare the point of order well taken. The question is now on ordering the main question. I will request the gentleman to confine himself to that question.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, I will try to, although I suppose it will be a hardship on me. I always have believed that if there is one place in the world where there should be a free, open discussion of any affairs that may come before the citizens of Boston, where the representatives of the people are entitled to be heard and where all sides of a question should be discussed, regardless of parliamentary rules or parliamentary procedure, it is in this chamber, in the Common Council of the City of Boston.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will request the gentleman to confine himself to the question, which is, shall the main question be now put?

Mr. DOHERTY—As for my reasons, Mr. President, for believing that a suspension of the rules should not take place here tonight, one of them is that the Mayor has not made good in his annual appropriation bill, in the way of increasing the salaries of the laborers from \$2 to \$2.25, and because he tries to impose on the citizens of Boston a special appropriation of \$50,000—

Mr. SHEENAN—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. The gentleman is not discussing the question of whether or not the main question should be put, but is discussing the main question itself.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will declare the point of order well taken, and will request the gentleman to confine himself to the question, which is, "Shall the main question be now put?"

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, it is hard to try to follow direct lines of discussion here on any question, with such eminent parliamentarians to take advantage of the man who tries to do so.

Mr. NOYES—Mr. President, I will begin, anyway, by getting on the right track. I do not think the main question should now be put. In speaking to this, and in giving the reason why I don't think the main question should now be put, I will say that I don't think we are ready to suspend the rules.

Mr. SANTOSUOSSO of Wd. 6.—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that the time for debate on the question now before us has expired.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that ten minutes is the time allowed for discussing the previous question and that three minutes are allowed to each member.

Mr. NOYES—We are not ready for the main question. The gentleman in the first division, the gentleman in the second division, and my learned colleague on my left here in the fourth

division, have all said that we do not need to look into this more thoroughly, that we are very remiss in not knowing all about it, when it has been printed so long! And we have heard the very forcible argument of my friend in the third division that we should pass this bill tonight, because the heads of departments have been before the committee and have asked for it, and the Mayor has asked for it. Now, I am going to digress for one moment, and I think you will bear with me, because you did with the gentleman in the third division (Mr. McCullough). He made an allusion to my bringing in politics, referring to the political complexion of that committee. That is the last thing I would have thought of doing. I did not myself mention it until he brought it up by saying that the parties were equally divided on the committee. So long as I speak in this chamber within the rules, playing the game fairly, I refuse to be browbeaten by any such cheap argument. That committee, I understand, is made up of eleven Democrats and seven Republicans. I do not say that those Democrats are not as well able, and perhaps better able, to consider the matter of appropriations than the Republicans, but, as a matter of fact, Mr. McCullough having stated that there was an even division of the committee, I simply denied that, and because I did deny it he states or infers that I am bringing in politics and that I am not playing according to the rules fairly. I simply ask the members of this body, where do he and I stand relatively as far as that statement is concerned? The gentleman from Wd. 13 also, after a remark made by the gentleman from Wd. 2 (Mr. Doherty), arose and said that "the gentleman from Wd. 11" accused him of representing the Mayor in this matter. I did not. The thought did not occur to me. Of course, it is natural that a committee on appropriations, appointed by the presiding officers of the bodies to bring in an appropriation bill, should be, in a way, a committee satisfactory to the Mayor; and it is only natural that a committee appointed under a Republican administration would bring in a bill satisfactory to the administration, and that a committee appointed under a Democratic administration would bring in a bill satisfactory to a Democratic mayor. As the gentleman in the third division has, as we all know, at various times represented the Mayor on this floor, it is only just to consider him as representing the administration tonight. If not, it is news to me. I would be interested to hear, Mr. President, that he does not represent the Mayor. It would be interesting news. I now see that my time is up, and, since you have been kind enough to bear with me, I will simply say again that we are not ready for the main question. We are not ready to suspend the rules. We have not heard one good, substantial reason why we should suspend the rules and put this bill through tonight.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, do I understand that, if the previous question is carried, it will cut off all debate on the main question?

The PRESIDENT—Yes.

Mr. MURPHY—Then, Mr. President, I think that the gentleman in the third division who offered that motion (Mr. McGivern) should withdraw it at this time. I feel that members of this body are not prepared.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the main question is on suspension of the rules. The main question is not the bill itself. The bill can be discussed afterward, whether the rules are suspended or not.

Mr. MURPHY—Well, then, I will make no further objection.

The main question was declared ordered. Mr. Noyes doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote. The Council stood divided, and the main question was declared not ordered, 29 members in favor, 29 against.

Mr. MCGIVERN of Wd. 19 further doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the main question was ordered, yeas 40, nays 33:

Yeas—Barrett, Clark (20), Colpoys, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Donovan, Doyle, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hanrahan, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Santosuosso, Sheehan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy—40.

Nays—Anderson, Bagley, Bramhall, Brown, Carruth, Clark (24), Cose, Costello, Davidson, Doherty, Ducey, Ferguson, George, Green, Hackett, Harding, Hatton, McCabe, McGregor, McLennan, Montague, Morgan, Murphy, Noyes, Penshorn, Pierce, Roberts, Sacks, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—33.

Absent or Not Voting—Buckley, Driscoll—2.

The Council refused to suspend the rules, yeas 39, nays 34:

Yeas—Barrett, Clark (20), Colpoys, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Donovan, Doyle, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hanrahan, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), Pendergast, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Santosuosso, Sheehan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy—39.

Nays—Anderson, Bagley, Bramhall, Brown, Carruth, Clark (24), Cose, Costello, Davidson, Doherty, Ducey, Ferguson, George, Green, Hackett, Harding, Hatton, McCabe, McGregor, McLennan, Montague, Morgan, Murphy, Noyes, O'Brien (14), Penshorn, Pierce, Roberts, Sacks, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—34.

Absent or not voting—Buckley, Driscoll—2.

The order was ordered a second reading at the next meeting.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I move reconsideration of the vote just taken and assignment of the same until 9:45 o'clock.

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I would ask Mr. McCullough why he moves assignment.

The question came on assignment on reconsideration.

Mr. NOYES—Mr. President, I hope we will not go through the physical labor of voting on this bill again tonight. I don't think the gentleman in the third division has the votes to carry it through. I hope the motion to reconsider and assign to 3:45, 30 minutes from now, a bill involving \$19,000,000—two-thirds of a million dollars a minute—will not prevail. I hope the gentleman will withdraw his motion and that the bill will take its second reading in the usual course next week.

The question came on the assignment of the reconsideration to 9:45 o'clock.

Mr. WOODSIDE of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I move that the reconsideration be assigned for one week.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the longer time takes the precedence. The question comes on the question of assignment of reconsideration for one week.

The reconsideration was declared assigned for one week.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and assignment of reconsideration for one week was lost, yeas 33, nays 40:

Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Bramhall, Brown, Carruth, Clark (24), Cose, Costello, Davidson, Doherty, Ducey, Ferguson, George, Green, Hackett, Harding, Hatton, McCabe, McGregor, McLennan, Montague, Morgan, Murphy, Noyes, Peshorn, Pierce, Roberts, Sacks, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—33.

Nays—Barrett, Clark (20), Colpoys, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Donovan, Doyle, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hanrahan, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Santosuosso, Sheenan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy—40.

Absent or not voting—Buckley, Driscoll—2.

The PRESIDENT—Thirty-three members having voted in the affirmative and forty in the negative, it is not a vote. The question now comes on the assignment of the matter until 9:45 P. M. Members in favor of so doing will, when their names are called, answer "Yes," those opposed "No," and the Clerk will call the roll.

The motion to assign the matter until 9:45 was carried: Yeas 41, nays 32:

Yeas—Barrett, Clark (20), Colpoys, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Donovan, Doyle, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hanrahan, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Santosuosso, Sheenan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy—41.

Nays—Anderson, Bagley, Bramhall, Brown, Carruth, Clark (24), Cose, Costello, Davidson, Doherty, Ducey, Ferguson, George, Green, Hackett, Harding, Hatton, McCabe, McGregor, McLennan, Montague, Morgan, Noyes, Peshorn, Pierce, Roberts, Sacks, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—32.

Absent or not voting—Buckley, Driscoll—2.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, if in order, I would like to make a motion to refer the whole bill back to the committee, with instructions to bring in a report which will make provision for increasing the wages of the laborers of the city from—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that No. 4 on the calendar has for the time been disposed of, it having been assigned until 9:45. A motion to recommit will be in order at that time, but not now.

On motion of Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15 the Council voted to take up No. 5 to 17 inclusive, together, viz.:

5. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of Josephine Weiss, for self and as executrix, referred Sept. 12, 1904, for compensation for damage to property at 136-138 Sterling St. by overflow of water—leave to withdraw.

6. Report of same committee, on petition of John Razeto, referred Nov. 19, 1906, for compensation for damage to estate on Catherine St., by overflow of water and sewage from Stony Brook—leave to withdraw.

7. Report of same committee, on petition of Annie D. Linehan, referred Sept. 2, 1903, for compensation for in-

juries caused by an alleged defect in West Springfield St.—leave to withdraw.

8. Report of same committee, on petition of Robert Turner, referred May 9, 1904, for compensation for removal of water pipe by agents of the city—leave to withdraw.

9. Report of same committee, on petition of John A. Johnson, referred May 23, 1904, for compensation for damage caused by collision with city ash team—leave to withdraw.

10. Report of same committee, on petition of Joseph Hoffman, referred October 10, 1904, for compensation for injuries caused by alleged defective turn-apparatus—leave to withdraw.

11. Report of same committee, on petition of A. S. Eaton, referred Oct. 10, 1904, for compensation for injuries caused by car being struck by a wagon of Bridge Department—leave to withdraw.

12. Report of same committee, on petition of Sarah A. Donlan, referred Feb. 27, 1905, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Lauriat Ave.—leave to withdraw.

13. Report of same committee, on petition of Helen Edith Burt, referred June 12, 1905, for compensation for damage to automobile by collision with fire apparatus—leave to withdraw.

14. Report of same committee, on petition of John W. Badger, referred October 23, 1905, for compensation for damage to clothing caused by a paint brush dropped by an employee of the city—leave to withdraw.

15. Report of same committee, on petition of Albert Friedberg, referred November 26, 1906, for compensation for injuries caused by being run over by fire stile at the East Boston ferry—leave to withdraw.

16. Report of same committee, on petition of Charles H. Buchanan, referred January 21, 1907, for compensation for damage to caravan on account of an accident at the East Boston ferry—leave to withdraw.

17. Report of same committee, on petition of Clara Sanborn, referred Feb. 25, 1907, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Central Sq.—leave to withdraw, as suit has been entered against the city.

Reports severally accepted in concurrence.

18. Report of Committee on Public Buildings Department, on petition of Major P. J. Grady Comp No. 3, U. S. W. V., referred March 25, recommending the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, be hereby authorized to allow Major P. J. Grady Camp No. 3, U. S. W. V., to occupy in part, for a nominal consideration and upon such terms and conditions as he may deem advisable, the armory hall and ante-rooms in the building at the corner of Maverick and Bremen Sts., East Boston.

The report was accepted. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. HANRAHAN of Wd. 2, and the order was passed in concurrence. Mr. HANRAHAN moved to reconsider; last.

19. Report of Committee on Building Department, on petition of estate of P. O'Riordan, referred Nov. 7, 1906,—recommending the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to estate of P. O'Riordan to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on Foss St., corner of Maudlin St., Wd. 5, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied for wagon storage and repair.

The report was accepted. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. McGIVERN of Wd. 16, and the order was passed in concurrence. Mr. McGIVERN moved to reconsider; lost.

20. Ordered, That from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2000) be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be expended by the Bath Trustees for bath-house, McKenzie Beach.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. McGIVERN of Wd. 16, and the order was passed in concurrence. Mr. McGIVERN moved to reconsider; lost.

21.—Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be authorized to hire for playground purposes the Woodman-Jones estate, on River St., Mattapan; the expense, not exceeding \$200, to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Mr. GREEN of Wd. 24 moved a suspension of the rules in order that the order might go upon its passage tonight.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I understand that this order is on the calendar tonight for the first time, having come to us from the meeting of the Board of Aldermen last Monday. Unless the gentleman from Wd. 24 can give some reason why we should suspend the rules so as to take up this order, and not suspend the rules on an order reported by a committee which had taken from six to eight weeks of their time to consider the matter, I hope that the order will go over until the next meeting.

Mr. GREEN—Mr. President, this is the usual order and is a very simple matter. It only calls for a small amount of money, to be appropriated for a specific purpose—to enable the boys to play ball out in Mattapan. I do not propose to play politics with the gentleman from Wd. 13 (Mr. McCullough) tonight. If I did not see fit to vote for a suspension of the rules tonight, to enable the appropriation bill to be passed, I do not think that is any reason why he should get up and oppose a suspension of the rules in regard to this order, which involves a very small sum of money.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I do not like the insinuation of the gentleman in front of me—that I have attempted to play politics. I want to call to his attention the fact that this order, or an identical order, was not passed last year until, if I am right, about the month of October. I remember that there was considerable discussion in regard to the matter at that time. The gentleman himself may remember it. I am not prepared to vote on this matter tonight, and I hope that it will be assigned until the next meeting.

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24—Mr. President, Mr. McCullough rises now and offers objections to the passage of an order to spend about \$200, and yet he has been standing here on the floor of this Council tonight and advocating the immediate passage of an order appropriating eighteen million and some odd dollars. If you do not call that petty politics, what do you call it? We did pass last year an order appropriating \$200 for the hiring of this same ground, after they had been using it all summer. This year we have put the order in now, and hope to get the proper authority before the grounds are used.

Mr. CLARK of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I cannot understand why Mr. McCullough, the gentleman in the third division, objects to this order. It is an order which will be a great benefit to the children of my ward. They have needed a playground for years. This order has been passed by the Council

year after year for a number of years. I would not be surprised if the gentleman in the third division had voted for it year after year, ever since he has been a member of this Council. It is merely an order to find out whether we shall be allowed to use this playground this year or not. Last year we had some discussion in regard to the matter and received the appropriation after the children had used the playground all the year. The owner of this space received very little compensation for what they give to the people of my ward. Two hundred dollars is a trifle, considering what the people of my ward receive, and I hope that the gentleman in the third division will reconsider that this is a benefit to the children, if nothing else. The children derive a great deal of benefit from the use of this playground. At the present time, they want to have a ball game there on the 19th of April, and the owners of the field do not know whether to allow them to play ball then or not. Until this order is passed the children will not be able to use the grounds.

Mr. GREEN'S motion to suspend the rules, that the order might go upon its passage tonight, was carried, and the question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I desire to move to amend the order, by striking out, at the end of the order, the words, "Public Grounds Department," and substituting in place thereof the words, "Park Department."

The question came on the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. CLARK of Wd. 24.—Mr. President, I do not think those words should be stricken out. That would mean that the expense of hiring the playground must be borne by the Park Department. It always has been borne by the Public Grounds Department, and I do not see why it should not be this year. I cannot see any good reason why we should strike out "Public Grounds Department" and put "Park Department" in there.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, the gentleman from Wd. 24 knows that practically all the playgrounds of the city are under the Park Department. I think that my amendment should prevail and that the expense of hiring this playground should be met by the Park Department, and not by the Public Grounds Department. I want to be very frank and say to the Council that one of the matters which was considered by the Committee on Appropriations was how the Park Department was to expend the \$300,000 allotted to it. The Park Commissioners stated that they desired to have some way of controlling the playgrounds and parks which were provided for the citizens of Boston. There is nothing to be lost by putting this playground under the Park Department. The Board of Aldermen has a meeting tomorrow, and if this bill goes back to them, amended, it will only lose a day. Further than that, I in general will oppose the passage of the order. I understand that last year in the discussion which we had here at that time, the members from Dorchester were not able to satisfy the gentleman who then sat in front of them in this division, the gentleman from Wd. 8 (Mr. Kiley), that \$200 should be given to the Woodman-Jones Estate. I feel that we should know who the Woodman-Jones Estate is. Who are the parties who constitute the Woodman-Jones Estate? I feel that we should know whether \$200 is enough for this purpose. The gentleman from Wd. 24 says that the owners are waiting to receive notice of the passage of this order, in order to know whether they are to allow the playground to be

used or not. Now, the order was not passed last year, if I am right, until October or November. What is there to be lost by putting this ground under the proper department—the Park Department?

Mr. WILLCUTT—Mr. President, I am sorry to say that I again charge Mr. McCullough with playing petty politics. He knows that one department, the Park Department, requires a two-thirds vote, and the other only a majority vote. That is the only reason why he offers that amendment.

(Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3 in the chair.)

Mr. GREEN—Mr. President, I desire to say that the gentleman's order is out of order, and should not be considered. There is no Superintendent of the Park Department, and as the gentleman has put his motion to amend, I believe it is out of order, and so it is unnecessary for us to discuss the question. It is a matter of petty politics, anyway.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President.

The CHAIR—Mr. McCullough.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19—Mr. President.

Mr. GREEN—Mr. President, I ask for a ruling on my point of order.

The CHAIR—Does the gentleman from Wd. 24 make that as a point of order?

Mr. GREEN—I make that as a point of order—that his motion is out of order.

The CHAIR—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken, and recognizes Mr. McCullough of Wd. 13.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The CHAIR—The gentleman will please state his point of order.

Mr. MURPHY—The gentleman from Wd. 13 has spoken before upon this question, and I am entitled to the floor.

The CHAIR—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken.

Mr. McCULLOUGH moved to further amend the order by striking out the word, "Superintendent of Public Grounds," and by inserting in place thereof the words, "Board of Park Commissioners."

Mr. GREEN—Mr. President, I should like to ask you if the acceptance of that amendment does not show that my point of order was well taken? My point was that the Superintendent of Public Grounds could not hire something which the Park Department was to pay for.

The CHAIR—I believe that the Chair rules that the point of order was not well taken at the time, but the change has been made now, so I suppose everything is all right. (Laughter.) The question now comes upon the adoption of the amendments moved by the gentleman from Wd. 13.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I am sorry to be obliged to speak again, but I must. It seems to me this is tremendously small game for the big gun in the third division. I cannot understand it. I think there will be a kick. I think the gun will react. I hope the amendment will not prevail, because those gentlemen, Messrs. Willcutt, Park and Green, the Councilmen who have spoken upon it, know the need of this playground, and they have made out a very excellent case. It is petty, small, mean, Mr. President, to hold up this little thing. And further, beyond that, the gentleman in the third division who sat so patiently at all those meetings of the Committee on Appropriations, with the other members of that committee, listened to the needs of the various departments, and he knows better than any one how bur-

dened the Park Department is. The Park Department, I believe, Mr. President, asked for \$434,539; and they intended to expend it wisely. They intended to expend that money, as they always do expend their money, properly, all over this great city. Everywhere we can see how justly and wisely they spend their appropriation. The amount which they asked has been cut down in the present appropriation bill. I hope that it will be restored—but it has been cut down to \$390,000. That department is already overburdened. There is no possibility of their assuming any additional expense, even an amount of \$200. There is no occasion for us going on and adding something else to their burdens. I think the Superintendent of Public Grounds is big enough and fair enough to be willing to have this small item charged to his appropriation, and that he will be willing to continue to hire that lot of land and to pay for it. I hope that the amendment will not prevail.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I am rather surprised to see any objection made to this order by the gentleman from Wd. 13. While I do not represent Wd. 24 in this body, yet I believe in fair play for everybody. If there are people in that part of the city who own land and who are willing to let the city use it for playground purposes for such a small sum as \$200, then I think that the city should be willing and ready to take any land that it can get for such a cheap price. Now, in Wd. 19, for a smaller lot of land than this, there are parties who want \$3100 a year. That is for a smaller tract of land than the one which the city can get out in Wd. 24 for \$200. If we, in Wd. 19, could get a piece of land for playground purposes for this price, I would be willing to pay the \$200 myself just to allow the children to go out there and play. I am surprised that the gentleman from Wd. 13 should make any objection to this order—a man who made such a strenuous fight for Commonwealth Park to be placed in condition for the children to play in, and in honor of whom, I understand, they are going to rename the park. I am told that instead of calling it Commonwealth Park, they are going to raise a monument to the gentleman from Wd. 13 (Mr. McCullough) and call it "McCullough Park." Mr. President, I hope that the gentleman from Wd. 13 will withdraw his amendment and allow this order to take its regular course, and allow the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department. As I understood the debate which we had on this same question last year, it has been customary for the Public Grounds Department to pay out each year \$200 for the use of this playground. The order was not passed last year until the end of the year. Now, there is an opportunity to pay these people the money which they should have when it is really due. I feel that no objection should be made to the passage of this order by any member of this body. Therefore, I hope that the member from Wd. 13 will withdraw his amendment.

(The President in the Chair.)

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I refuse to allow the gentleman from Wd. 11, or any other member of this body, to place me in a false light before the members or the public. I do not tonight, nor have I ever opposed an appropriation for playground purposes. I have voted for every appropriation and loan bill this year and last year for such a purpose. My contention is this: In the first place, that this ground should be under the control of the Park Department. The gentleman knows if it is placed under the

Park Department, where it properly belongs, nothing will be lost. The order will be passed by the Board of Aldermen tomorrow, or at its next meeting. The amending of this order, so as to make it read "Park Department" in place of "Public Grounds Department" does not mean that I have ever, or do tonight, oppose an appropriation for the hiring of this playground. Now, Mr. President, I ask the same latitude to answer the gentleman who referred to Commonwealth Park, in South Boston. The statement which he has made is in line with various other statements that he has made in this body this year, and is characteristic of the gentleman as regards truthfulness. There is no such movement on foot to name a park after your humble servant; but I have the proud honor to say that during my three years in this Council I have accomplished something. Now, Mr. President, I contend that this ground should be placed under the Park Department. If there is some objection to that, and if Wd. 11 in its philanthropic spirit tonight comes in here and desires to give Wd. 24 \$200, then I will not object any longer. I also want, Mr. President, to answer the gentleman from Wd. 11, who referred to the Park Department. I can now see the cause of his opposition to the appropriation bill tonight. I ask the same latitude to answer the gentleman from Wd. 11, who opened this matter up. The gentleman from Wd. 11 referred to the appropriation for the Park Department. He said that the Park Department asked for four hundreds and fifty thousand or more dollars, and that only \$300,000 was granted to it. I want to tell him that the Board of Park Commissioners and their Superintendent were up before the Committee on Appropriations at least four times, and that not once could they give a satisfactory answer as to why they should receive \$454,000. I and other members of the committee argued for a greater expenditure for our public parks and playgrounds, and we were shown by Mr. Charles E. Stratton, and by Superintendent Pettigrew, that the bulk of the money spent for park purposes for years has been spent on Commonwealth Ave. and the boulevards, and for crushed stone and other materials that they had not even advertised for bids on. They admitted that it had been spent for material which had been purchased year after year and for which they never advertised.

Mr. WILLCUTT—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. I want to know what that has to do with No. 21 on the calendar.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that, although he has been absent, he understands that Mr. McCullough is replying to some remarks made by Mr. Noyes of Wd. 11 in relation to the Park Department appropriation. That being the case, the Chair feels that he should have the opportunity to make his answer. If Mr. Noyes was granted the privilege of injecting the Park Department appropriation into the discussion, it seems to the Chair that Mr. McCullough should have the privilege of replying. For that reason the Chair will rule the point of order not well taken.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I want to say, also, that the gentleman is not speaking to the question. I did make a reference, Mr. President, to the appropriation of the Park Department and did say that the Park Department—

The PRESIDENT—Is the gentleman speaking to a point of order?

Mr. NOYES—I am.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. NOYES—Mr. President, my point of order is that the gentleman in the third division is not speaking to the question. He is assuming and is receiving tremendous latitude.

The PRESIDENT—Well, the Chair will state that the gentleman should not debate, but should simply make his point of order. The Chair feels that, in this instance, he should grant the gentleman from Wd. 13 the same privilege that was extended to the gentleman from Wd. 11, and allow him the same latitude.

Mr. NOYES—But, Mr. President, no more.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Now, Mr. President, there is the evidence—the last injection by the gentleman from Wd. 11 in reference to the petty, peanut politics which he referred to before this evening. I ask the same privilege, Mr. President, that the gentleman from Wd. 11 had. He injected the Park Department into this discussion by claiming that he did not give that department sufficient money. I want to tell you, Mr. President, why I favor placing playgrounds under their care, and especially this one. Mr. Stratton and Mr. Pettigrew told the committee that they desired the extra money for the completion of the boulevard and Commonwealth Ave. They also admitted to the committee that they have purchased materials for years without advertising, as the law requires. For instance, they have had occasion to construct miles of roadway, and they have purchased their cracked stone monthly in orders of less than \$2000. Your committee very wisely cut down their appropriation, and insisted that they spend more money for the parks of our city, and for the benefit of our women and children. It is for that reason, Mr. President, that we insist—

Mr. McLENNAN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. McLENNAN—That the gentleman is not speaking to the question. He is replying to an argument that was not made. Mr. Noyes did make reference to the Park Department in connection with Mr. McCullough's amendment, but he made no charge in reference to that, and the gentleman is enlarging upon the question, and not speaking to the question before the House.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order well taken, and will request the gentleman to confine himself more closely to the question.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, it is evident that the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Noyes) and the gentleman from Wd. 12 (Mr. McLennan) have no desire tonight to have the Park Department discussed. I favor this amendment because the Park Department is where this expense belongs and where this playground properly belongs. I believe that every playground in this city should be placed under the care and control of that department. Then, we would know where to charge up the negligence of our various park commissions. I further charge the gentleman from Wd. 11 and other members of this body with the fact that their real opposition to the appropriation bill here tonight was the reduction of the estimate submitted by the Park Department.

Mr. NOYES—Then I ask you, Mr. President, in all fairness, to record the fact that that is not the reason for my opposition to a proposition to suspend the rules and put our \$18,000,000 plus appropriation bill through tonight. I hope the gentleman in the third division will remember that. If at some time at his lei-

sure the gentleman will do me the honor to accept an engagement to lunch with me, so that we can have two hours' time, I will then briefly give him my reasons—some of my reasons—for objecting to this appropriation bill. My objections can hardly be summed up into simply the reducing of the amount requested by the Park Department.

Mr. MURPHY—Mr. President, in reply to the gentleman from Wd. 13, who has said that the argument made by me here tonight was in keeping with some other statements which I have made during the past year on the floor of this chamber, as regards truthfulness, I would like the gentleman from Wd. 13 or any other member of this body to show me any statement which I have made in this body which was not true, and which I cannot back up at any time. At the time I was trying to compliment the gentleman from Wd. 13. I was surprised, of course, that he should be against such an improvement as this in any ward in the city. Yet, I was trying to praise him for the great work that he had done in Wd. 13. I feel that the people of Wd. 13 should call Commonwealth Park "McCullough Park," after him. Why, I would be tickled to death if ever I were able to get a playground in Wd. 19, and the people should call it "Murphy Park." (Laughter.) Why, I would pay a man as much as I could make, or most, to name it that. That is the way I feel about it. Now, Mr. President, the gentleman makes another statement. He says to me: "In my three years in the Common Council I have accomplished something. Have you?" Well, to start with, we had no playground of any kind in Wd. 19. Over in Wd. 13 they had one. Now, then, I have accomplished something by my tactics in this body. I have made the Mayor of Boston go out to Parker Hill and give his "O. K." to the demand out there for a playground. He has said that the people of Wd. 19 shall have a playground, and that they shall have it this year. He said that in his office before a delegation of 150 citizens from Wd. 19. He visited Parker Hill and admitted that it was an ideal spot for a playground, and said that the people must have it. Of course, there are people who might question whether the Mayor will place the playground on the hill; but for the sum of \$3,100 a year the city can hire a large tract of land out there and we would need perhaps only about \$20,000 to place it in perfect condition. In the course of five years they could buy that property, and it would indeed make an ideal playground, being situated right alongside of the reservoir. Now, I feel that, since the Mayor has gone out to Wd. 19 and promised the people of that ward a playground this year, I have really accomplished something, and I take issue with the gentleman from Wd. 13 as regards that statement.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. I think the time has come to take a vote on the question of suspension of the rule on No. 4.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that that is true, but the matter pending must be disposed of first.

Mr. PIERCE—I was about to say that I raised this point of order after having considered the matter with persons interested in this question.

The PRESIDENT—Does the gentleman care to move the previous question? The question is on the amendment.

Mr. NOYES—Mr. President, unless the gentlemen who are interested in this matter object to closing debate upon it, I would suggest that that previous question might be moved; and I will,

in fact, move the previous question, unless somebody objects.

The main question was ordered. Mr. McCullough's amendment was rejected.

The order was passed in concurrence. Mr. GREEN of Wd. 24 moved to reconsider; lost.

APPROPRIATION BILL—CONTINUED.

The President called up No. 4, considered earlier in the session and the question came on reconsideration of the vote whereby the Council refused to suspend the rule, so that the bill might be read a second time and passed at this meeting.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, if I am in order at this time, I would like to offer the following motion—that the whole and entire appropriation order be referred back to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions to report a bill to the City Council that will raise the pay of the laborers of the city of Boston from \$2 to \$2.25 per day, beginning with May 1 to the end of the current year.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that that motion is not in order until we reach the bill. The question is on reconsideration of the vote whereby the Council refused to suspend the rules. When we get to the bill that motion will be in order.

Mr. DOHERTY—Then I withdraw my motion.

On motion of Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13, further consideration of the motion to reconsider was assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

22. Ordered, That the City Registrar, under the direction of the Committee on Printing, be authorized to have printed five hundred additional copies of the Thirty-fourth Report, Boston Records, entitled "The Town of Roxbury," the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. HACKETT of Wd. 21, and the order was passed in concurrence. Mr. HACKETT moved to reconsider; lost.

23. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to grant a holiday, without loss of pay, in part compensation for services, to employees who are members of Street Department Union 6751, on the day of their annual picnic, Wednesday, July 24, 1907.

The order was passed in concurrence. Mr. LEONARD of Wd. 9 moved to reconsider; lost.

WOODEN BUILDINGS.

Mr. MCGIVERN of Wd. 16, for the Committee on Building Department, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition of D. J. Cutter (referred March 25)—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to D. J. Cutter to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on Freepost St., opposite Preston St., Wd. 24, in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for coal pocket; main building occupied for same purpose.

Report accepted, order passed. Mr. MCGIVERN moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

Report on the petition of the Boston & Maine railroad (referred April 8)—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the Boston & Maine Railroad Company to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on Roland St., opposite Crafts St., Wd. 4, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied for mechanical purposes.

Report accepted, order passed. Mr. MCGIVERN moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE, ETC.

Mr. DOYLE of Wd. 13 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct heads of departments to grant leave of absence, without loss of pay and in part compensation for services rendered, to all employees who are members of the Grand Army of the Republic or of other veteran military organizations, to attend their annual encampments; also to grant like privileges to employees who belong to the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia to attend the annual muster, or to perform other military duties.

Passed. Mr. DOYLE moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

Mr. DOYLE offered a resolution—That in the opinion of the City Council, all employees of the city of Boston should receive a vacation of at least one week, without loss of pay and in part compensation for their services; and His Honor the Mayor is hereby requested to instruct the various heads of departments to grant the same to such employees as do not by custom receive one.

Passed. Mr. DOYLE moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

UNION LABOR ON CONTRACTS.

Mr. DOYLE offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to insert a provision in all calls for bids for contracts, that preference will be given to persons employing union labor and paying the union scale of wages; to make no contract with any official, corporation or person employing prison labor, and to give preference to contractors paying \$2.25 per day to laborers.

Passed. Mr. DOYLE moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

STATIONERY FOR PRESIDENT.

Mr. DOYLE offered an order—That the President of the Common Council be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars for books, stationery, printing and decorations for his office; the said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Common Council, Contingent Expenses.

Passed.

NEXT MEETING.

Mr. DOYLE offered an order—That when this Council adjourns it be to meet again on Wednesday, April 17, 1907, at 7.45 o'clock P. M.

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24.—Mr. President, I would ask the gentleman the reason why he has introduced that order?

Mr. DOYLE—Mr. President, the 18th is the eve of a holiday, and I understand that a good many would like to get away on that evening.

Mr. WILLCUTT—Mr. President, I

hope the order will not prevail. We have certain evenings for our meetings right along, and make our plans accordingly, and we devote other evenings to other things. I hope, under the circumstances, that the order will not prevail.

The order was declared passed. Mr. WILLCUTT doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote. The Council stood divided, and the order was passed, 39 in favor and 19 against.

Mr. WILLCUTT further doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the order was passed, yeas 48, nays 24:

Yeas—Barrett, Carruth, Colpoys, Cose, Daly (17), Daly (12), Donovan, Doyle, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Green, Hackett, Hanrahan, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (13), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Fenshorn, Purcell, Rackowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Santosuosso, Sheenan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wharton—48.

Nays—Anderson, Bagley, Bramhall, Brown, Clark (20), Clark (24), Costello, Cronin, Davidson, Doherty, Ducey, George, Harding, Hatton, McGregor, McLenan, Morgan, Noves, Pierce, Roberts, Wentworth, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—24.

Absent or not voting—Buckley, Driscoll, Montague—3.

Mr. DOYLE moved to reconsider; lost.

LOAN FOR DRAINAGE.

Mr. DOYLE offered an order—That in addition to the amount heretofore appropriated for separate systems of drainage under the provisions of Chapter 383 of the Acts of 1903, there be appropriated the further sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), to be expended by the Superintendent of sewers for said purposes; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Assigned to the next meeting.

LOAN FOR SEWERS.

Mr. DOYLE offered an order—That the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) be appropriated for the construction of sewerage works under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, and acts in amendment of or in addition thereto, to be expended by the Superintendent of Sewers; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Assigned to the next meeting.

LOAN FOR STREETS.

Mr. DOYLE offered an order—That the sum of five hundred thousand and one dollar (\$500,001) be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Streets for Street Improvements; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Assigned to the next meeting.

COMPLETION OF MARINE PARK.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15 called up No. 28, unfinished business, viz.:

28. Ordered, That from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, the sum of \$11,000, now available, be appropriated to be expended by the Park Department for the completion of the pier head at Marine Park.

The order was passed, yeas 65, nays 4:

Yeas—Anderson, Barrett, Brown, Carruth, Clark (20), Colpoys, Cose, Costello Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Ducey, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, George, Green, Hackett, Hanrahan, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McLennan, Mealey, Montague, Morgan, Murphy, Noonan, Noyes, O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Penschorn, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Rosenberg, Sacks, Santosuosso, Sheehan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Wharton, Woodside, Zetterman—65.

Nays—Clark (24), Harding, Pierce, Willcutt—4.

Absent or Not Voting—Bagley, Bramhall, Buckley, Driscoll, McGregor, O'Brien (5)—6.

Mr. SULLIVAN moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

REMOVAL OF TREE.

Mr. CLARK of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to have removed the third tree from Morton St., in front of the Roger Wolcott School, Wd. 24.

Referred to the Mayor.

ADDITIONAL VACCINATION.

Mr. KENNEDY of Wd. 7 offered an order—That the Board of Health, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this Council to have the occupants of the buildings 161-169 Albany St. vaccinated, and to take such steps as may be necessary to have all persons brought to this city for temporary employment vaccinated.

Passed.

IMPROVEMENT OF COMMON.

Mr. KENNEDY offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to include in the first loan bill the sum of \$12,000 for the grading of the parade ground on Boston Common, the providing of a recreation ground for children and the laying out of an athletic field with suitable locker accommodations.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

Mr. SHEENAN of Wd. 17 moved to adjourn; lost.

GYMNASTIC APPARATUS,
CHARLESTOWN PLAYGROUND.

Mr. HAYES of Wd. 4 offered an order—That the sum of three thousand dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Park Department for installing gymnasium apparatus on the Sullivan Square playground, Wd. 4, and to meet such appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

The rule was suspended, on motion of Mr. HAYES, and the order was passed, yeas 67, nays 4:

Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Barrett, Bramhall, Brown, Carruth, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Ducey, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), George, Green, Hackett, Hanrahan, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McGregor, McLennan, Mealey, Montague, Morgan, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Penschorn, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Santosuosso, Sheenan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—67.

Nays—Harding, Noyes, Pierce, Roberts—4.

Absent or not voting—Buckley, Driscoll, Foley, O'Brien (5)—4.

Mr. HAYES moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

Mr. McCULLOUGH in the chair.

IMPROVEMENT OF SIDEWALK.

Mr. LILL of Wd. 8 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be hereby requested to place the sidewalk in front of King's Chapel Burying Ground in good condition.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Mr. LILL moved to reconsider; lost.

PAYMENT TO WIDOW.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the Legislature at its present session for legislation to authorize the city of Boston to pay to the widow of Frank Bean, late a member of the Boston Fire Department, the amount of money to which he would have been entitled if he had lived until the end of the year.

Passed. Mr. MURPHY moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

WD. 19 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Music Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide one band concert on Heath Sq. and another on Parker Hill Ave. near the Dexter estate, Wd. 19.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. MURPHY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place an electric light in front of estate formerly numbered 192 Centre St., Jackson Sq., Wd. 22.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. MURPHY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause Leon St., Wd. 19, to be placed in proper condition for public travel.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. MURPHY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause Rogers Ave., Wd. 19, to be placed in proper condition for public travel.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I just want to say a word in connection with that order. Rogers Ave. is a private way, but I think some action should be taken to place it in some sort of decent condition. It is an avenue which is traveled a great deal during the baseball season, making a short cut for the people of West Roxbury, Dor-

chester and Roxbury proper, as well, in fact, as people coming from in town, who get off the cars at Tremont St., Ruggles St. and Columbus Ave. and use that as a short cut to the ball ground. Certainly something should be done to place the street in proper condition.

The order was referred to the Mayor.

Mr. MURPHY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to resurface Heath St., between Columbus Ave. and Huntington Ave., Wd. 19. Referred to the Mayor.

PAY OF LINEMEN.

Mr. MURPHY offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to arrange an eight-hour schedule and place the rate of compensation at \$3 per day for linemen in the Fire Department.

Referred to the Mayor.

PLAYGROUND, PARKER HILL.

Mr. MURPHY offered an order—That the sum of \$75,000 be appropriated, to be expended by the Board of Park Commissioners, for a playground on Parker Hill in Wd. 19, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

Assigned to the next meeting.

WD. 15 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. MEALEY of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place more seats along the Strandway, from G St. to Covington St., Wd. 15.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. MEALEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to resurface Lark St., between East Eighth and West Ninth Sts., Wd. 15.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. MEALEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place gas lamps along Columbia Rd., from Covington St. to K St., Wd. 15.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. MEALEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a convenience station on Dorchester Heights, Wd. 15.

Referred to the Mayor.

COST OF STRIKE.

Mr. NOONAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Police Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to send a bill to the Master Teamsters' Association for services rendered during the present strike.

Referred to the Mayor.

EMPLOYMENT OF UNION TEAMS.

Mr. NOONAN offered an order—That the heads of departments be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to use only such teaming concerns as are recognized as being fair to organized labor.

Referred to the Mayor.

BAND CONCERT, WD. 15.

Mr. COLPOYS of Wd. 15 offered an

order—That the Music Commission be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to assign one of their evening band concerts during the coming season at the junction of Telegraph and Dorchester Sts., Wd. 15.

Referred to the Mayor.

COST OF WD. 15 BATH-HOUSE.

Mr. COLPOYS offered an order—That the Trustees of the Bath Department be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to report to this body at their earliest convenience the lowest possible cost to complete the all-year bath-house in Wd. 15.

Referred to the Mayor.

TITLE OF FORMER CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11 offered an order—That the Corporation Counsel, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the Common Council at its next meeting the name and official title of the Chief Executive of the city of Boston from Sept. 14, 1905, to Jan. 1, 1906.

Referred to the Mayor.

VACATION FOR LABORERS.

Mr. DUCEY of Wd. 4 offered an order—That the heads of departments employing laborers be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to grant each of said laborers a vacation of one week during the present year, without loss of pay and in part compensation for services rendered to the city of Boston.

Passed. Mr. DUCEY moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

SOMERVILLE FIRE ALARM.

Mr. DUCEY offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to inform the Common Council why the city of Somerville is permitted to maintain a fire alarm signal in Wd. 4, Charlestown, and whether there is any reason why the same should not be removed by him as being objectionable to residents of the above locality.

Referred to the Mayor.

WD. 18 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to have Vernon St., from Cabot St. to Shawmut Ave., asphalted, and Ruggles St., from Cabot St. to Washington St., resurfaced; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Street Department.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. O'BRIEN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to resurface Hampshire St., from Cabot St. to Linden Park St.; also to have the sidewalks along said street put in proper condition.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. O'BRIEN offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide a public convenience station on the Columbus Ave. Playground, Wd. 18.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. O'BRIEN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide sand gardens for children in Madison Park, Wd. 18.

Referred to the Mayor.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, ATHERTON ST.

Mr. PENSORN of Wd. 22 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place an electric lamp on Atherton St., near railroad bridge, Wd. 22.

Referred to the Mayor.

REPAVING OF DUDLEY ST.

Mr. DALY of Wd. 17 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this Council to have Dudley St. repaved, from Warren St. to West Cottage St.

Referred to the Mayor.

BAND CONCERTS, NORTH END.

Mr. SANTOSUOSSO of Wd. 6 offered an order—That the Music Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide a series of band concerts for the North End during the coming season.

Referred to the Mayor.

TOILET FACILITIES, QUINCY MARKET.

Mr. SANTOSUOSSO offered an order—That the Bath Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide suitable toilet facilities for men and women in the Quincy Market building.

Referred to the Mayor.

POINT OF ORDER.

Mr. MCCARTHY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order that there is not a quorum present.

By direction of the Chair, the Clerk called the roll to ascertain the attendance, with the following result:

Present—Anderson, Bramhall, Brown, Carruth, Clark (24), Daly (17), Daly (12), Doyle, Fitzgerald (14), Green, Hanrahan, Harding, Hatton, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGregor, McLennan, Mealey, Morgan, Noonan, Noyes, O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Rosenberg, Sacks, Santosuosso, Sorenson, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Zetterman—41.

Absent—Barrett, Buckley, Clark (20), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Doherty, Donovan, Driscoll, Ducey, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (3), Foley, McGivern, Montague, Murphy, O'Brien, McGivern, Monague, Murphy, O'Brien (5), Penshorn, Pierce, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Sheenan, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Woodside—34.

The CHAIR—Forty-one members, or more than a quorum, appear to be present.

REMOVAL OF TURNSTILES.

Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to remove all the turnstiles at the exits of the elevated stations.

Referred to the Mayor.

LAMP, LOVEDEED CT.

Mr. JOYCE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain a gas lamp opposite No. 3 Lovedeed Ct., Wd.

17; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Referred to the Mayor.

WD. 22 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. MORGAN of Wd. 22 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to resurface Oak View Terrace and Belmore Terrace, Wd. 22.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. MORGAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to erect a street sign for Oak View Terrace and Belmore Terrace at the junction of both streets.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. MORGAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to erect a street sign on Bolster St., at the corners of Wyman and Mozart Sts., Wd. 22.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. MORGAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to put the sidewalks and roadway of Sedgwick St., Wd. 22, in safe and proper condition for public travel thereon.

Referred to the Mayor.

MARINE PARK LANDING.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform the Common Council at its next meeting: To whom it has awarded the contract for the public landing at Marine Park, and whether it was to the highest bidder, and if so, to name the amount of said bid.

Further ordered: That His Honor the Mayor, with all due courtesy, inform this body whether he has signed such contract.

Referred to the Mayor.

M ST. PLAYGROUND.

Mr. O'BRIEN offered an order—That the Committee on Finance incorporate the sum of nine thousand dollars for completion of M St. playground in their first loan bill.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SHOWER BATHS, BILLINGS FIELD.

Mr. DAVIDSON of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Park Department, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to submit an estimate of the cost of installing shower baths in the old police station building on the Billings Field playground, Wd. 23.

Referred to the Mayor.

REPAIR OF FENCES.

Mr. McLENNAN of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to repair and put in proper condition the fence surrounding Franklin and Blackstone Sqs. in Wd. 12.

Referred to the Mayor.

SUB-POLICE STATION, WD. 16.

Mr. KELLY of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Police Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to report to the Common Council on the advisability of locating a

sub-station of the Police Department in the vicinity of Edward Everett Sq., Wd. 16.

Referred to the Mayor.

IMPROVEMENT OF WILLOW CT.

Mr. KELLY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause Willow Court, Wd. 16, to be placed in proper condition for public travel.

Referred to the Mayor.

INVESTIGATION OF PENAL INSTITUTIONS.

Mr. HARDING of Wd. 20 offered an order—That a Joint Special Committee, to consist of seven members of the Common Council, together with such Aldermen as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to investigate the conduct of affairs of the Penal Institutions Department; that it submit its report within three months from this date with such recommendations as it may deem proper, and that the expense incurred by said committee be charged to the "City Council, Incidental Expenses."

Assigned to the next meeting.

CROSSWALK, WD. 20.

Mr. HARDING offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a crosswalk on Washington St., Wd. 20, at the south corner of Lyndhurst St.

Referred to the Mayor.

EMPLOYEES TO BE VOTERS.

Mr. HARDING offered an order—That the Corporation Counsel, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to draft an ordinance that will, if enacted, compel all male employees of the city of Boston to be legal voters of Boston.

Referred to the Mayor.

IMPROVEMENT OF STATIONS.

Mr. HARDING offered an order—That the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to furnish more adequate platforms and overhead coverings at the Field's Corner and Shawmut Stations in Dorchester.

Referred to the Mayor.

WORK OF INSTRUCTORS.

Mr. HARDING offered an order—That the School Committee be requested to furnish to the Common Council a detailed report of the actual work performed by the five instructors of physical training.

Passed. Mr. HARDING moved to reconsider; lost.

NON-UNION TRUCKING.

Mr. CRONIN of Wd. 18 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to inform this body as to whether or not any trucking concerns which employ non-union labor are employed by departments of the city of Boston.

Referred to the Mayor.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS, WD. 18.

Mr. CRONIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have resurfaced and put in safe condition for public travel Ruggles St., from Shawmut Ave. to Tremont St.; also to have the sidewalks on Shawmut Ave., from Sawyer St. to Lenox St., put in proper condition.

Referred to the Mayor.

CLEVELAND CIRCLE.

Mr. McCABE of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the open space formed by the crossing of Chestnut Hill Ave., Boylston St., and Sutherland Rd. in Wd. 25 be named and hereafter known as Cleveland Circle.

Passed. Mr. McCABE moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

CROSSWALK, MAVERICK SQ.

Mr. PENDERGAST of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to have a crosswalk constructed from the entrance of the East Boston tunnel to the westerly side of Maverick Sq., Wd. 2.

Referred to the Mayor.

WARD 20 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. BRAMHALL of Wd. 20 offered an order—That the Finance Committee include in its first loan bill the sum of \$6000 to be expended by the Cemetery Department for the construction of a suitable stone wall and iron fence to surround the old, historic North Dorchester Burying Ground, Wd. 20.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. BRAMHALL offered an order—That the Street Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to construct and lay out as a public way Belfort St., from Sagamore St. to Saxton St., Wd. 20.

Passed. Mr. BRAMHALL moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

Mr. BRAMHALL offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out as a public way Upham Ave., Wd. 20.

Passed. Mr. BRAMHALL moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

Mr. BRAMHALL offered an order—That the Superintendent of Sewers be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to construct a catch-basin in front of 92 Auckland St., Wd. 20.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. BRAMHALL offered an order—That the Superintendent of Sewers be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to construct a catch-basin on Savin Hill Ave., corner of Tuttle St., Wd. 20.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. BRAMHALL offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to rearrange the gas lamps on Gardner Ave., Wd. 20, so that the street may be better lighted.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. BRAMHALL offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place an arc light at the corner of Savin Hill Ave. and Tuttle St., Wd. 20.

Referred to the Mayor.

PLAYGROUND, WD. 12.

Mr. DALY of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to include in the first loan bill the sum of \$57,000 for the purchase of a site for a children's playground in Wd. 12, and to cover the cost of developing, grading fencing and equipping the same.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

LOAN FOR WATER MAINS.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2 called up No. 31, past assignment, viz:—

31. Ordered, That the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) be appropriated, to be expended by the Water Commissioner for the construction of new and the replacing of old

water pipes; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

The question came on giving the order a second reading. Further assigned to the next meeting on motion of Mr. FOLEY of Wd. 7.

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24 offered an order, but before it was read Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17 raised the point of order that there was not a quorum present. The CHAIR directed the members present to rise and remain standing until counted, and it appeared that but 37 members were in the chamber.

The CHAIR—Thirty-seven members, or less than a quorum, being present, the point of order is well taken, and the Council stands adjourned to meet on Wednesday next at 7:45 P. M.

Adjourned at 11:10 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Friday, April 12, 1907.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Aldermen, in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 1 o'clock P. M., Ald. BERWIN presiding.

Absent, Ald. Baldwin and Finigan.

On motion of Ald. LEARY, the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with.

JURORS DRAWN.

Eight petit jurors were drawn for the United States Circuit Court, to appear April 30, as follows:

Benjamin F. Graham, Wd. 1; George L. Jackson, Wd. 13; August Kaufman, Wd. 16; George W. Fuller, Wd. 21; George F. Crossin, Wd. 19; George F. Hill, Wd. 20; Samuel Wax, Wd. 21; Harry N. Hargraves, Wd. 24.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. DRAPER, at 1:36 P. M., to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic chamber at 2:41 P. M., and were called to order by Ald. WHELTON.

APPOINTMENTS OF MINOR OFFICERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, April 12, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to confirmation by your Board, I make the following appointments:

(1) Edward Hughes, to be Chief Weigher of Vessels, and James J. Neville, to be Weigher of Vessels, for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.

(2) The following-named persons to be Weighers of Coal for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907:

George H. Adams, Morton Alden, William E. Allen, Franklin W. Anderson, Revere E. Atwood, Richard A. Atwood, Samuel S. Atwood, William G. Bail, George E. Baker, John R. Barton, Benjamin J. Bean, Peter Benson, Fred R. Bolster, Edwin M. Bradford, G. Edith Bradley, Thomas Brady, Bernard M. Brennan, Edwin Francis Brennan, Ira W. Brown, Donald S. Campbell, William A. Campbell, Charles A. Chadwick, Constantine J. Church, James J. Chute, George Asa Clark, Isaac E. Clark, Frederick E. Cleaves, Carleton M. Cobb, Paul G. Coblenzer, Thomas Colbert, Nelson B. Coll, William Connelly, Arthur R. Crooks, Arnold B. Crosby, Thomas A. Crosby, Dennis C. Crowley, Andrew W. Crowther, Fred Cutter, Arthur W. Daniels, George H. Davis, Charles E. Dodge, William B. Dolan, John F. Donovan, George E. Doherty, John J. Doherty, Ralph L. Donoghue, H. T. Duffill, Andrew H. Dwelley, Oliver C. Elliott, Thomas J. Fallon, Richard J. Fay, John C. Felker, Jr., Edward L. Fitzgerald, Joseph Flores, Arthur L. Fish, William I. Fogarty, Charles W. Friend, Charles W.

Furlong, Nathaniel W. Gifford, Martin Gilbert, Albert R. Glover, Albert W. Grant, Charles T. Grant, John C. Haile, John J. Haley, John V. Haley, Charles A. Hamann, Walter P. Hamblen, Isaiah E. Hamblen, Matthew J. Hanley, John E. Hannan, Alden H. Harding, Donald J. Hayes, Jacob S. Helder, Daniel A. Herlihy, Martin L. Herrick, Sidney C. Higgins, Francis J. Hird, George G. Hobson, Leroy C. Holbrook, Edwin E. Houston, John W. Hunter, Abbe F. Hyde, Alfred Inch, Frank E. Ingalls, Reginald G. Inge, Herbert E. Irving, William P. Jenkins, Hiram Jewell, David Boyd Johnson, Frederick A. Jones, William H. Kaercher, William Wallace Kee, William E. Keene, John F. Kelly, Turner C. Kelly, Maurice H. Klous, Edward A. Ladd, Thomas C. Lamb, Daniel F. Lauten, Alfred R. Leavitt, F. Ernest Little, Jeremiah C. Long, Sidney J. Loup, John D. Lovering, Albert F. Lyons, Pliny P. Mason, Ernest R. Marsters, Jeremiah L. McCarthy, Nicholas McGrane, Edward J. McMackin, William H. McNamara, Mabel McQuade, Richard J. Mitchell, James P. Mooney, Richard J. Moore, E. Eugene Morse, Eugene R. Morse, Fred L. Moses, George L. Mudge, John F. Nelson, Francis B. Neylon, Thomas J. O'Keefe, Peter O'Neill, William E. O'Neill, Fred L. Orta, Henry C. Oxley, John Frothingham Perkins, Lovell O. Perkins, Ida L. Phillips, Wallace B. Phinney, Edward E. Piper, James T. Pond, Horace L. Porter, Hugh H. Ralph, Winsor W. Raymond, Henry F. Rayner, John Rea, Herbert F. Reinhard, Frank B. Reynolds, Levering Reynolds, Thomas M. Richards, Jr., Walter J. Ripley, Henry C. Robbins, Bertram H. Rogers, Edward W. Sanders, David P. Sawyer, Charles W. Schneider, William J. Seaver, Margaret G. Shurety, George T. Smith, Lucius W. Smith, Walter H. Smith, Harrison L. Soule, Ray A. Stearns, G. Louis Stowers, Frederick W. Thielscher, Henry F. Thomas, Frank O. Thompson, Charles F. Tirrell, Francis J. Tobin, Andrew E. Toomey, Frank E. Trow, John E. Trull, Theodore H. Tufts, Joel F. Vinal, Henry John Wade, Bartlett S. Waterman, John A. Watson, Charles S. Wellington, J. Clarence Whitney, John A. Whittemore, Thomas H. Williams, Temple A. Winsloe, William C. Winsor, George T. Wood, Stuart P. Woodbury, William H. Woods, Augustus E. Wyman, Charles W. York.

(3) The following-named persons to be Measurers of Wood and Bark for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907:

Morton Alden, Franklin W. Anderson, Revere E. Atwood, William G. Bail, Carleton M. Cobb, Arnold B. Crosby, Thomas A. Crosby, John F. Donovan, Thomas J. Fallon, Joseph Flores, Sidney C. Higgins, John W. Hunter, Frank B. Ingalls, William P. Jenkins, Hiram Jewell, William Wallace Kee, William E. Keene, Thomas C. Lamb, E. Eugene Morse, Peter O'Neill, Albert T. Orrall, Lovell O. Perkins, Horace L. Porter, Frank O. Thompson, Frank E. Trow, Bartlett S. Waterman, J. Clarence Whitney, John A. Whittemore, Temple A. Winsloe, Stuart P. Woodbury.

(4) The following-named persons to be Measurers of Grain for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907:

Charles E. Avery, Lawrence A. Bragan, Stephen T. Campbell, Frank J. Cochran, Michael Collins, John F. Donovan, Alton F. Dow, Oscar M. Estes, L. T. Farnum, Michael Finn, Carroll W. Gates, Alden H. Harding, Benjamin Hay, Joseph G. Herrick, George W. Keith, Thomas J. Kelly, Thomas C. Lamb, Thomas B. Lombard, Timothy J. McLaughlin, William T. McLaughlin, Martin E. O'Hehir, Peter O'Neill, Leslie

A. Pike, Joseph Rourke, Alfred J. Sidwell, Lawrence B. Smith, Fred P. Wood, Gustav A. Young.

(5) The following-named persons to be Inspectors of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907:

Morton Alden, Charles E. Avery, Thomas F. Bohlen, William Connelly, John F. Donovan, William M. Dunn, George R. Edwards, Oscar M. Estes, James H. Gilmore, Michael Hart, John J. Haley, Charles W. Furlong, Frank B. Ingalls, Thomas C. Lamb, William Lincoln, Timothy J. McLaughlin, William T. McLaughlin, Richard J. Moore, Peter O'Neill, Leslie A. Pike, Joseph Rourke, Willard P. Whittemore, Andrew N. Wyeth, Jr.

(6) The following-named persons to be Weighers of Boilers and Heavy Machinery for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907:

John R. Barton, Frank T. Chase, James F. Cloney, Patrick D. Currie, Fred Cutter, John F. Donovan, George E. Doherty, L. T. Farnum, Charles W. Furlong, Harold H. Fogg, Joseph A. Gallagher, Edson J. Gould, John J. Haley, Alfred Inch, Thomas F. Jenkins, Frederick A. Jones, Thomas C. Lamb, Sidney J. Loup, David A. Mahoney, Pliny P. Mason, Peter O'Neill, Walter J. Ripley.

(7) The following-named persons to be Weighers of Beef, for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907:

Clarence O. Duston, John F. Donovan, Patrick P. Ford, Charles W. Furlong, Alfred H. Goodwin, William B. Guttererson, Charles Warren Hapgood.

(8) James H. Cleaves, Orrin E. Hodsdon and William Park, to be Inspectors of Petroleum for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.

(9) Sewall B. Farnsworth, Edward H. Mahoney, Edward R. Maxwell, Henry McGowan, John J. Powers, William Powers and William S. Saunders, to be Measurers of Upper Leather for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.

(10) Patrick J. McCarthy, to be an Inspector of Lime for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.

(11) John F. Dixon, to be a Gauger of Liquid Measures, for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.

(12) Herbert C. Davis, to be Superintendent of the North Hay Scales, Maurice J. McCarthy, to be Superintendent of the South Hay Scales and Neil McInnes, to be Superintendent of the Roxbury Hay Scales, each for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Consideration of the appointments was laid over, under the law.

APPOINTMENT OF CONSTABLE.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, April 12, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—
Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint George E. Kerr (35 Quincy St., Wd. 21) a Constable of the city of Boston, for the term of one year beginning with the first day of May, 1907. Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and were referred to the committees named:

Building Department (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Hughes Anti-Friction Co., two board signs at 27-29 Commerce St., Wd. 6.

Robert Drinkwater, two illuminated signs at 47 Court St., Wd. 6.

Roloff & Thurman, an illuminated sign at 33 Cross St., Wd. 6.

Robinson, the jeweler, a clock sign at 229 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

M. Steinert & Sons Co., a board sign at 35-37 Arch St., Wd. 7.

Charles J. O'Brien, an auctioneer's flag at 1055 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Claims.

Minnie G. McCulloch, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in North St.

Marion Hey, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Dimock St., Roxbury.

Elizabeth B. Bearse, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Massachusetts Ave., near Boylston St.

Faneuil Hall, etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

Territorialists' Organization of Boston, on the afternoon of April 21.

Mercantile Market Association, on the evening of April 30.

Ninth Regiment Veteran Association, on the afternoon and evening of June 25.

G. A. R., Department of Massachusetts, on the day and evening of Feb. 11 and the day of Feb. 12, 1908.

Public Improvements.

Freeman Nickerson, for leave to lay a 1½-inch pipe across sidewalk at Saratoga St., corner Meridian St., Wd. 1.

The White Co., for leave to construct an area and bulkhead at 341-343 Newbury St., Wd. 11.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:

William H. Newcombe, 350-356 Seaver St., Wd. 20.

A. Dimond, Hutchings and Harold Sts., Wd. 21.

Petitions for licenses to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, viz.:

John J. Guthlin, at 10 Richfield St., Wd. 20.

C. H. K. Skillin, rear 63 Leonard St., Wd. 24.

E. S. Clark, 272-274 Freeport St., Wd. 24.

The Mattapan Garage (Weaver & Edgerley), 1606 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 24.

The A. T. Stearns Lumber Company, 98 Taylor St., Wd. 24.

Annie M. Wilde, 1582 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24.

W. Bowman Cutter, 1855 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24.

Sheldon Yacht & Power Boat Corporation, in yard off Philip St., Wd. 24.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

On motion of Ald. BERWIN the Board voted to consider Nos. 1 to 9 inclusive, together, viz.:

1. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the Legislature to authorize the city of Boston to pay to the widow of Frank Bean, late a member of the Boston Fire Department, the amount of money to which he would have been entitled if he had lived until the end of the year.

2. Ordered, That the heads of departments employing laborers be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to grant to each of said laborers a vacation of one week during the present year, without loss of pay, and in part compensation for services rendered to the city of Boston.

3. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct heads of departments to grant leave of absence, without loss of pay and in part compensation for services rendered, to all employees who are members of the Grand Army of the Republic, or of other veteran military organizations, to attend their annual encampments; also to grant like privileges to employees who belong to the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia to attend the annual muster, or to perform other military duties.

4. Resolved, That, in the opinion of the City Council, all employees of the city of Boston should receive a vacation of at least one week, without loss of pay and in part compensation for their services; and His Honor the Mayor is hereby requested to instruct the various heads of departments to grant the same to such employees as do not by custom receive one.

5. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to insert a provision in all calls for bids for contracts that preference will be given to persons employing union labor and paying the union scale of wages; to make no contract with any official, corporation or persons employing prison labor, and to give preference to contractors paying \$2.25 per day to laborers.

6. Ordered, That the Street Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to construct and lay out as a public way Belfort St., from Sagamore St. to Saxton St., Wd. 20.

7. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept as a public way Upham Ave., Wd. 20.

8. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be hereby requested to place the sidewalk in front of King's Chapel Burying Ground in good condition.

9. Ordered, That the open space formed by the crossing of Chestnut Hill Ave., Boylston St. and Sutherland Rd. in Wd. 25 be named and hereafter known as Cleveland circle.

Severally passed in concurrence.

10. Ordered, That the sum of \$3000 be appropriated to be expended by the Park Department for installing gymnasium apparatus on the Sullivan Sq. Playground, Wd. 4; and to meet such appropriation, the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

Ald. BATTIS—Mr. Chairman, I move reference of the order to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I trust that that reference will not prevail. Every member of this Board is familiar with this location. I have no personal interest in the matter other than as one interested in the constituency that I have in part the honor to represent. Some 13 or 14 years ago the city of Boston began at considerable expense to fill in the flats at Sullivan Sq., Charlestown, and have continued that work for a period of about 14 years. The land, when filled in, was turned over to the Park Department. The Park Department has placed two baseball backstops there, which make it possible for the young men of the district to utilize perhaps about one-third of the entire area. One of the best playgrounds in the entire city is available for use in that section at the present time. The people of the Charlestown District have been fighting for a number of years to have some sort of gymnastic apparatus placed on this playground. The playground will probably represent an assessed valuation of somewhere in the vicinity of \$100,000 to \$250,000. It serves no really useful pur-

pose at the present time, nor has it served any really useful purpose for the last 14 years. Now, at a time when this land is available for the benefit of the young men of the Charlestown District, I believe that this Board should be agreeable to appropriating the small sum that is asked for, which I understand the Park Commission deem will be necessary to install the gymnasium apparatus there which the people of Charlestown desire to have placed there. I can conceive of no reason why this Board should desire to delay action. If this order should pass this Board, as it passed the Common Council almost unanimously, and if it as it is signed by the Mayor, it will take at least a month to install the apparatus and to make the playground available for the use of the young men of the Charlestown District. If we delay this proposition, laying it over to the next meeting of the Board, it will mean a delay of 10 days at least, possibly two weeks, and possibly a month. I can conceive of no good purpose which will be served by the laying over of the order. For that reason I trust that the motion to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements will not prevail, but that the order may be placed on its passage at this time.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I shall vote for the reference, with this explanation. I am not opposed to the passage of the order, but I stated some time ago that I should vote somewhat reluctantly to avail ourselves of the borrowing capacity of the city until I knew fairly well what the condition of the city's finances was. That is one of the reasons—in fact, my sole reason, for saying that I shall vote for the reference, with no prejudice whatsoever to my future course in the matter, because I have stated to the representative from Charlestown that, after the loan bill was gotten into shape, I should be only too glad to support the order, if I can do so. I yield for a question on the part of Ald. Curley.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the alderman if he will be agreeable to laying this on the table?

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, it is not my motion. The motion was made by Ald. Battis. I am perfectly agreeable to that motion, if Ald. Battis will withdraw his motion to refer.

Ald. BATTIS—Mr. Chairman, I am not personally against this order. I simply wanted it referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, believing that that was the proper place for it. But if any of the members really want to lay it on the table, I had just as soon have it there as in the Committee on Public Improvements. I do believe the proper thing is that it should not go through today. These small loan orders are coming in here continuously, and it does seem as though we ought to find out what they are for and what is needed. I will, however, withdraw my motion, and I will be agreeable to the order lying on the table.

The order was laid on the table.

11. Ordered, That from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, the sum of \$11,000, now available, be appropriated to be expended by the Park Department for the completion of the pier head at Marine Park.

The CHAIR—The Chair has been informed that there is but \$8000 available in the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island. I have not got the figures direct from the auditor, but they were given to the Assistant City Clerk.

Ald. LEARY—Mr. Chairman, in the absence of the Alderman from South Boston, I move that this matter lie on the table.

The order was laid upon the table.

Reports of the Committee on Building Department, recommending the passage of the two following orders:

12. Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the Boston & Maine Railroad Company to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on Roland St., opposite Crafts St., Wd. 4, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied for mechanical purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

13. Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to D. J. Cutter to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on Freeport St., opposite Preston St., Wd. 24, in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for coal-pocket, main building occupied for same purpose.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

APPROVAL OF LOCATIONS.

Communications were received from the Board of Railroad Commissioners, as follows:

Approving plan of shelter at Thompson Sq. station of the Boston Elevated Railway Company.

Approving plan of shelter at City Sq. station of the Boston Elevated Railway Company.

Approving 262 location of the West End Street Railway Company for tracks at corner of Dorchester Ave. and West Fourth Sts.

Approving order granting permission to West End Street Railway Company to attach wires to poles on L St., South Boston.

Severally placed on file.

ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On petition of James C. Melvin et al., trustees, for leave to project an awning at 19 Quincy Row, Wd. 6—an order of notice was passed for a hearing on Monday, April 22, at three o'clock P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

On the following petitions for leave to store and keep for sale products of petroleum, viz.:

Coffin Valve Company, Tolman St., for Norwood St., Wd. 24.

W. E. Leavitt, Morton St., corner of River St., Wd. 24.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings on Monday, May 6, at three o'clock P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

MINORS' LICENSES.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted reports recommending that licenses be granted to seven newsboys, three bootblacks and two vendors.

Reports accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. BATTIS, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions (severally referred today), for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

Mercantile Market Association, evening of April 30, 1907.

Territorialists' Organization of Boston, for the afternoon of April 21, 1907, instead of evening of April 14.

Reports accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of the 9th Regiment Veteran Association (referred today) for the use of Faneuil hall on the afternoon and evening of June 25, 1907—Recommending that leave be granted.

The question came on granting leave. On motion of Ald. BERWIN the matter was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements. Later in the session the reference was reconsidered, on motion of Ald. BERWIN, and the report of the committee was accepted and leave granted on the usual conditions.

PROJECTIONS OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. BANGS, for the Committee on Building Department, Ald., submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition of the Ratshesky Estate Trust (referred April 8) for leave to project a marquis at 25 Tremont St., Wd. 6—Recommending that leave be granted (said marquis to be suspended from the building and not supported by posts, and the plans to be approved by and the construction to be under the supervision of the Building Commissioner).

Report accepted, leave granted on the conditions named.

(2) Reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions (severally referred April 8), for leave to project signs, viz.:

Solomon Scheinfeldt, two illuminated signs, 1022 Washington St. and Asylum St., Wd. 9.

Hyman J. Levy, sign, 1367 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Salaway & Olson, electric sign, 32 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

Abraham Jacobson, watch sign, 361 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Emanuel P. Scigliano, electric sign, 142-144 North St., Wd. 6.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports recommending that leave be granted on petitions (severally referred today) for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Robert Drinkwater, two illuminated signs, 47 Court St., Wd. 6.

Hughes Anti-Friction Company, two signs, 27-29 Commerce St., Wd. 6.

Holoff & Thurman, illuminated sign, 39 Cross St., Wd. 6.

M. Steinert & Sons Co., sign, 35-37 Arch St., Wd. 7.

Robinson, the jeweler, clock sign, 229 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Charles J. O'Brien, auctioneer's flag, 1055 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

ARBITRATION ON STRIKE.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested by this Board to make arrangements for a conference between the Master Teamsters and a Committee of the Striking Teamsters with a view to submitting their differences to the State Board of Arbitration.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, in the matter of the striking teamsters, I want to say that the Teamsters' Union always stands for arbitration. Now we want to see whether the master teamsters are open to arbitration. This is not a fight between the master teamsters and the Teamsters' Union. It is the fight of an organization known as the 'Employers' Association'—nothing

but a band of legal conspirators, as I call them, who send notices to the different employers that if they will join their association they will protect them against any labor troubles that may come up. I have received several notices myself. They put it to you that it is entirely confidential, but that the "Employers' Association" will protect you at times of strike and pay all expenses. Now, I want to see whether the master teamsters of Boston are open to arbitration, to meet the Mayor and to meet the committee from the Teamsters' Association. I say it is a deplorable condition in Boston today if our residents, our own citizens, have to walk the streets, while this band of legal conspirators are urging the master teamsters to import thugs and crooks from New York to fill honest men's places. The business conditions in New York do not warrant any honest man in leaving the city of New York to get work elsewhere, because I was there two weeks ago, and it is impossible for them to get help enough there to do their work. In Philadelphia, also, the Cramp shipbuilding establishment, with its 6000 employees, is short of hands and could use 2000 more people. So the condition of affairs in either New York or Philadelphia does not warrant any honest man leaving those cities, and there is no need of their coming to Boston to tie up the business of this city. I hope the master teamsters will be honest and will meet this committee of the Teamsters' Union and arrange for arbitration. I hope the trouble will be adjusted and that such a deplorable condition of affairs as exists today in Boston will not continue.

The order was passed.
Later in the session Ald. WOODS said:

Mr. Chairman, I would ask the indulgence of the Board to add to my order and my remarks a letter which I have received since, and which I expected before the order was offered. It is a letter sent out by this Employers' Association to the master teamsters, and reads as follows:

"Dear Sir:—The walking delegate is busy visiting the master teamsters just now, and possibly has visited you with the idea of getting you to sign the union agreement.

"Of course I know you will not do so, but I want to impress upon you one very important thing and it is this: You will help your cause more than you can possibly know by simply saying to him, in plain, emphatic English, that you have no business to transact with him and no time to waste, but if your men desire to consult you individually (not by committee) you will give them a courteous hearing.

"Every time you consent to discuss the matter with an agent or officer of the union, you weaken your cause, and make it harder for yourself and us to handle the situation.

"Already this morning I have had it reported to me that six of our members had signed. I believe it was a lie of the business agent, and confirm my belief by consulting the parties, and in each case they told me they had told the delegate they would not sign.

"Don't believe anything you see in the papers, or hear on the street that the agents say. Don't allow yourself to be influenced or stampeded by them. Simply say to them that you are a member of the Employers' Association, and that if they want to talk that they can be accommodated by calling here.

"Another thing. If a strike occurs, don't interfere with your competitor's business. If it is offered to you be-

cause you are better able to handle it, refuse it, and in the end you will not regret it.

"Above all, don't allow the members of the Board of Arbitration to butt in. Refer them to me.

"Yours respectfully,

"Albion P. Pease, Secretary."

Their whole fight, as they contend, is against the union. Now, if the Master Teamsters' Association is allowed to have an association, why are not the working men of Boston allowed to have a union?

RECEPTACLES FOR REFUSE CANS.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of the Street Cleaning Department, the Park Commissioners and the Superintendent of Public Grounds be severally requested by this Board to consider the advisability of locating at convenient points covered receptacles below the surface of the ground for the purpose of storing the push-cart barrels and cans for street sweepings and refuse, instead of leaving said barrels on the sidewalks and streets.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, the City Council at a recent meeting passed an order for an appropriation of \$40,000, to be expended in beautifying Copley Square. Large sums of money are expended annually upon the Public Garden, the Common, the various parks and squares throughout the city. Yet the custom is still in vogue of permitting these unsightly yellow tin cans that are used as receptacles for combustible waste, such as newspapers, and for deposit of street sweepings in extremely large numbers in certain places. It is safe to say that on the Common at the present time there are from 50 to 75 of those cans at different points along the mall, that in the vicinity of Copley Square can be found a dozen or more, and that in every other one of the public squares and streets throughout the city can be found an equally large number. I believe the same system should be applied here in Boston that is in vogue in Philadelphia, Baltimore and certain parts of New York. The same principle as that of a submerged ink well in a desk is adopted, so that instead of having some half dozen or more cans of an unsightly character constantly before the gaze of the public, but one can is necessary, and when that can is filled it can be emptied into the other cans, placed below the level of the sidewalk. I sincerely hope the heads of these various departments, whose object is to make our streets clean and healthful, and our parks beautiful, will see the necessity of adopting some such system.

The order was passed.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS, EAST BOSTON.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to resurface Princeton St., from Prescott St. to Meridian St.

Passed.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to resurface Saratoga St., from Austin Ave. to Orient Heights Station.

Passed.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to have paved Chelsea St., from Bennington St. to Saratoga St.

Passed.

NEXT MEETING.

Ald. BERWIN moved that when the

Board adjourn, it be to meet on Monday, April 22, at 3 o'clock P. M., and that hearings under orders of notice assigned to a prior date be postponed accordingly.

Carried.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. BERWIN moved a general reconsideration of the action taken on all motions, orders and resolutions acted upon today, hoping the same would not prevail.

The motion was lost.

RECESS TAKEN.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY, the Board voted, at 3:10 P. M., to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic chamber and were called to order by Ald. Berwin at 3:33 P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. BERWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending the passage of orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks or artificial stone, with granite edge-stones, in front of the estates of the following petitioners, said sidewalks to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width; the owner to furnish the material, viz.:-

William H. Newcombe (referred today), 350-356 Seaver St., Wd. 20.

A. Dimond (referred today), Hutchings and Harold Sts., Wd. 21.

Reports severally accepted, orders severally passed.

(2) Report on the order (referred today) authorizing the Boston & Maine Railroad Company to construct a wooden building on Roland St., opposite Crafts St., Wd. 4—That the same ought to pass.

Report accepted, order passed in concurrence.

(3) Report on the order (referred today) authorizing D. J. Cutter to construct a wooden addition on Freeport St., opposite Preston St., Wd. 24—That the same ought to pass.

Report accepted, order passed in concurrence.

ELEVATED STRUCTURE, WEST END.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Law Department, April 12, 1907.

To the Committee on Public Improvements of the Board of Aldermen, City Hall, Boston.

Gentlemen:—I am requested by the Clerk of Committees to answer for you certain questions in connection with an order introduced by Ald. Whelton on the petition of Daniel J. Kiley, a copy of which order with proposed amendments was enclosed with the letter.

The first question is,—Who are the parties interested in all legal proceedings of appeal as to the locations referred to above, under Chapter 520, Section 22 of the Acts of 1906?

Said Section 22 says the procedure prescribed by Section 13 of Chapter 500 of the Acts of 1897 in respect to the application for the approval of a route shall apply, so far as such approval is concerned, to the routes designated in this section and in Section 23 of this act. Section 13 of Chapter 500 of the Acts of 1897 provides that the Elevated Railway corporation shall apply to the

Board of Aldermen of the city of Boston for a route over the locations granted. If the route so applied for is not approved by the Mayor and Aldermen within sixty days of the application therefor, the corporation shall within thirty days from the expiration of said sixty days apply to the Board of Railroad Commissioners for such approval, who shall have authority to approve the same, and upon any refusal or failure for sixty days of any board of aldermen or selectmen to approve any route lawfully applied for by said corporation, the corporation may apply therefor to the State Board, which may approve the same.

Under this provision the only party who had a right to appeal from the action or non-action of the Mayor and Aldermen was the Elevated Railway Corporation, and under the provisions of Chapter 520 of the Acts of 1906, the Boston and Maine Railroad were not only given a right to be heard by the Board of Aldermen, which they undoubtedly would have had, along with all other parties who were in any way interested in the granting of this location, but said railroad corporation was expressly given a right to appeal to the Board of Railroad Commissioners for a revision of any action of the Mayor and Aldermen in the nature of an appeal.

In my opinion the only parties who had a right to appeal from the action or non-action of the Board of Aldermen in regard to these routes were the Elevated Railway Company and the Boston & Maine Railroad Corporation. Any party having a legal interest in the matter would have a right to be heard before the Board of Aldermen or the Railroad Commissioners, but no right of appeal from the decision of either Board.

The second question is, if all the property actually needed for the Elevated structure upon the route designated over private lands has been purchased or taken by the railroad, who are the remaining parties in interest under said Chapter 520 of the Acts of 1906 or Chapter 463, Part 3, Section 157, of the Acts of 1907?

I do not know that I fully understand this question. Chapter 463 of the Acts of 1906 is a general law relating to all street railways. It provides that "the Supreme Judicial Court or the Superior Court shall have jurisdiction in equity upon the petition of a street railway company or of the Board of Aldermen of a city or the Selectmen of a town in which the street railway is located, or of any interested party to compel the observance of and to restrain the violation of all laws which govern street railway companies and of all orders, rules and regulations made in accordance with the provisions of this chapter by the Board of Aldermen of a city, the Selectmen of a town, or the Board of Railroad Commissioners, and review, modify or amend the rulings of any state board or commission relative to street railways as law and justice may require." The purpose of this section was to compel street railway companies operating street railways in Massachusetts to observe the laws of the land, the ordinances, by-laws and regulations of the city or town in which the railway was operated, and the orders of the Railroad Commissioners. The Board of Aldermen of a city and the Selectmen of a town are undoubtedly supposed by the Legislature to be the proper parties to see that the railways do not encroach upon the streets and obey the general laws and local rules and regulations. In my opinion this section of the statute was not intended to give to the Board of Aldermen or any party interested the right to bring a bill in equity to review, annul, modify or

amend the granting of a location to a street railway under a special statute. The rulings of the state board or commission referred to in this section are rulings relative to the maintenance and operation of street railways and not their action in granting a particular location for a particular route.

If there has been any violation of the provisions of Chapter 520 of the Acts of 1906 it seems to me that the action, if any, should be taken under the provisions of Section 31 of Chapter 520, which provides that the Supreme Judicial or Superior Court, upon application of the cities of Cambridge or Boston, the company, or any other party in interest, may enforce or prevent violation of the provisions of this act by any appropriate process.

In my opinion the phrase "any other party in interest" in this section means any party who is interested in any special and peculiar manner different in kind from the interest of the general public, i. e., in some way his particular rights must be interfered with by the location granted. A party in interest might be, not only a party whose property was taken, but a party whose property would be damaged by the new location, or if the granted location encroached more upon the street than the act allowed, a party in interest would be an abutter upon the street whose property would be affected.

The third question is,—Whether in my opinion the Board of Aldermen have sufficient authority under Chapter 463, Part 3, Section 157, to institute such proceedings as are asked for under the provisions of the petition and order, a copy of which was enclosed.

In my opinion, for the reasons above set forth the Board of Aldermen have not sufficient authority under Chapter 463, Part 3, Section 157, to institute such proceedings as are asked for under the provisions of the petition and order.

If the location has been granted by the Board of Railroad Commissioners in violation of the provisions of Chapter 520 of the Acts of 1906, the complaint must be brought under Section 31 of that act, either by the city of Cambridge or Boston, or some other party in interest, i. e., some person or persons whose property rights are injured or interfered with by the proposed location. Yours truly,

Thomas M. Babson,
Corporation Counsel.

On motion of Ald. WHELTON, the communication, together with petition and order referred to therein, were ordered printed as a city document.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. FINIGAN, at 3:35 P. M., to meet on Monday, April 22, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Wednesday, April 17, 1907.
Adjourned meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P. M., President BARRETT in the chair.

BATH-HOUSE, WD. 23.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 16, 1907.
To the Common Council:—
I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in answer to your order requesting information in reference to the establishment of an all-the-year-round bath-house and gymnasium in Wd. 23.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Department of Baths,
Boston, April 9, 1907.
Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of the City of Boston,

Sir:—The Board of Bath Trustees has received and considered the enclosed order of the Common Council under date of March 21, 1907, requesting us to report to the Common Council what arrangements can be made for the establishment of an all-the-year-round bath-house and gymnasium in Wd. 23, together with an estimate of the expense of such an establishment.

An appropriation of at least \$125,000.00 would be necessary to erect a suitable building, and about \$20,000.00 a year for maintenance. Yours respectfully,

Leonard D. Ahl,
Chairman Bath Trustees.

Placed on file.

NO SMOKING ON WHARVES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 16, 1907.
To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith draft of an amendment to Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances, the passage of which will render it possible to prosecute persons who, by the careless handling of smoking material or matches, greatly increase the fire hazard of water front property. The shipping interests of the city are of opinion that such an ordinance would be of material aid to their agents in the efforts now being made to prohibit smoking in or about the docks of the city. A number of the disastrous fires which occurred on the water front within the past few years have been directly traceable to carelessness on the part of workmen and others who were smoking and who carelessly deposited lighted pipes or cigars among inflammable material.

I therefore recommend the immediate passage of the appended amendment to the ordinances.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

An Ordinance
To Amend Chapter Forty-Seven of the Revised Ordinances of 18.8.
Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:
Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances

of 1898 is hereby amended by inserting a new section to be Section 106 of said chapter, and by renumbering Section 106 so as to be Section 107; said new section to be as follows:

"Section 106. No person shall kindle any fire, light a match, smoke, or have in his or her possession any lighted pipe, cigar or cigarette on the parts of any wharf or pier in the city of Boston used for landing, reception or storage or delivery of combustible freight or merchandise."

The communication was read and sent up. The ordinance was passed. Mr. TROY of Wd. 14 moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

APPROPRIATION BILL.

The CHAIR called up No. 1 on the calendar, assignment, viz.:

1. Appropriation and Tax Orders for the Financial Year 1907-1908 (City Document 72) as amended by the Board of Aldermen, viz.:

Under the item "Mayor" make the item for "Public Celebrations" \$65,000 in place of \$40,000, thereby increasing the total appropriation for "Mayor" to \$165,000 in place of \$140,000.

Make the item for "Reserve Fund" \$104,893 in place of \$132,393.

Make the item for "Statistics Department" \$12,500 in place of \$10,000.

The question came on Mr. McCULLOUGH'S motion to reconsider the vote of April 11 whereby the Council refused to suspend the rules so that the orders might take their second reading.

Reconsideration was lost.

The orders were read a second time, and the questions came on their passage.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I am going to ask your indulgence, and the assistance of the Clerk—or possibly of Mr. McKibben, if I may have it—because I want to introduce some amendments which I have not had time to put in order.

Mr. Noyes, being given time by the President to put his amendments in shape, moved to amend the appropriation bill as follows:

In the item for Art Department strike out "\$100" and insert in place thereof "\$400"; in the item for Mayor, strike out the "\$100,000" for office expenses, etc., and insert in place thereof "\$50,000," amending the total for the Mayor's department so that it will read "\$90,000" instead of "\$140,000"; in the item for Park Department strike out "\$300,000" and insert in place thereof "\$350,000"; in the item for Reserve Fund strike out "\$132,393" and insert in place thereof "\$182,093"; in the item for Street Department strike out "\$250,000 for Ferry Division and insert in place thereof "\$200,000," making the total amount for the department \$1,160,000.

The question came on the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. NOYES—Mr. President, I would like to ask, through you, if it is the rule to discuss each amendment, or each department, separately, or if I may ask unanimous consent to speak on all my amendments, as they rather bear on one another?

The PRESIDENT—I will state that the entire bill is under discussion, so the gentleman has considerable latitude.

Mr. NOYES—Mr. President, at the last meeting of the Council, I think I found myself made responsible for backing up the allegation by the gentleman from Wd. 2 in this division, Mr. Doherty, against Mr. McCullough, that Mr. McCullough represented the Mayor in wanting to put through this appropriation bill. I confess that until Mr. Mc-

Cullough said, or rather implied, that he did not represent the Mayor. I believe that he did, and that I did believe that this appropriation bill was scrutinized by the executive, met with his approval, and that it was going to go through, urged by him, in the usual manner. But after looking it over carefully and recalling the few instances of rather pleasant experiences with His Honor the Mayor, I don't think he could have known what this first little pica-yune change proposed by the committee was—reducing the amount requested by the Art Department of the city of Boston from \$400 to \$100. Gentlemen, let me tell you that, by the act which created this commission, it is not allowed to have a paid secretary, but is allowed only reasonable expenses for clerical work. The names of the members of that department are Samuel D. Warren, Francis W. Chandler, Alexander W. Longfellow, J. Templeman Coolidge, Jr., and Charles T. Gallagher. I hope you will think what those names stand for: Samuel D. Warren, the chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Museum of Fine Arts, a gentleman, a taxpayer, a man interested in civic achievements for Boston and vicinity, identified with the things that have made the city of Boston great, a man who can be found always, whether before or after the rule of the present dynasty; Francis W. Chandler, a professor of architecture in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, one of our noblest places of learning—and, as a Harvard man, I like to say that; Alexander W. Longfellow, a scholar, a leading architect, a man of affairs, a gentleman, the nephew of the poet Longfellow—a name that is known throughout the civilized world, a name that has brought more fame to Cambridge, to Boston and to Boston's traditions than all the publicity bureaus that the present dynasty can make; Charles T. Gallagher, an eminent gentleman, who stands for good things in Boston. Years ago, I understand even in General Collins' time—I may be wrong in this—that department was given almost a thousand dollars, and that at its own suggestion the amount was cut down to \$400—a paltry \$400. These men are giving their best thought, the result of years of travel, experience, and the right kind of associations, to this work, for which they are particularly fitted; and now they receive this insult, are told that they are not to be trusted with the sum that we would give an office boy to take down town to pay a few trifling bills—and this committee, this wise committee that Mr. McCullough says has heard the heads of departments, comes around and refuses Samuel D. Warren, Francis W. Chandler, Alexander W. Longfellow, J. Templeman Coolidge, Jr., and Charles T. Gallagher, men of standing, \$400 for this department, and gives to John F. Fitzgerald \$50,000, \$75,000, or \$100,000—a new \$25,000 appears every time I look at it—which he asks, and there is no check on that, and not a word said. But for these gentlemen to whom I have referred \$400 is too much—for stenographic work, for carriage hire, for the ordinary small expenses which up to this time they have incurred! Gentlemen, I have had occasion before to appeal to members of this body, and not to parties, in this body. I do not at this time appeal to parties in support of this and the successive amendments which I have presented? I appeal to you as members, to your Bostonianism, if I may coin a word, to your patriotism. I appeal to you to remember the oath which His Honor, John F. Fitzgerald, administered to you, and which you should

follow. If you refuse this paltry \$400 which is asked for by these gentlemen, and turn over that tremendous fund to the Mayor's department, it is a sad night and a sad time for Boston. I leave the Art Department amendment with you, and will go on and take up Chapter 2. I understand that it is the ambition of this administration to keep the tax levy down—to keep the tax per thousand down. All well and good. But I do not think the administration overlooks its own little ambitions and desires. The Park Department comes to you, comes before your committee on appropriations, with an honest, genuine request for an increase all along the line; and their request is cut down, pared and trimmed, and they are hectored, and the money is taken from them and turned over to the Mayor's office. If I appear to have feeling in this matter, it is because it exists and I am trying to keep it down. I think I can hear my friend in the third division (Mr. McCullough) say: "Yes, he comes from Wd. 11, and he is interested in Commonwealth Ave." That is true. Two years ago—I think it was in 1905—in the closing days of the Council of that year, when your honorable predecessor, Mr. President, Mr. Dolan, was in the chair, I had the honor to introduce an ordinance which was passed unanimously—the Council has done me such favors in the past—transferring the balance of Commonwealth Ave., which was not at that time in the Park Department, but was in the Street Department, to the Park Department. It went through the Board of Aldermen and it was signed by Mayor Whelton, after long consideration. Sometimes you may have wondered if it was affection or if it was only pique that kept me introducing those orders to find out the standing of the executive of that time. That is one of the reasons. Commonwealth Ave. was transferred to the Park Department, where it should be, and the ordinance transferring it was signed by Mayor Whelton, as it should have been. Now, that avenue was neglected for years, absolutely neglected—not the part that is where I live, not the part that is in Wd. 11, but the part which is mostly in Wd. 25. The land was purchased and that avenue was laid out with the idea of making it a fine and splendid boulevard, with the idea of putting in a line of trees on it. The Street Department neglected it, and I think they will agree with me that they did. They did not have jelly enough to go around. The Park Department took it over, and they did not have enough; and that shows, if you please, that I have no particular influence with them—and no one has; and that is why I admire the Park Department. They have not done it yet; and they cannot. To that extent, I do take up the cudgels for Commonwealth Ave. But let us go on. For the Fens they had in 1906-1907 \$26,202; and they asked for \$41,524—an increase of \$8300 for fencing and grading, and \$7000 for road repairs. For the Riverway they had \$17,198 last year, and they asked for \$24,198—the increase of \$7000 being for road repairs. For Olmsted Park, named after the greatest American landscape gardener, Frederick Law Olmsted, the man who laid out the beautiful National Capitol—I digress a little, because it was on the advice of his son, Mr. F. L. Olmsted, Jr., a distinguished gentleman, and one of the greatest landscape gardeners, who served upon a committee with me, that I had Commonwealth Ave. transferred from the Street Department to the Park Department—for Olmsted Park they had last year \$26,412, and they asked this year \$38,412—\$5000 of the increase being for

the improvement of the shore of Jamaica Pond and \$700 for road repairs. The amount allowed for the Arborway they asked to have increased from \$11,235 to \$18,235, and the amount for the Arboretum they reduced from \$7583 to \$7134. As I mention the names of these parks of the park system, the gentlemen in whose districts they lie will recognize them in each case. I am not as familiar as I should like to be with the wards in which those parks are located. The appropriation for the West Roxbury parkway they did not ask to have increased. The allowance for Franklin Park they asked to have increased from \$61,916 to \$69,916, and the appropriation for Columbia road from \$5440 to \$12,440—the \$7000 being for road repairs; that for the Strandway from \$11,657 to \$13,419, and the Marine Park appropriation from \$396 to \$994. Then, in the Charlesbank item, there was a little increase, and so it goes on down the line. The whole amount which they asked for this year was \$424,539. As I did not wish to make the entire amount of the appropriation bill more than it is at present, I have not been able to figure out for that department the amount that they asked for; but I say this, and I say it in all sincerity, that every man who votes to give the Park Department only \$300,000 and who at the same time, or in the same bill, votes to give the Mayor \$100,000 for Office Expenses, and \$40,000 for Public Celebrations, is robbing the Park Department. You are robbing it. There is no other word which properly describes it. You are stealing one of our best assets—absolutely one of our best assets. I have no doubt that, wherever you go, either in this country or abroad, if you meet a stranger, whether he has been in Boston or not, and ask him what he considers the best points in Boston, he will stop a moment and will say: "Of course, its traditions—the excellence of its citizenship and its refinement; and then, the park system." Over and over again, I have heard that remark made. I have asked a good many people that in London and in various parts of the world, and they have said: "Your park system is fine. It is one of the best in the world." Why, the gentleman who now sits in the executive chamber takes as much pride as any of us in showing guests of the city around through the park system. That park system is absolutely one of our best assets. And what a curious, freaky thing it is to do, injure and spoil one of our best assets, and then advertise the rest. Now, as to the publicity scheme, I do not know where to begin and I do not know where I can stop. I wonder who has mothered this poor little waif? We know its father. Its mother is not any organized board. Its mother is not the Chamber of Commerce—not any body of merchants. It came forth and appeared last year—and, if my memory does not serve me wrongly, we had a special message from His Honor the Mayor in which he said that he intended to appoint a committee consisting of three members, and that the Merchants Association would appoint a committee of three members to have charge of this bureau; and that they would raise \$50,000 and the city would raise \$50,000. Well, gentlemen, honestly, it is unpleasant for me to say this—because there are some things about the Mayor which I like. I feel the hypnotism of his presence, as well as you do, when I am in his presence. But his best friends, fortunately or unfortunately, give me their confidence; and they say: "This is about the rawest thing up to date. This is the limit." This is the last thing; and if we sit patiently by,

like a drove of sheep, and let this go through, I know what the citizens and the taxpayers will say of this body. I know the strings and the halters which have been thrown out; but I think we can cut them. I think tonight is a good night to cut them. How are we going to advertise, if we give the money? How shall we advertise Boston? Shall we advertise its traditions? I think that every schoolboy knows the traditions, knows the history and knows the dignity of Boston. I think there is no need of our advertising its history. It is taught in the papers. It is taught in the schools. It is taught everywhere. Well, shall we put out signs in big letters? I could think of some good scare heads—The Legislature as a City Government Fighting for a Finance Commission. Tax rate the biggest. Taxes per capita the greatest of any city of its size in the country. Those would make good headlines; and we might add, "This year we are cutting down the appropriation for the Park Department. Come to Boston. We will give you a rebate—will pay your fare back." That would do. If we are to advertise, let us advertise rightly. We remember that it was not very long ago when it was proposed from this same source that we advertise Boston on billboards. Horrid! A dream! Impossible! The papers of Boston and the citizens of Boston arose to protest against that. They could picture in their eye the result; they see Boston advertised between Lydia Pinkham's Compound, on the one side, and "Koba Corsets" on the other. For myself, if we are to indulge in that form of advertising, I would rather see it advertised in between "Now is the time to drink Moxie," or something else and the advertisement of some hotel. But if we are to have a Publicity Bureau, we must advertise. Certainly we cannot get the appropriation under false pretences now, keep it awhile, and then turn it over to some already over-fed department. That would never do. But what are we to do? Are we going to have booths at the various fairs throughout the country, and have pretty young ladies in them, talking about the advantages of Boston? Or are we going to do it by advertising in the magazines? Or are we going to have "write ups" in the papers throughout the country? Why, Mr. President, it is ridiculous—and there is not a man here who does not think it is ridiculous. I know that. Although you may all vote for it, I know that you will all tell me that it is ridiculous, and that it makes you tired. I hope that the members will not get up here and deny that. Like a prayer meeting, this is the time to rise and make your confession. A Publicity Bureau? Think of it! And the same committee which is going to give money to the Mayor's office to spend, in his own way, without any check reduced the poor, little puny suggestion of the five members of the Board of Art Commissioners for \$400, and gave them only \$100. Oh, wise men, wise men! I am sorry I have to leave the Publicity Bureau in that shape. I want to say this, that if you cut down the Park Department and give that money to the Mayor's office, you are simply robbing one department in order to give the appropriation to the Mayor. That is the fact. Now, I turn to the Ferry Department. There are some figures there that I must say I do not quite understand. The deficit this last year—and I do not know that these facts have been published in any document as yet—but the deficit in that municipally managed Ferry Department

this last year was nearly \$203,000—a pretty big sum. Granting that that department has been run honestly, why in the world do you raise the ante to \$250,000? In heaven's name, why do that? The receipts have been decreasing, and decreasing, and decreasing; and the deficit has been increasing, and it increases and increases. Will it never end? Why, we could build a suspension bridge from Boston to East Boston, and put a tunnel under the river for wagons, and still with this deficit pay the interest and sinking fund requirements on the loans to carry it through. I do not say that there is corruption there. I do not know. But I do say that if your deficit was \$203,000, why is it that item increased to \$250,000? It may be interesting to you to know that in 1877 there was a surplus, *mirabile dictu*, of \$93.88. But that was soon corrected, for the next year there was a deficit of \$11,20; and apparently that was considered too small, for the next year there was a deficit of \$41,000. And so it goes on. In 1884-1885 there was a deficit of \$145,096.23; and so it goes on, until last year there was a deficit of \$203,000. In 1887 the cost for labor was \$82,580. In 1886 the amount paid for labor and salaries had gone up to \$121,912.37. In 1896, it had grown to \$146,364.42, and in 1906 it had increased to \$165,000. Will it ever end? I am just suggesting. Why are we in the one case acting like a spendthrift, and acting so niggardly in the other? Why do we say nothing about the Ferry Department, and say nothing about the Mayor's publicity scheme—and I am not attacking the Mayor, but am speaking of his scheme—and at the same time cut down the appropriation for the Art Department from \$400 to \$100? I rather believe that most of you had not seen that item in the appropriation bill, and that you had not known of these particular items in the light in which I have shown them to you. Some of my friends here ask me why I brought all these volumes with me. I did it because I was going to suggest that if the publicity bureau scheme goes through—and I can hardly think that it will—there is one little incident here in one of the chapters of Hugo's "Les Misérables," in the book of Jean Valjean. It is a little scene which might apply here—and I will paraphrase it in a minute: "One day, in 1805, during one of the rare apparitions which the Emperor made in Paris, the minister of the interior, some Deces or Crete or other, attended his master's levee. In the courtyard clattered the swords of all those extraordinary soldiers of the great republic and the great empire; there was a swarm of heroes at Napoleon's gates—men from the Rhine, the Scheldt, the Adige and the Nile; comrades of Joubert, of Desaix, of Marceau, Hoche and Kleber; aeronauts from Fleurus, grenadiers from Mayence, pontoon builders from Genoa, hussars on whom the Pyramids had looked down, artillerymen who had been bespattered by Junot's cannon balls, cuirassiers who had taken by assault the fleet anchored in the Zuyder-Zee; some had followed Bonaparte upon the bridge of Lodi; others had accompanied Murat in the trenches of Mantua, while others had outstripped Lannes in the sunken road of Montebello. The whole army of that day was there, in the court of the Tuilleries, represented by a squadron or a company, and guarding Napoleon in repose; and that was the splendid period when the great army had Marengo behind it and Austerlitz before it. 'Sire,' said the minister of the interior to Napoleon, 'I saw yesterday the most daring man in your empire.' 'What man was that?' asked the Emperor

sharply, 'and what has he done?' 'He wishes to do something, sir.' 'What?' 'To visit the Paris sewers.' "That man existed, and his name was Bruneseau."

Now, let us change the scene. It is night—because some of these things usually bubble at night. It is the Mayor's office—the gold and white Mayor's office. The almost Oriental rugs are on the floor; the lights are gleaming; the municipal toy is chugging, chugging outside on School St.; and the Mayor is surrounded by the men closest to him, and whom he cares to honor. I will not name them. I shall keep away from personalities. There is a silence, and one of these men comes forward and says: "Your honor." "Yes, sir." "I have today seen the bravest man in your administration." "And who is that?" "A man who says from this day forth he will run his department on the level, on business principles; that men employed by his department will earn their money; that he will buy his supplies at the right prices; that from this day forth things will be straight, and fair, and honest." Publicity! Why, it would go all over the world. The Associated Press would take it up, and carry it to all quarters of the universe. It would be the best advertisement that we could get—the very best. And let us carry this thing further. Suppose the Mayor should say, "Splendid! splendid! Gentlemen, you have heard Mr. So and So of such and such a department say how he intends to run his department. I say to you: 'Do the same. No more will I have to do with any of the departments. From this day forth they are all to be run that way.'" Why, what would happen to the Republican party? There would not be any. There would be no nominations. It would be unanimous; and the name of our city's Mayor would resound throughout the universe. I say that. I know it. Now, I will bore you with one further quotation, and then I will finish. (Examining book.) As I am unable, Mr. President, to find the quotation, I will close, and in closing I want to thank you for the time which you have given me. Mr. President, I wish to say this, that some of the items contained in the appropriation bill as it has come to us from the Committee on Appropriations, are ridiculous; some are extravagant; but the publicity bureau is both ridiculous and extravagant. I appeal to you, Mr. President, to consider some of these items in their true light. I know that you are a member of the Committee on Appropriations, and that your influence is great. And through you, I appeal to the other members of the Committee on Appropriations. I appeal for fair play for the various departments.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman from Wd. 11, through you, Mr. President, if he knows the amount of money expended by the Art Department last year, and also the amount that was expended by the Ferry Department.

Mr. NOYES—Why, Mr. President, I presume that the Art Department's expenses were largely paid for by John Templeman Coolidge, Jr. The only way that we could figure out the proportion of his expenses which were for the Art Department would be to say that his own stenographer, or his own typewriter, or his own clerk, spent so many days in doing so and so, and that there was so much spent for carriage hire and for the various paltry expenses that came up.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, for the benefit of the gentleman from Wd. 11 I want to say that last year \$400 was appropriated for the Art Department, to be expended by that de-

partment. I want to ask the gentleman from Wd. 11 if he knows absolutely how much was expended?

Mr. NOYES—No, Mr. President, I do not know how much was actually expended by the Art Department. I do know, Mr. President, as I said before, that a few years ago they were given an allowance of \$1000, and there was a most extraordinary situation—they themselves had it cut down! I know, also, from reading over the reports, that in some years—and I think the facts will bear me out—they did not use any of their money. Mr. McCullough remembers that the act which created the commission says that they are not allowed to have a paid secretary, and are only allowed reasonable expenses for clerical work.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—I also ask the gentleman from Wd. 11 to state to this body, through you, sir, if he knows how much money the Ferry Department spent last year. I understand that he has figures which will enable him to give that information.

Mr. NOYES—Well, Mr. President, I can simply say that these are the figures. I do not know as they are what he wants. For the fiscal year 1906-1907, the total expenditures of the East Boston ferries, excluding interest on loans, was \$308,578.01, and the total receipts were \$104,802.94; and the deficit, \$203,775.07.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Noyes) has asked that this appropriation bill be amended in four or five instances. The first one is in the item for the Art Department. For the benefit of the members, I want to state that the Art Department last year, as is shown in their annual estimate, were allowed \$400, and they spent but \$12. For that season the committee thought that \$100 was enough for them this year. Not only did they spend only \$12 last year, but for a number of years that has been their outside figure. Now, if the Art Department in their annual estimates, had made a request for any amount of money for a specific purpose, knowing that they might incur other indebtedness in addition to what they did last year, the committee would willingly have appropriated the additional amount. Mr. President, I sincerely hope, now that these facts are known, that the amount allotted them will be sustained by the Council. It seems to me, Mr. President, that as I said at the last meeting, the real opposition from the gentleman from Wd. 11 comes from the fact that his favorite, the Park Department, has not been treated very liberally, and he asks us tonight to appropriate—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the gentlemen in the ante-room to maintain order.

Mr. McCULLOUGH (continuing)—And he asks us tonight to appropriate \$50,000 more for the Park Department. For what, Mr. President? The Committee on Appropriations held six or eight meetings. At those six or eight meetings the Chairman of the Park Commission and the Superintendent were present. They were asked what they needed the increase for and they didn't know, had to look up their books, said they could tell us in writing. They did not know at the time, but if we would wait until the next meeting they would send us word. They were asked how many public playgrounds they had. They did not know. That was not a matter of very great interest to them. Finally, when pressed by Ald. Curley of Wd. 17, they admitted that they wanted this money for roads; and the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Noyes) has pointed out five or six items for which this money might be spent. For instance, there is Com-

monwealth Ave. The estimate of the department for this year is \$76,191, an increase of \$15,000 over last year. For what? Road repairs. Commonwealth Ave., Arlington St. to Newton line, estimate for this year \$30,000; increase asked for over last year \$30,000. For what? Loaming and planting. The Fens—total called for \$41,524, an increase of \$300 over last year. For what? Fencing and grading two playgrounds. Riverway, Olmsted Park, Arborway and Arboretum, for road repairs—a total of \$36,000. The rest of the increase that they ask for, for 28 playgrounds, parks of recreation, amounts to about \$8000. Mr. President, they were questioned as to their method of doing business. The members of the committee became suspicious, in view of the fact that they had spent so much money last year for the construction of roadways, and inquired into the business principles adopted by the commissioners; and Mr. Stratton and Mr. Pettigrew—Mr. Stratton first—were asked whether or not road material, such as cracked stone, was purchased by bids. He said, "I don't know; I will have to ask Mr. Pettigrew." He was also asked if it was bought of Boston dealers. He said, "I don't know; I will have to ask Mr. Pettigrew." Mr. Pettigrew was immediately questioned by the committee, and Mr. Pettigrew's memory—although he is the real purchasing agent of the department—was very cloudy. But he said: "I will furnish you the information at the next meeting." Mr. President, what was the result? With the thousands of dollars expended for years they have never advertised for a piece of material. They have not even purchased it of Boston firms. That was taken into consideration, and that is why the committee became suspicious of giving them \$36,000 to construct four or more miles of roadway on Commonwealth Ave. and other places, because of the increase of work necessitated by automobile traffic. Mr. President, the gentleman referred to that committee somewhat sarcastically as "wise men." Well, yes; if you are right, they were wise men—Alderman Bangs, a member of the committee; Alderman Bell, Alderman Clark, several others, well qualified, well equipped, to look out for the interests of the roadway along Commonwealth Ave.! But it was decided, because of the unfairness, and for the lack of reasons advanced by the Park Department, that the sum reported should be the sum allotted to them. The gentleman says he is surprised, and that he is satisfied now that when I spoke on last Thursday in favor of this amount for the Park Department, I was not speaking for the administration. Well, I want to say to him this, that the \$300,000, although the Park Department asked for \$434,000, was the amount allotted by His Honor the Mayor. So much for the Park Department. When I asked him concerning the Ferry Department, he could not give me the amount of money expended last year, but I will give it to him, Mr. President. The auditor's report shows \$265,000 spent last year, and the amount asked this year is \$250,000—a saving of \$15,000.

Mr. NOYES—Mr. President, will the gentleman yield for a question?

The PRESIDENT—Does the gentleman yield?

Mr. McCULLOUGH—In view of the fact that the gentleman—well, Mr. President, I will after I am through. Now, the Ferry Division asks for \$15,000 less than it received last year. The gentleman from Wd. 11 desires to cut down the appropriation for the Mayor's office \$50,000. He is somewhat suspi-

cious as to how the Mayor might spend the money. I want to call to his attention the fact that, outside of the \$50,000 asked for the publicity bureau, the Mayor asks for \$10,000 less than you, sir, voted for him last year. Mr. President, unless some good reason is given why this amendment should prevail, I hope that the report of this committee of wise men will be accepted and that the order will pass. To adopt any of these amendments will necessitate the sending back of this order to the Board of Aldermen. If I am right, the Board of Aldermen does not meet on Monday next, and will probably not meet until a week from Monday. At any rate, there is nothing to warrant the refusal to pass this bill, I am frank to say, in my opinion, except purposes of delay. I stated at the last meeting, and I do so again, that the department appropriations are already running out, that drafts for the fourth month have already been sent in, and that unless this bill is passed every head of a department will be obliged to suspend men. I stand upon that statement. There is much in this bill for which the Mayor and the committee should be commended. I was surprised tonight that some of the gentlemen did not object to its passage because of the fact that the increase in the laborers' pay to \$2.25 is included here. I was prepared to answer a few statements as to when they might receive it and what the attitude of His Honor the Mayor and the committee was toward these men. But I understand that the questions will not be asked. Unless some good reason is given, I hope that the bill will be passed tonight just as reported by the committee.

The PRESIDENT—The question comes on the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. McLENNAN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, if it be in order at this time, I would move that the bill be taken up item by item, in order that we may amend the items for the various departments, if we deem it proper, as we go along.

The PRESIDENT—At present the question comes on the amendment. When we come to the main bill, that motion may be in order.

Mr. NOYFS—Mr. President, I hope that through you I can correct, or at least put a different color upon, some of the statements made by the gentleman in the third division (Mr. McCullough). He said that Ald. Bangs, Clark and Bell were on the committee. I think they were, but I don't think they voted for this appropriation bill. I may be wrong, and, if so, I hope the gentleman in the third division will correct me. If they voted for this appropriation bill in the Board of Aldermen, I confess that I am all at sea.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, if the gentleman from Wd. 11 desires me to give the reasons why Ald. Bangs, Bell and Clark did not vote for the appropriation bill, I will do so; but I want to say to the gentleman from Wd. 11 that they raised no objections to any one of these items. Their objections were on other grounds, and if the gentleman wants to know them I will willingly tell them.

Mr. NOYES—Thank you for your generous offer, but I will not take up the time of the body. The gentleman in the third division says that the Park Department reports an expenditure of only \$12 last year. Knowing those gentlemen, I am rather surprised that they put in any item at all. I do know that John Templeman Coolidge, Jr., has been under an expense for clerical work for some years. I put it up to everybody here if that department had a great,

splendid office, and came in asking for \$15,000, whether they would not have been given a great deal more consideration than is shown them when they come in asking for \$400 and are cut down to \$100? I suppose, with the committee's way of looking at things, they could not understand a little, paltry item like that at all. The gentleman in the third division refers to the matter of road building. I will bring up one little example, and I must depend on my memory, because the gentleman whom I asked to get certain records has not returned, and it is quite possible that he has not found what I wanted. I should say that Columbus Ave. is not over two miles in length. If some gentleman from Wd. 10 knows its length in feet or miles, I wish he would get up and correct me if I have misstated it, but it is my impression that that is about the length of the avenue, and this government of last year put out a loan of \$150,000 for the two or three miles of Columbus Ave., wherever it is. I am glad that they fixed it up. Although the finances were in a bad condition, it was something that needed to be done. Now, unless my memory is at fault, Commonwealth Ave., from its starting point at Arlington St. and going out to the Newton line, must be nearly nine miles in length. If I am wrong, again I want to be corrected. In that wide, magnificent boulevard, Mr. McCullough and every other gentleman, whether he comes from South Boston or not, takes just as much pride as I do, just as much pride as I take in Marine Park, which I have visited over and over again, days and nights, going in swimming and in various ways showing how I appreciate its value. I know that he shares the feeling of pride in Commonwealth Ave., also, that is felt by the members of this body. The Street Department for years did not have money to put the avenue in proper condition. They did not have money enough to put out \$30,000 to get it into shape. It was neglected, and finally it was turned over to the Park Department. It is in terrible condition, and something ought to be done. I don't think anybody could raise, or attempt to raise, any cheap class feeling here. Speaking of automobiles, I do not own one, and I hate them. I have been almost killed several times, in and out of them. So I have no particular affection for automobiles. But a great many people have, and there is a great deal of money represented in automobiles; and, unfortunately, thousands and thousands and thousands do go over Commonwealth Ave. every day. I think it is rather hard to throw up that against Commonwealth Ave., saying that it is one of its sins, and therefore you should not do anything for the avenue. The fact is that that great boulevard needs something done to it, and the longer we neglect it the worse shape it gets into. I will rest the case of Commonwealth Ave. there. I am sure I should not assume or presume to go to the Park Commissioner and say, "If this increase is given, will you put it in Commonwealth Ave.?" I don't know that they will; I haven't the slightest idea what they will do with it. But I do know that money put into the Park Department does not go wrong. Just why they do not buy their crushed stone from the Boston crushed stone people, I don't know. They may have their reasons, and I don't think they go wrong there. So I don't think members can raise any scare here based upon that. As to the Ferry Department, I would like to say just a word. My figures are from the auditor. The gentleman in the third division is speaking, I think, of deficits. I am speaking of actual expenditures—not possible ex-

penditures or possible deficits. Again I repeat that in the fiscal year of 1906-07 the total expenditures including interest on loans, were \$208,578.01. They took in as their total receipts for fares, wagons, every thing, \$104,502.94; and there was, therefore, a deficit of \$202,775.07. That shows the total amount that they ran behind, comparing the total receipts with the total expenditures. I say again that I don't see why, under the circumstances, the amount of \$250,000 should be given to the Ferry Division. I do not, honestly. If we were going to give the laborers additional pay, that might be one thing, but even that would not require such an additional amount as is proposed; and the fact is that the deficits in the department have ranged from about \$80,000 to \$138,000, and in one year \$190,000, during the past ten years. The deficit for 1906-07 is the largest that it has been. The tunnel, to be sure, has taken away a part of the foot passengers; but things have reached about their normal condition now, so that we know what the deficit under normal conditions ought to be for some time to come.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3.—Mr. President, I have no doubt the members have heard quite enough upon the appropriation bill, but I will impose upon their patience for just a few moments, in order to correct what seems to be a wrong impression concerning the so-called Publicity Bureau. I think if the member who sits on my right (Mr. Noyes) would inquire into the work of that Bureau he would have a far different opinion as to the value of it. I confess that up to a short time ago I knew very little of that department, because—as has been pointed out in a statement which has been handed out to the various members of this body tonight from the manager of the department, Thomas F. Anderson—about its most valuable work has been and will be expended in the personal and quiet way indicated in the report. I was talking a short time ago with a gentleman whom I consider one of the best informed men in this city on matters pertaining to the city of Boston, as he has been for many years past, and I asked him in private conversation his opinion as to this Publicity Bureau. He used these words to me, that it was the best department in the city of Boston in a small way, and that it would accomplish more than any other department, when the outlay was considered. I think if you will consider how short a time it would take us to regain the expenditure of \$50,000 a year for this Publicity Bureau, through the possible bringing here of new industries and enterprises, the truth of that statement will be apparent. The report by the manager of that department shows that they have made considerable effort, and the indications are that there will be some very tangible results from their work. I think it is nothing more than fair that the department should be allowed to continue until it has shown its practicability or impracticability, and it seems to me that the six or seven months in which it has run is not sufficient to warrant the expectation of anything very tangible up to the present time. I think, however, as I have already stated, that if the member on my right had inquired into the workings of that department up to date, he would not have made the department the object of his ridicule and sarcasm.

Mr. McCORMACK of Wd. 3.—Mr. President, I do not desire to take up the time of the Council with any remarks of mine; but, nevertheless, I feel constrained to say that statements have

been made not germane to the subject before us. If we are to argue the value of the Publicity Bureau, I am perfectly willing to state my position in regard to that. But I understood that the question was on amending the appropriation bill. That is the question, although one of the so-called representatives in the city government has stated that it meant that if the so-called appropriation bill did not go into effect a certain number of men might be thrown out of work—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will request the gentleman to refer to members of the Council by their proper designation.

Mr. McCORMACK—Mr. President, I will refer to the gentleman in the fourth division. I don't feel that any point has been made, as far as the question really before us is concerned, that would show that those remarks were warranted.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19.—Mr. President, I do not wish to take up much of the members' time tonight, but it strikes me that the amendments offered by the gentleman from Wd. 11, reducing the Mayor's office expenses, and raising the Park Department appropriation to \$350,000, are good ones. We have just been told by a representative of the Mayor in this body that the Publicity Bureau is one grand thing; but, though I thought the same last year, and spoke in this body in favor of appropriating \$50,000 to publish and circulate throughout the country those histories which they said they would get together in a short time, I must say, repeating the statement made by Mr. Doherty at the last meeting, that that is the one thing which I am most sorry for in my three years' service in the city government. It is a sham—the idea of coming in here now and asking for such a large sum to be used in the Mayor's office.

Mr. CRONIN of Wd. 18.—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that the gentleman is not speaking to the question.

The PRESIDENT—The point of order is not well taken.

Mr. MURPHY—Mr. President, I want to read just one section of the communication sent by the Mayor to this body last year in regard to the Publicity Bureau:

"At the meeting referred to a proposition that the sum of \$100,000 should be raised and expended in this manner for a term of five years was received with general favor. The city can well afford to contribute one-half of this sum and the business interests of Boston, will, I believe, in that case subscribe the remaining \$50,000. I am advised that there is no legal objection to appropriating that sum for procuring, writing and publishing the industrial and financial history of Boston, with such incidental information concerning our city as will apprise people of its business advantages—such expenditures to be made through the Mayor's office; the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the appropriation for that purpose with the understanding that it is to be paid into the proposed fund for the above-named purposes. I propose to ask the representative business organizations of the city to choose three members of the proposed Bureau of Publicity and I will select three members on behalf of the city to serve with them.

"I transmit herewith draft of order appropriating \$50,000 to carry out the purposes outlined above, and I earnestly recommend its passage. Respectfully,

"John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor."

I really thought the Mayor meant what he said in that communication, and that was my reason for speaking and voting for that order last year.

But if anybody can show me the \$50,000 that the business men have contributed, I will willingly vote for any amount of money that the Mayor may ask for. Why, I don't believe the business men though of doing anything of the kind, for a moment. They certainly have not appointed their representatives—at least, I have never heard of it. Before we start to give the Mayor an extra \$50,000 to spend this year for his publicity bureau, in order to get business men interested in coming to this city to carry on their business, we should first take care of the business men we have and the large business concerns that are doing business here at present. In the district I represent we have a large concern doing business and building up its business every year. I refer to the United Drug Company of Leon St.; and I have repeatedly offered orders in this body for the Street Department to repair that street and put it in proper condition to do business on. If we are going to invite business men to come here, let us first look after the business men we have. We cannot very well induce others to come in, when they see the terrible condition the concerns now here have to contend with in our streets. There are places where the employees have to travel up to their knees in mud every morning and night, and we have one instance in Leon St., in Roxbury, which is in a terrible condition. One of the biggest business concerns in the city, I believe is situated at the end of that street. Why has not that street been looked after? Bring business men to this city and show them how the business men here are being used! Well, I will let that part, as regards the business men, go with that statement. I will now take up the park department. If we allow the park department a little more money this year, increasing its appropriation from \$300,000 to \$350,000, it will perhaps place loam on the different playgrounds where the children and young men play ball in this city, instead of covering the ground with clinkers, ashes, anything but a good covering for a baseball ground. In one of the baseball grounds with which I am very familiar, since it is perhaps the nearest to the ward I represent—the Marcella street playground—the young men of the district have to play ball on clinkers, cutting their hands, cutting the ball, and there is no place where they can really enjoy the sport which every young American should have an opportunity to enjoy at some time during the week. I hope the amendments offered by the gentleman from ward 11 will prevail here tonight. Of course, I would hate to take action which, as some of the members say, would perhaps necessitate the laying off of labor. That is something to which I would not want to be a party. I would not want to have a single laborer laid off in this city for one moment. Whenever a laborer is laid off and loses a week's salary, it takes him some time to make that up. While, if the amendments do not pass, however, there is no doubt that I will vote for the appropriation bill. I do hope the members will take it upon themselves to consider favorably the amendment offered by Mr. Noyes of ward 11.

The PRESIDENT—Mr. Noyes has made a slight change in his amendment to the item for Mayor's office, which the clerk will read.

The CLERK—In the appropriation for the Mayor's office, the item for office expenses, etc., is reduced to \$50,000, and the public celebrations appropriation is left as it was amended by the Board of Aldermen, \$5,000, making

the total for Mayor \$115,000. The Reserve Fund that Mr. Noyes has amended to increase the amount from \$104,893, as it was left by the Board of Aldermen to \$157,093.

On motion of Mr. HANRAHAN of Wd. 2, the main question was declared ordered. Mr. PIERCE doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote. The Council stood divided, and the main question was ordered, 35 in favor, 2 against.

Mr. Noyes' proposed amendments were rejected, yeas 18, nays 49.

Yeas—Bagley, Bramhall, Brown, Clark (24), George, Green, Harding, Madden, McGregor, McLennan, Morgan, Murphy, Noyes, Pierce, Roberts, Wentworth, Willcutt, Zetterman—18.

Nays—Anderson, Barrett, Buckley, Carruth, Clark (20), Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hackett, Hanrahan, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Peshorn, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sheehan, Sorenson, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wharton, Woodside—49.

Absent or Not Voting—Colpoys, Cose, Davidson, Ducey, Hatton, Montague, Santosuosso, Spellman—8.

The Appropriation Bill was passed in concurrence, yeas 52, nays 15.

Yeas—Barrett, Brown, Buckley, Carruth, Clark (20), Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, George, Hackett, Hanrahan, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McGregor, Mealey, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sheenan, Sorenson, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wharton, Woodside—52.

Nays—Anderson, Bagley, Bramhall, Clark (24), Green, Harding, McLennan, Morgan, Noyes, Peshorn, Pierce, Roberts, Wentworth, Willcutt, Zetterman—15.

Absent or Not Voting—Colpoys, Cose, Davidson, Ducey, Hatton, Montague, Santosuosso, Spellman—8.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3 moved to reconsider; lost.

LOAN FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

The President called up No. 2, assignment, viz.:

2. Ordered, That the sum of five hundred thousand and one dollars (\$500,001) be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Streets for street improvements; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

The Clerk called the roll. When he had finished, Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11 said:

Mr. President, I ask for an announcement of the vote.

The PRESIDENT—The Clerk is verifying the count.

Mr. PIERCE—I think we have a right to know it now. I insist upon an announcement of the vote.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will get it in due course. Forty-eight members having voted in the affirmative, and eighteen in the negative, it is not a vote, and the order is rejected.

The result of the roll call was as follows:

Yeas—Barrett, Buckley, Clark (20), Clark (24), Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Green, Hanrahan, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McGregor, McLennan, Mealey, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Santosuosso, Sheehan, Sorenson, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth—48.

Nays—Anderson, Bagley, Brown, Caruth, George, Hackett, Harding, Madden, McCabe, Morgan, Murphy, Noyes, Peshorn, Pierce, Roberts, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—19.

Absent or not voting—Bramhall, Colpoys, Cose, Davidson, Ducey, Hatton, Montague, Spellman—8.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I move a reconsideration of that vote, and move that consideration of the motion to reconsider be assigned to quarter past ten.

The PRESIDENT—The question comes on assignment of reconsideration.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I move as an amendment to that motion that we assign reconsideration of this order until the next meeting. I feel that the members have been very patient tonight, and that they have been very decent in giving up their time and coming here. Many of them had made engagements for tonight, which they gave up in order to come here and vote on the appropriation bill. I do not think that it is fair for the administration, or for anybody in this body, to try and rush through this order tonight. In fact, this whole thing got a little ahead of me. I had intended to speak upon it, and was caught napping. But, now that the bill has been rejected, I hope that the members of the Council will be given a chance to get away from here now. It is getting rather late, and this matter can be voted upon at the next meeting of this body just as well as tonight. I therefore hope that this matter will be assigned until the next meeting.

Mr. CRONIN of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I make a motion at this time that Mr. Murphy be presented with a pair of horns to "buck" the Mayor. (Prolonged laughter.)

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the motion out as frivolous. Mr. Murphy of Wd. 19 has the floor, the question being on assignment of reconsideration to the next meeting—that motion taking precedence of the motion to assign to 10:15.

Mr. MURPHY—Mr. President, did you understand that I made an amendment? Mr. President, in reply to the gentleman from Wd. 18—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair has a fair comprehension of the gentleman's amendment. The Chair stated that the question was on the motion to assign to the next meeting, since that motion takes precedence of the motion to assign to quarter past 10.

Mr. MURPHY—In regard to the motion that the gentleman from Wd. 18 made—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the gentleman cannot speak to that motion, as the Chair ruled that motion out, as frivolous.

The motion to assign to the next meeting consideration of the motion to reconsider, was declared lost. Mr. Pierce of Wd. 11 doubted the vote, and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and the motion was again declared lost, 23 members voting in the affirmative and 31 in the negative.

Mr. PIERCE doubted the vote and

called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the motion was lost—yeas 28, nays 34.

Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Brown, Caruth, Clark (24), George, Green, Hackett, Harding, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McGregor, Morgan, Murphy, Noyes, O'Brien (14), Peshorn, Pierce, Roberts, Rosenberg, Sorenson, Sullivan (5), Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—28.

Nays—Barrett, Buckley, Clark (20), Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), Purcell, Rachkowsky, Sacks, Santosuosso, Sheehan, Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth—34.

Absent or not voting—Bramhall, Colpoys, Cose, Davidson, Ducey, Hanrahan, Hatton, Hayes, McLennan, Montague, Noonan, Pendergast, Spellman, —13.

Mr. McCULLOUGH'S motion to assign reconsideration to 10:15 was carried.

(The matter was not again taken up this evening.)

IMPROVEMENT OF DAY ST.

Mr. MORGAN of Wd. 22 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to resurface Day St., Wd. 22.

Referred to the Mayor.

(Councilman SHEENAN in the chair.)

WD. 23 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. CARRUTH of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a fire alarm box at the corner of Robert and South Sts., Wd. 23.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. CARRUTH offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to inform this body what arrangements he has made for better fire protection in the vicinity of Forest Hills Square.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. CARRUTH offered an order—That the Superintendent of Sewers be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to construct a sanitary sewer on Beech St., from existing sewer to a point 150 feet from same, Wd. 23.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. CARRUTH offered an order—That the Superintendent of Sewers be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to construct a sanitary sewer on Westover St., from existing sewer to Dunbar St., Wd. 23.

Referred to the Mayor.

CONSTRUCTION OF COVINGTON ST.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to construct Covington St., Wd. 15, from Columbia Rd. to Eighth St.; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Street Improvements.

Referred to the Mayor.

PAYMENT FOR TEAMS.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments employing teams to pay \$6 per day for the use of double teams and \$4 per day for the use of single teams, and to provide for the permanent use of the horses belonging to men furnishing but one watering cart.

The CHAIR—The order will be referred to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. SULLIVAN—Mr. President, I would like to say a few words in relation to that order.

The CHAIR—It has already been referred to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. SULLIVAN—Mr. President, the cost of grain and hay, and of all stable material needed by those contractors and owners of teams has so advanced that it is impossible for them to pay their expenses and conform with the rules of labor organizations. Where they have to pay the teamsters union wages, as, of course, they have to, it is utterly impossible for them to pay their actual expenses. I understand that all the contractors owning teams in Boston had one or two meetings recently and they all signed an agreement that no teams should be let from their places for less than \$6 for double teams and \$4 for single teams. I have no personal desire to accomplish by this order. I have no axe to grind. But I know full well the conditions under which the stable-keepers and contractors find themselves, and know that men owning one or two teams cannot make both ends meet. That is especially true of the man who owns only one watering cart, where he is sometimes laid off three or four days on a stretch, and has no other way to pay his way. I believe that his horses should be cared for in some other department—either in the Street Cleaning, the Paving or the Sanitary Departments. As it is now, he cannot really get enough money to buy feed for his horses. I think that His Honor the Mayor should take care of those owners of single watering carts and put their horses to work for some of the other Street Departments when the watering carts are laid off. That is about all that I have to say. I hope that the Mayor will see to this at his earliest convenience.

COMPLETION OF MARINE PARK.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island the sum of \$8000, now available, be appropriated to be expended by the Park Department for the completion of the pier head at Marine Park.

Assigned to the next meeting.

IMPROVEMENTS AT WINTHROP SQ.

Mr. BUCKLEY of W. 5 offered an order—That the Water Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a drinking fountain in Winthrop Sq., Wd. 5.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. BUCKLEY offered an order—That the Music Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide for band concerts in Winthrop Sq., Wd. 5, during the coming season.

Referred to the Mayor.

LODGING HOUSE, ALBANY ST. "

Mr. NOONAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Police Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to inform the Common Council whether the proprietors of the lodging house Nos. 161 to 169 Albany St. have complied with the provisions of Chapter 414 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1894.

Referred to the Mayor.

LIFE-LADDERS AT SEA WALL.

Mr. NOONAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause to be placed as many life-ladders as there are life-buoys on the sea wall at Dorchester Ave., from Congress St. to Federal-St. bridge.

Mr. NOONAN—Mr. President, I want to say in relation to that order that those life ladders are very much needed. I thought that perhaps the Superintendent of Bridges could see that that was done, but he informed me that this was a matter which should come before the Superintendent of Streets; and that is the reason why I have put this order in asking the Superintendent of Streets to have these life ladders placed on the sea wall.

The order was referred to the Mayor.

STREET SPRINKLING, WD. 13.

Mr. NOONAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Street Cleaning be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause the streets of Wd. 13 to be sprinkled at once.

REPAIR OF A ST.

Mr. NOONAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause A St., Wd. 13, to be put in proper condition for public travel.

NEXT MEETING.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3 offered an order—That when this Council adjourns it be to meet on Thursday, April 25, at 7:45 o'clock P. M.

Passed.

HOLIDAY, PICNIC DAY.

Mr. DOYLE of Wd. 13 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Superintendent of Streets to grant a holiday, without loss of pay, in part compensation for services rendered, to all employees of the Street Department to attend the annual picnic of Street Department Union 6751, A. F. of L., on Wednesday, July 24, 1907.

Passed. Sent up.

LAMP, CASTLE ST.

Mr. DRISCOLL of Wd. 9 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a gas lamp on Castle St., opposite Emerald St., under the elevated structure.

Referred to the Mayor.

DAY OFF FOR POLICE.

Mr. DRISCOLL offered an order—That the Committee on Police be requested to report to this body what action they have taken on the order for one day off in seven for members of the police force.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

REPAIR OF SHAWMUT AVE.

Mr. DRISCOLL offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to repair the asphalt on Shawmut Ave., from Cherry to Castle Sts., Wd. 9.

Referred to the Mayor.

PAYMENT OF POLICE ON STRIKE
DUTY.

Mr. DRISCOLL offered an order—That the Police Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to require payment from the Master Teamsters' Association for police services rendered said association during the present strike.

Referred to the Mayor.

ORDINANCES FOR MEMBERS.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the City Messenger be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to furnish every member of the City Council with a copy of the city ordinances; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Referred to the Committee on City Messenger Department.

Mr. ZETTERMAN had also sent several other papers to the Clerk.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1—Mr. President, the time having arrived to which

No. 2 was assigned, I raise the point of order that no other business is in order at this time.

The CHAIR—The point of order is not well taken. There is some business pending. Several papers have been presented by Councilman Zetterman.

Mr. BAGLEY—Mr. President, I understand that a point of order is in order at any time.

The CHAIR—The other gentleman was recognized first, and the business which he has presented to the Council has not been transacted.

Mr. BAGLEY—Mr. President, if an order is being read by the Clerk and a point of order is raised that there is not a quorum present, the point of order is always ruled upon as being in order.

The CHAIR—A member of the Council may raise that point at any time; but the gentleman speaking raised a different point.

Mr. COSTELLO of Wd. 16 moved that the Council do now adjourn.

The motion was carried, and the Council stood adjourned, at 10:20 P. M., to meet on Thursday, April 25, 1907, at 7:45 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, April 22, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at three o'clock P. M., Ald. BERWIN presiding and all members present.

On motion of Ald. BANGS, the reading of the records of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 514 of the Acts of 1894, viz.:

Forty-one traverse jurors for the Superior Court, Criminal Session, to appear May 6, viz.:

Gilbert C. Harris, Wd. 18; Daniel B. Andrews, Wd. 20; Bernard R. Edwards, Wd. 18; John D. Batchelder, Wd. 10; Thomas J. Flynn, Wd. 17; Charles E. Lee, Wd. 22; Patrick Hannify, Wd. 10; Peter J. Cameron, Wd. 2; William Madigan, Wd. 6; Edmund F. Ward, Wd. 19; Carl Elmer Sandberg, Wd. 22; Sherburne N. Miller, Wd. 20; Thomas A. McQuinn, Wd. 24; John J. Keegan, Wd. 17; William Atwell, Wd. 22; George F. Batchelder, Wd. 20; Edward M. Ely, Wd. 17; William A. O'Kane, Wd. 20; Pennell C. Brown, Wd. 24; Dennis F. Murphy, Wd. 10; Louis R. De Voto, Wd. 6; John J. Kennelly, Wd. 15; Moris Merick, Wd. 5; Abraham Krinsky, Wd. 8; Sobieski J. Hall, Wd. 9; John C. Gustafson, Wd. 23; Charles W. Brown, Wd. 20; Hubert L. Rowe, Wd. 7; Berned Williams, Wd. 2; Howard T. Richardson, Wd. 20; George H. Carver, Wd. 16; Thomas J. Carey, Wd. 4; Edwin F. Wilde, Wd. 23; Hugh A. McLaughlin, Wd. 1; Moritz T. Lindenburg, Wd. 23; William V. Baker, Wd. 16; Fred H. P. Steimbrey, Wd. 22; Thomas H. Hall, Wd. 3; William T. Burges, Wd. 17.

Thirty-five jurors for each session of the Superior Civil Court, to appear Monday, May 13, viz.:

First Session—William Endicott, Jr., Wd. 11; Daniel J. Mahoney, Wd. 6; Charles R. Deeterich, Wd. 18; Albert Lewis, Wd. 6; Frank A. Penders, Wd. 19; William F. Simpson, Wd. 20; John F. Elder, Wd. 20; Thomas E. Duffy, Wd. 9; John C. Redmond, Wd. 21; Edward M. Simpson, Wd. 17; Nathaniel L. Moore, Wd. 20; Rufus T. Tobey, Wd. 16; Irving D. Marston, Wd. 21; Benjamin P. Hutchinson, Wd. 16; Peter Zarella, Wd. 5; Patrick H. Diggins, Wd. 7; John J. Donahue, Wd. 21; Charles H. W. E. Buck, Wd. 20; William H. Kallier, Wd. 5; Onus S. Cauton, Wd. 11; James J. Flynn, Wd. 16; John J. Dulleck, Wd. 15; Nathaniel F. Thayer, Wd. 21; Frederick F. Ryan, Wd. 3; James Simonds, Wd. 21; John P. Collins, Wd. 3; Patrick M. Connolly, Wd. 23; John J. Mahoney, Wd. 20; James D. Martin, Wd. 13; Frederic W. Copithorn, Wd. 3; William H. Quigley, Wd. 4; Mark S. Reinstein, Wd. 21; Michael McLaughlin, Wd. 5; James T. Soutter, Wd. 8; William J. Mullally, Wd. 8.

Second Session—Michael J. Reddish, Wd. 19; Henry C. Weeks, Wd. 5; William E. Lynch, Wd. 6; John P. Malone, Wd. 25; James A. Delehanty, Wd. 12; James Barry, Wd. 7; Edward Berrett, Wd. 4; John J. Shea, Wd. 25; William A. Gove, Wd. 1; Thomas H. Shea, Wd.

19; Thomas J. McElroy, Wd. 1; David H. Cain, Wd. 20; Meyer J. Raphael, Wd. 21; John T. Mooney, Wd. 3; John M. Lane, Wd. 18; George O. Brintnall, Wd. 5; Michael H. Ahearn, Wd. 13; Daniel J. Sullivan, Wd. 24; William H. Horton, Wd. 24; Walter P. Marble, Wd. 12; William J. Elton, Wd. 20; Daniel White, Wd. 23; Martin Singer, Wd. 13; Charles Newman, Wd. 13; James A. Dooley, Wd. 25; Robert F. Arnold, Wd. 16; Luther P. Blanchard, Wd. 14; Horace J. Coolidge, Wd. 20; Michael Hassett, Wd. 17; Joseph H. Allen, Wd. 24; William K. Wood, Wd. 20; John Delaney, Wd. 3; Edward Farmer, Wd. 16; William R. Osborn, Wd. 23; Thomas P. Talbot, Wd. 21.

Third Session—Joseph J. Crane, Wd. 8; William H. McCarthy, Wd. 19; Louis T. Howard, Wd. 20; Alexander J. Campbell, Wd. 3; Charles T. Chapin, Wd. 25; Frank A. Whipple, Wd. 12; Albert F. Preston, Wd. 1; Mark Meagher, Wd. 10; Ernest A. Stenstrom, Wd. 19; James J. Butler, Wd. 3; Thomas A. Ryan, Wd. 21; Thomas W. Swan, Wd. 18; Henry P. Wennerberg, Wd. 12; Timothy F. Bradley, Wd. 24; Thomas J. Prior, Wd. 20; Michael H. Ryan, Wd. 9; Patrick O'Brien, Wd. 3; William Cotter, Wd. 17; John J. Dolan, Wd. 23; Walter Tufts, Wd. 11; John T. Colium, Wd. 10; Joseph Larkin, Wd. 23; William F. Allan, Wd. 22; John J. Horrigan, Wd. 5; Eldridge G. Dunn, Wd. 21; Daniel Cronin, Wd. 7; Joseph F. Hennessey, Wd. 18; Richard W. Haigh, Wd. 20; Harry Noble, Wd. 12; A. Lynde Cochran, Wd. 11; William J. O'Neil, Wd. 20; Josiah G. Bridge, Wd. 11; John J. Lyons, Wd. 24; Kenneth McLeod, Wd. 16; Samuel T. Packard, Wd. 21.

Fourth Session—John G. McLaren, Wd. 1; Richard H. G. Farrington, Wd. 23; Harry S. Cates, Wd. 20; George B. Watson, Wd. 20; Henry S. Jackson, Wd. 17; Joseph M. Herman, Wd. 11; Joseph Shoolman, Wd. 8; Patrick O. Lally, Wd. 4; Walter C. Blodgett, Wd. 17; George P. Field, Wd. 15; Dexter F. Pinkham, Wd. 15; Henry S. Porter, Wd. 1; Judson M. Vail, Wd. 16; Albert J. Howell, Wd. 9; James J. Bonner, Wd. 8; James Stack, Wd. 6; James T. Gunn, Wd. 8; Robert Bell, Wd. 15; Edward R. Gregory, Wd. 21; Dennis F. Reardon, Wd. 3; Patrick J. Lynch, Wd. 6; John Harriman, Wd. 18; George E. Simpson, Wd. 18; Fred J. Cashman, Wd. 10; William J. Fitzgerald, Wd. 13; Albert C. Anderson, Wd. 18; Henry G. Chandler, Wd. 23; William P. Ordway, Wd. 12; Michael J. Connors, Wd. 4; John F. Eaton, Wd. 25; William J. Kelley, Wd. 5; Joseph L. Arsenaull, Wd. 10; Charles E. Winston, Wd. 5; Edward A. Shay, Wd. 22; George E. Menzig, Wd. 18.

Fifth Session—Alexander Vogel, Wd. 23; John Woods, Wd. 4; Stephen A. Smith, Wd. 20; Thomas J. Garrigan, Jr., Wd. 2; James I. Bond, Wd. 20; Thomas Fagan, Wd. 25; Charles A. Hency, Wd. 10; Thomas W. Hayes, Wd. 23; Harry L. Tyler, Wd. 16; Otto Flister, Wd. 23; Charles E. Tuttle, Wd. 16; Albert R. Rank, Wd. 19; Joseph H. Taylor, Wd. 18; Arthur Cliff, Wd. 24; Dennis D. Donovan, Wd. 3; John E. Quinn, Wd. 1; William McNamara, Wd. 17; John McWeeny, Wd. 2; Daniel J. Riley, Wd. 7; John F. Welch, Wd. 18; William H. Davis, Wd. 10; Charles C. Littlefield, Wd. 15; Francis E. Burke, Wd. 17; John J. Welch, Wd. 15; James T. O'Rourke, Wd. 7; Cornelius J. Collins, Wd. 4; George F. Marden, Jr., Wd. 20; John H. Blanchard, Wd. 20; F. Warren Clark, Wd. 20; Bernard J. Rothwell, Wd. 11; John W. Cousins, Wd. 23; Timothy F. Harrington, Wd. 13; Fred R. Colburn, Wd. 23; George H. Alves, Wd. 1.

Sixth Session—Harry D. Kelsey, Wd. 23; Aaron Raphael, Wd. 16; James F. Sears, Wd. 11; Joseph Goldie, Wd. 12; Eugene T. Clifford, Wd. 21; Jacob

Mueller, Wd. 2; William T. McLaughlin, Wd. 9; George R. J. Henry, Wd. 17; Hardy Kallenbach, Wd. 22; Fred H. Standish, Wd. 23; Timothy J. Sheehan, Wd. 13; John A. Foley, Wd. 14; George H. Weisford, Wd. 2; George E. Webster, Wd. 25; Timothy Sheehan, Wd. 18; Frederick H. Gorrell, Wd. 1; Leo J. Lyons, Wd. 20; Thomas Foley, Wd. 16; James McCormack, Wd. 21; James O'Halloran, Wd. 5; Michael Reagan, Wd. 5; Peter A. Myers, Wd. 5; Leonard B. Robbins, Wd. 10; James Hearn, Wd. 8; John P. Kelly, Wd. 21; Arthur W. Kennard, Wd. 11; James H. Duffy, Wd. 6; Fred Rawlinson, Wd. 1; Michael Niland, Wd. 19; William T. Lenehan, Wd. 24; Thomas R. Willis, Wd. 13; John Murden, Wd. 25; John Muldoon, Wd. 16; Seth K. Cushing, Wd. 14; James Hughes, Wd. 15.

Seventh Session—William L. Goozman, Wd. 22; James Pittman, Wd. 1; Edwin P. Foss, Wd. 10; John W. Kelley, Wd. 9; Alexander Glennie, Wd. 20; Peter J. Murphy, Wd. 14; William Murphy, Wd. 19; Henry S. Selig, Wd. 10; Daniel Bonnie, Wd. 8; George P. Bigelow, Wd. 9; William J. Usher, Wd. 20; Loren D. Robinson, Wd. 20; Galus Sampson, Wd. 20; Thomas E. Brophy, Wd. 6; David T. Wadleigh, Wd. 25; William E. Stevens, Wd. 11; Peter J. McKenna, Wd. 14; Christopher J. Wells, Wd. 14; John Reynolds, Wd. 2; Herbert D. Remick, Wd. 1; Michael W. Dolan, Wd. 9; Fred W. Woodcock, Wd. 20; Michael J. Denehy, Wd. 15; Anthony T. Brawley, Wd. 19; Hugh F. Wallace, Wd. 5; John Koen, Jr., Wd. 6; Bernard F. Fitzgerald, Wd. 14; Edward F. Trask, Wd. 17; Cornelius X. O'Brien, Wd. 21; Thomas Ginn, Wd. 21; George C. Wiswell, Wd. 24; Timothy T. Donovan, Wd. 17; Patrick Quinn, Wd. 6; Edward J. Golden, Wd. 14; F. Louis Bauer, Wd. 14.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

Communications were received from the Mayor, making the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board, viz.:

- (1) J. Alfred Mitchell (796 East Fourth St., Wd. 14) City Auditor for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.
- (2) Patrick F. McDonald (10 Jerome St., Wd. 20), Superintendent of Bridges for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.
- (3) John A. Rooney (299 Temple St., Wd. 23), Building Commissioner for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.
- (4) Garrett W. Scollard (45 Sargent St., Wd. 16), City Collector for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.
- (5) Thomas M. Babson (138 St. Botolph St., Wd. 10), Corporation Counsel for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.
- (6) William Jackson (136 Academy Hill Road, Wd. 25), City Engineer for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.
- (7) Michael W. Norris (123 West Fourth St., Wd. 13), a member of the Board of Health for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.
- (8) Dennis J. Hern (5 Eleanor St., Wd. 25), Superintendent of Lamps for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.
- (9) George E. McKay (8 Wayne St., Wd. 21), Superintendent of Markets for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.
- (10) Thomas A. Whalen, (1 Normandy St., Wd. 20), Superintendent of Printing for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.
- (11) James F. Nolan (234 Bennington

St., Wd. 1), Superintendent of Public Buildings for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.

- (12) D. Henry Sullivan (93 Howland St., Wd. 21), Superintendent of Public Grounds for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.
- (13) Edward W. McGlenen (145 Ashmont St., Wd. 24), City Registrar for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.
- (14) Daniel H. Gillespie (94 Moreland St., Wd. 17), Superintendent of Sanitary Department, for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.
- (15) John J. Leahy (7 Unity St., Wd. 6), Superintendent of Sewers, for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.
- (16) John E. Gilman (13 Schuyler St., Wd. 21), Soldiers' Relief Commissioner for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.
- (17) James H. Doyle (1513 Washington St., Wd. 12), Superintendent of Streets for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.
- (18) Matthew Cummings (140 Walnut St., Wd. 24), Superintendent of Street Cleaning and Watering for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.
- (19) Michael J. Mitchell (45 Moulton St., Wd. 3), Superintendent of Supplies for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.
- (20) Charles H. Slattery (520 East Broadway, Wd. 14), City Treasurer for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.
- (21) Henry B. Lovering (52A Stanwood St., Wd. 20), Sealer of Weights and Measures and Seizer of Illegal Coal, Coke and Charcoal Measures for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.
- (22) John E. Ansell (64 West Cedar St., Wd. 11), Manassah E. Bradley (296 Maverick St., Wd. 1), Jeremiah Brosnahan (21 Codman Park, Wd. 21), Jeremiah J. Crowley (4 Hinchman St., Wd. 6), Timothy W. Crowley (49 Auburn St., Wd. 8), Daniel J. Moynihan, Jr., (356 West Broadway, Wd. 13), Hugh J. Quinn (705 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 12), James A. Sweeney (109 Hudson St., Wd. 7), James J. Sweeney (8 Sprague St., Wd. 3) and Charles E. Walsh (12 Atlantic St., Wd. 15), Deputy Sealers of Weights and Measures and Seizers of Illegal Coal, Coke and Charcoal Measures for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.
- (23) John J. O'Hare (255 Bunker Hill St., Wd. 4), a Bath Trustee for the term ending April 30, 1912.
- (24) Mrs. Lawrence J. Logan (560 Broadway, Wd. 14), a Bath Trustee for the term ending April 30, 1912.
- (25) Charles E. Phipps, (146 Warren Ave., Wd. 12), a Cemetery Trustee for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.
- (26) Herbert F. Price (81 Sydney St., Wd. 20), a Consumptives' Hospital Trustee for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.
- (27) Francis J. Keany, M. D., (73 Marlborough St., Wd. 11), a Trustee of the Boston City Hospital, for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.
- (28) Thomas F. Boyle (879 Beacon St., Wd. 11), a member of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library for the term ending April 30, 1912.
- (29) John A. O'Shea (162 Lexington St., Wd. 1), a member of the Board of Music Trustees for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.
- (30) William P. Fowler (275 Newbury St., Wd. 11), an Overseer of the Poor for the term ending April 30, 1910.
- (31) Thomas Sproules (31 Hillside St.,

Wd. 19), an Overseer of the Poor for the term ending April 30, 1910.

(32) Thomas Downey (362 Park Rd., Wd. 23), an Overseer of the Poor for the term ending April 30, 1910.

(33) James M. Prendergast (135 Bay State Rd., Wd. 11), a member of the Board of Park Commissioners for the term ending April 30, 1910.

(34) Nathaniel J. Rust (488 Commonwealth Ave., Wd. 11), a member of the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds for the term of three years, beginning with the 1st day of May, 1907.

(35) Samuel Hichborn (263 West Newton St., Wd. 10).
Edward B. Daily (7 Akron St., Wd. 21).

James Buckner (80 Brighton Ave, Wd. 25), to be members of the Board of Assessors for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.

(36) Laurence Minot (144 Marlborough St., Wd. 11), a Statistics Trustee for the term ending April 30, 1912.

(37) James Graham (37 Billerica St., Wd. 8) and William H. Lythgoe (57 Bakersfield St., Wd. 20), Constables of the city of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1908.

(38) James T. Donahue (1 Grant Ct., Wd. 4) and Charles F. Wilmore (97 Oak Ave., Wd. 24), Weighers of Boilers and Heavy Machinery for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.

(39) John F. Glynn (237 Chelsea St., Everett), a Weigher of Coal for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.

(40) Martin J. Kent (708 East Seventh St., Wd. 14) and John R. McDonald (14 Brewster St., Wd. 15), Fence Viewers for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.

(41) Edward J. Holand (134 L St., Wd. 14), a Constable of the city of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1908.

The appointments were severally laid over under the law.

RUBBISH BARRELS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, April 22, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Street Cleaning and Watering in answer to your order requesting him to consider the advisability of locating at convenient points covered receptacles below the surface of the ground for the purpose of storing the push cart barrels and cans for street sweepings and

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Street Cleaning and Watering Department.

April 18, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Dear Sir:—In reply to the enclosed order of the Board of Aldermen as to the advisability of "locating at convenient points covered receptacles below the surface of the ground for the purpose of storing the push-cart barrels and cans for street sweepings and refuse," I beg to submit that I do not approve of the same. Such an arrangement would incur considerable expense to install and also would decrease the amount of work accomplished by the patrolmen. The barrels are at present placed, as far as possible, in out of the way corners where they cause the least inconvenience.

Respectfully yours,

Matthew Cummings, Superintendent.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. CURLEY.

LOAN FOR WATER MAINS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, April 22, 1907.

To the City Council:—

I respectfully urge the immediate passage of the loan order now pending before you, appropriating \$300,000 to be expended by the Water Commissioner for the construction of new, and the replacing of old, water pipes.

The Water Commissioner and the City Engineer inform me that the necessity of the city is most pressing for the further extension of our water supply system, and that speedy action should be taken upon the passage of this loan. Aside from the renewal of water pipes generally in the business sections of the city, a large amount of new pipe will be necessary in order to carry the service into the Parker Hill district; Northern Ave. extension will require a considerable outlay; the changes in grade resulting from the removal of grade crossings in East Boston will necessitate much new work in that section, and it will be absolutely necessary to lay pipe on Congress St., between Atlantic Ave. and Franklin St., to give proper fire protection in the new business district in South Boston.

I might add that the real necessities of the department demand an expenditure of \$500,000, but the amount was reduced to \$300,000 in the interest of economy.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received: and were referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Dept., Ald.

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Beckert Manufacturing Company, a sign, at 119 Water St., Wd. 6.

Samuel Shalit, a sign, at 151 Richmond St., Wd. 6.

Bronstein Bros., an electric sign, at 180 Friend St., Wd. 6.

N. Alfowich, a canvas sign, at 95 Friend St., Wd. 6.

Phelan & Steptoe, two wooden signs, at 32 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

Holland Bros., an electric sign, at 47 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

Thomas Karalecis, an illuminated sign, at 3 Essex St., Wd. 7.

J. Cavagnaro, two wooden signs, at 262 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7.

William J. Keefe, an electric sign, at 696 Washington St., Wd. 7.

C. F. Wright, an electric sign, at 40 Causeway St., Wd. 8.

J. G. Lyons, an illuminated sign, at 1202 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Joseph Marlow & Co., an electric sign, at 1231 Washington St., Wd. 9.

James Heleotis, an electric sign, at 497 Tremont St., Wd. 10.

Carl D. Wilson, a U. S. observatory clock (as a sign), at 474A Broadway, Wd. 15.

Wage Earners' Club, a transparency, at 27 Poplar St., Wd. 23.

Dondero & Sorocco, electric sign, 13-14 Chapman Pl., Wd. 7.

Simon Mikels, electric sign, 190A Portland St., Wd. 8.

Haas & Loeb, two signs, 41 Court St., Wd. 6.

G. Warshaw, electric sign, 9A Causeway St., Wd. 8.

The Aero & Marine Motor Company, wooden sign, 60 Pemberton Sq., Wd. 6.

Pedrick & Bennett, electric sign, 73A Washington St., Wd. 7.

Electric Wires.

Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, for leave to erect one pole on Dearborn St., corner Eustis St., Wd. 17.

Same company, to erect one pole in Albany St., near Hampden St., Wd. 17.

Same company, to erect one pole in Astor St., near Bickerstaff St., Wd. 10.

Dodge Motor Vehicle Co., for leave to run an electric wire from building 219-223 Columbus Ave., across Stanhope St., to rear of 27 Stanhope St.

Faneuil Hall, etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

Public Opinion League, on April 25, at noon.

Foresters of America, on the evening of May 20.

Camp No. 6, U. S. W. V., on the evening of Sept. 21.

Old Home Week Association, on the afternoon of April 23.

Superintendent of Public Grounds.

Mrs. H. A. Allen, for the removal of a tree at 42 Union Pk.

Patrick J. Galvin, for removal of five trees on the westerly side of Cedar St., Wd. 24.

Licenses.

Malone & Keene, for leave to run passenger barges from Centie and Eliot Sts. to the Faulkner Hospital, and return.

Catholic Club of Dorchester, for a permit for William Costello, Robert Costello, William Colman and Mary Cameron, children under 15 years of age, to appear at the Dudley St. Opera House, on the evenings of April 18, 19, 22, 1907.

Mrs. W. S. Butler, for a permit for Queenie Knowles and others, children under 15 years of age, to appear at Mechanics Building on May 6, 1907.

Railroads.

West End Street Railway Company:—
For leave to erect a shelter in City Sq.

For leave to erect a shelter in Thompson Sq.

Memorial Day.

Trimountain Garrison No. 2, R. A. & N. U., for an appropriation for Memorial Day.

Claims.

Mrs. S. T. Moore, to be paid for gravel furnished the Street Department on Fisher Ave.

Dr. C. H. Miller, for compensation for damage to wagon, etc., by an alleged defect in Evans St., Dorchester.

Margaret T. Davern, for a hearing on her claim against the city.

Michael Sullivan, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Pine St.

Public Improvements.

Petitions for licenses to store, or store and keep for sale, oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, as follows:

William G. Seavey, 616 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 20.

John W. Cosden & Co., rear 246 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 10.

J. T. Reed Company, Hancock Square, Wd. 4.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:

Foyd & Berry, 32-38 Morton St., Wd. 20.

Max Shoolman, 19-25 Brighton Ave., Wd. 25.

Riley G. Crosby, 149 Bowdoin St., Wd. 20.

Mrs. Maxwell Copelof, 20 Nixon St., Wd. 20.

John J. Healy, 6-10 Kimball St., Wd. 20.

St. Antonio Society, for leave to discharge fireworks at the North End Park on the evening of Aug. 5, 1907.

H. H. Tilton Fireworks Company, for leave to discharge fireworks on the North End Park on the evening of April 20.

Thresher Bros., lessees, for leave to construct patent sidewalk light covers at 44-46 Temple place, Wd. 7.

J. M. and C. J. Buckley, for leave to erect three guy posts between 337-347 Summer St., Wd. 13.

Geo. N. Black, for leave to build bulkhead opening at 156 Dover St., Wd. 9.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

On petitions for leave to project bay windows, viz.:

1. Frank Lovezzola, one, at 78 Leyden St., Wd. 1.

2. Simon Goldsmith, two, at 1263-1265 Tremont St., Wd. 19.

3. Simon Goldsmith, four, at 1267-1273 Tremont St., Wd. 19.

4. Simon Goldsmith, two, at 1048 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

On petitions for leave to project permanent awnings, viz.:

5. Westminster Chambers Trust, one at entrance to Hotel Westminster, 1 Trinity Pl., Wd. 10.

6. J. C. Melvin et al., Trustees, one over Quincy row (Mercantile St.) and Clinton St., from building 19 Quincy Row, Wd. 6.

No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Building Department, Aid.

7. On petition of Hyman Ruben, for license to store gasoline at 167 Border St., Wd. 2.

Not having advertised according to law the petitioner was given leave to withdraw.

On petitions for licenses to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, viz.:

8. Estate of Frederick E. Randall, at 66 Stanhope St., Wd. 10.

9. Prentiss Motor Car and Supply Company, at 15 Berkeley St., Wd. 10.

10. George E. Ladd, at 396 Columbus Ave., Wd. 10.

11. Linscott Motor Company, at 31 Whittier St., Wd. 18.

No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

12. On petition of the West End Street Railway Company for a location for double curved tracks and cross connections on Dorchester Ave., south of Richmond St., with the right to use the overhead single trolley system thereon.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Railroads.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

13. Message of the Mayor recommending the passage of the following.

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Be it ordained, etc.:

Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by inserting a new section, to be Section 106 of said chapter, and by renumbering Section 106 so as to be Section 107; said new section to be as follows:

"Section 106.—No person shall kindle any fire, light a match, smoke, or have in his or her possession any lighted pipe, cigar or cigarette on the parts of any wharf or pier in the city of Boston used for landing, reception or storage or delivery of combustible freight or merchandise."

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances on motion of Ald. Bangs.

14. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the

Superintendent of Streets to grant a holiday without loss of pay, in part compensation for services rendered, to all employees of the Street Department, to attend the annual picnic of Street Department Union 6751, A. F. of L., on Wednesday, July 24, 1907.
Passed in concurrence.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

Under unfinished business, the Chair called up the following:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz.:

15. Jacob Barker and others, to be Constables, as contained in Doc. 74.

16. George E. Kerr, to be a Constable.

17. Edward Hughes, to be Chief Weigher of Vessels, and James J. Neville, to be Weigher of Vessels.

George H. Adams and others, to be Weighers of Coal.

Morton Alden and others, to be Measurers of Wood and Bark.

Charles E. Avery and others, to be Measurers of Grain.

Morton Alden and others, to be Inspectors of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw.

John R. Barton and others, to be Weighers of Boilers and Heavy Machinery.

Clarence O. Duston and others, to be Weighers of Beef.

James H. Cleaves and others, to be Inspectors of Petroleum.

Sewall B. Farnsworth and others, to be Measurers of Upper Leather.

Patrick J. McCarthy, to be an Inspector of Lime.

John F. Dixon, to be a Gauger of Liquid Measures.

Herbert C. Davis, to be Superintendent of the North Hay Scales.

Maurice J. McCarthy, to be Superintendent of the South Hay Scales.

Neil McInnes, to be Superintendent of the Roxbury Hay Scales, all as contained in Doc. 77.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Ald. Curley and Bell. (Ald. Woods asked to be excused from voting, his name being among the weighers of coal.)

Whole number of ballots, 10; yes, 10, and the appointments were severally confirmed.

ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the petition of Clarence A. Cheever, for a license to store products of petroleum at 1531 Blue Hill Ave., and Henry E. Wright & Sons, at Wales Place, Wd. 20—orders of notice were passed for a hearing on Monday, May 13, at three o'clock P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

On the following petitions for leave to project bay windows, viz.:

Lewis Burnham, one, 108-110 Trenton St., corner of Brooks St., Wd. 1.

Marks Harris, one, 214 Howard Ave., corner Quincy St., Wd. 16.

Marks Harris, one, from building 32 Fountain St., Wd. 21.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings on Monday, May 6, at three o'clock P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS PAYROLL.

A communication was received from William T. A. Fitzgerald, Register of Deeds, certifying the employees in his office and the amounts due them.
Approved and ordered paid.

COAL AND COKE LICENSES.

A list was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth of the coal and coke licenses granted under the provisions of law.

Placed on file.

RAILROAD POLICE.

A communication was received from the Police Commissioner certifying the appointment of certain persons to be railroad police for the Boston & Maine Railroad.

Placed on file.

HARBOR HEARINGS.

Notices were received from the Harbor and Land Commissioners of hearings April 17 on petition of Trustees of Estate of Horace Cousins for license to build a sea-wall and fill solid in Charles River, and Everett H. Forbes and others, agents, for license to fill solid in Fort Point Channel.

Severally placed on file.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Ald. BELL, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order for the payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the city of Boston for the month of April, 1907, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 79 of the Revised Laws.

Report accepted, order passed.

LICENSE REPORTS.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 21 newsboys, 7 bootblacks and 2 vendors.

Reports accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions, viz.:

Frank A. Feeney (referred March 19) for leave to run passenger barges between Highland, Spring St. and West Roxbury stations from corner Centre and Corey Sts., and from corner Centre and La Grange Sts., to the Newton and Dedham lines and return.

Patrick J. Brady (referred March 19), for leave to run two passenger barges between the corner of Walk Hill St. and Blue Hill Ave. and Mt. Hope Cemetery, and two between Highland station and Corey and Centre Sts. and Mt. Benedict Cemetery during the present year.

Malone & Keane (referred April 22), for leave to run passenger barges from Centre and Elliot Sts. to the Faulkner Hospital and return.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of The Catholic Club of Dorchester (referred today) for a permit for William Costello, Robert Costello, William Colman and Mary Cameron, children under fifteen years of age, to appear at the Dudley-Street Opera House on the evenings of April 18, 19 and 22, 1907—recommending that a permit be granted.

Report accepted, permit granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Report on the petition of Mrs. W. S. Butler (referred today) for a permit for Queenie Knowles and others, children under 15 years of age, to appear at the Mechanics Building on May 6, 1907—recommending that a permit be granted.

Report accepted, permit granted on the usual conditions.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. BATTIS, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, submitted reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions (severally referred today), for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

Old Home Week Association, afternoon of April 23.

Public Opinion League, April 25, at noon.

Foresters of America, evening of May 20.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

PROJECTION OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department, submitted reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions (severally referred today), for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Phelan & Steptoe, wooden sign, 42 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

Carl D. Willson, clock sign, 474A Broadway, Wd. 15.

Wage Earners' Club, transparency, 27 Poplar St., Wd. 23.

Beckert Manufacturing Company, sign, 119 Water St., Wd. 6.

J. G. Lyons, illuminated sign, 1202 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Holland Bros., electric sign, 47 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. CURLEY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on the following petitions, recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings on Monday, May 6, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:

Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston (referred Jan. 28), to erect two poles on Roxbury St. and five on Zeigler St.

Same company (referred last year), to erect one pole on Maverick St., east from Bremen St., Wd. 2.

Same company (referred April 8), to erect one pole on Guild row, near Dudley St., Wd. 18.

Same company (referred Jan. 21), to erect one pole on Tonawanda St., near Waldeck St., Wd. 20.

Same company (referred last year), to erect one pole on Blue Hill Ave., near River St., Wd. 24.

Fire Commissioner (referred Feb. 25), to erect post for fire-alarm box on Chandler St., Wd. 10.

Fire Commissioner (referred March 4), to erect one pole on Fisher Ave., Wd. 19.

Reports severally accepted, orders of notice passed.

(2) Reports on the following petitions recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings on Monday, May 13, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts (referred Jan. 21), to erect three poles on Oak St., Wd. 4.

Same company (referred Jan. 21), to attach wires to tree on Bartlett St., Wd. 4.

Same company (referred March 4), to attach wires to the trees on Maverick St., Wd. 2.

Same company (referred Jan. 21), to erect two poles and remove one pole on Orleans St., Wd. 2.

Same company (referred last year), to erect two poles on Hopedale St., Wd. 25.

Same company (referred April 8), to erect three poles on Lothian Rd., Wd. 25.

Same company (referred Jan. 21), to erect two poles on Faneuil St., Wd. 25.

Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston (referred last year), to erect three poles on Percival St., Wd. 20.

Reports severally accepted, orders of notice passed.

(3) Reports on the following petitions recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings on Monday, May 20, at three o'clock P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts (referred Jan. 21), to erect eleven poles on Chestnut Ave. and to remove one pole on Chestnut Square, Wd. 23.

Same company (referred Jan. 21), to erect five poles on Dorr St., Wd. 21.

Same company (referred Jan. 28), to erect eleven poles on Newburg St., Wd. 23.

Same company (referred Jan. 28), to erect seven poles on Morrison St. and five poles on Gardner St., Wd. 23.

Same company (referred Jan. 21), to erect one pole each on Eustis, Kenible, Shirley and Langdon Sts., Wd. 17.

Reports severally accepted, orders of notice passed.

(4) Report on the petition of the South End Motor Car Company (referred Feb. 18), for leave to stretch three wires across East Concord St.—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the South End Motor Car Company to stretch three wires across East Concord St., from No. 24 to No. 25 on said street, in such a manner as may be approved by the Wire Commissioner.

Report accepted, order passed.

PIERHEAD, MARINE PK.

Ald. BALDWIN moved to take the following from the table:

26. Ordered, That from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, the sum of \$11,000, now available, be appropriated to be expended by the Park Department for the completion of the pier head at Marine Park.

The motion to take from the table was declared lost. Ald. BALDWIN doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays. The Board voted to take No. 26 from the table, yeas 10, nays 2.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Battis, Berwin, Curley, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—10.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Bell—2.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, I move to amend by striking out the figures "\$11,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures "\$8000."

The question came on the amendment.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, I understand that \$8000 is the entire amount available from the sum received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, and for that reason I offer this amendment. I understand that the Mayor is favorable to this proposition. It will be an improvement in connection with the wooden pier at City Point and the stone pier adjacent to it. I understand that the Park Department is ready to proceed with the work just as soon as it gets the money.

The amendment was declared rejected. Ald. BALDWIN doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The amendment was adopted, yeas 10, nays 2:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Bell, Berwin, Curley, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—10.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Battis—2.

Ald. BANGS moved that No. 26, as amended, be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements; declared carried. Ald. Baldwin doubted the vote, and asked for the yeas and nays.

The motion to refer was lost, yeas 5, nays 7:

Yeas—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Draper—5.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—7.

The Board refused to pass the order as amended (a two-thirds vote being required), yeas 7, nays 5.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—7.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Draper—5.

Ald. BALDWIN moved a reconsideration, hoping it would prevail. Declared carried.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, I move you, sir, that consideration of the same be assigned to the next meeting.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, before that motion is put I desire to make a substitute motion—that the matter be referred to the Committee on Park Department.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, I cannot quite see why the gentleman on the other side of the chamber moves to refer the matter to the Committee on Park Department. I think if it were to be referred to any committee, the appropriate committee would be the Committee on Finance. But I feel that this is a matter of some import and that it should be taken in a serious vein. I feel that it is a matter which we ought to consider as we do other matters. I feel that the proper disposition of the matter is to assign it to the next meeting of the Board. If at that time the members do not see fit to vote for it, it is in their province to vote against it.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I have no special desire in the matter, except that I knew the Alderman was chairman of the Committee on Park Department, and that was one of my reasons for moving to refer it to that committee. I would simply like to see it going along, progressing, that is all. We might as well act upon the matter at the present time. There is only \$8000, and I suppose we may as well use it up now. Otherwise there may be orders introduced to use it up for something less important.

Ald. Draper's motion was lost.

Ald. Baldwin's motion, to assign to the next meeting of the Board, was carried.

ATHLETIC BUILDING, WOOD ISLAND.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That out of the amount received from a sale of a portion of Deer Island there be appropriated the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars to be expended by the Park Commissioners for putting in good order the Athletic Building, Wood Island Park.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Ald. BATTIS.

ADDITIONAL DEPUTY SEALERS.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY, the Board took up past assignment, viz.: 20. An Ordinance Relative to Additional Deputy Sealers of Weights and Measures.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter 43 of the Revised Ordinances of 1893 is hereby amended in Section 1 by striking out the word "ten" in the third line of said section and inserting in place thereof the word "eighteen."

The question came on the passage of the ordinance.

Ald. BATTIS—Mr. Chairman, I move that this be laid over to the next meeting of the Board. There is a bill in the Legislature at the present time which will be acted upon in all probability this week. I understand that the committee will report tomorrow, and I think this ordinance should lie over until that bill is disposed of in the Legislature.

The question came on assignment.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I think the Alderman is misinformed. If what he says were so, I would favor laying it over; but the Committee on Mercantile Affairs have considered this proposition and have reported unanimously in favor of the adoption of a bill giving greater power to the sealers of weights and measures in Massachusetts. It has already been considered by the Senate and probably will be before the House this present week.

Ald. BATTIS—Mr. Chairman, even though the committee may have made a report and the situation may be as Ald. Curley has stated, that is no particular reason why the bill is going to become a law. I believe it is only fair for this Board to wait until that bill is either passed or rejected, so that we will know what we are acting upon. I still believe it should lie over for one week.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, there is very little that I care to add to what has been already said on this proposition. Every member here as well as every member of the Legislature is familiar with the conditions pertaining to this matter. Invariably it is the custom of the Legislature, as my friend the Alderman on my right, well knows, to accept unanimous committee reports. Committees are recognized as the jurors who sit on cases, hear the evidence and report upon it. I can conceive of no reason why any member of the Legislature should vote against this proposition, and I know of no reason that should influence any man having the best interests of the people whom we represent at heart, to vote against the people on this proposition. The question of computing scales has been gone into at length. If the member on my right feels that it is good policy to delay, even after the Legislature has taken action, I do not believe his action is for the best interests of the people he represents. Now even admitting that the measure does not receive the signature of His Excellency the Governor until the latter part of this week, if we delay action for another week it will necessitate this matter being presented to the Council a week from Thursday night, and probably being delayed for fully a week, and probably more, after the bill has been in operation. As to the merits of the proposition, they have been gone into at previous meetings of this Board. Under the present system, the computations are arranged on a scale of eight ounces to the pound, rather than 16, so that if a person is purchasing goods costing 30 cents a pound and buys a pound and a fractional portion of a pound, if the fractional portion is in excess of eight ounces, he will pay more for that fractional portion than for the full pound. In other words, the computations are graduated on a scale of four to eight ounces, rather than a pound. So if a man purchases a pound and ten ounces of any given commodity—tea, butter, cheese, coffee, meat—for which, say, he would pay 30 cents a pound, he will, for

instance, for the amount in excess of a pound pay four cents an ounce. In other words, for the extra ten ounces he will pay 40 cents additional, while for the pound he pays but 30 cents. If it is good policy to permit the men back of that sort of thing, those interested in the scales and the storekeepers, to thus continue to cheat the public, I say it might be all very well for us to let it lie over; but if we are here to safeguard and protect the interests and rights of the public, I believe immediate action should be taken in this Board. I sincerely hope that the member on my right (Ald. Battis) will see the proposition as I do. His business is in a line where they do not weigh up. They measure, so that perhaps a man in East Boston might, on a pair of shoes, for instance, pay more than a man in Roxbury, on account of the difference in size (laughter); with the result that the man in East Boston might have to pay \$2.50 for a pair of shoes, where a man in Roxbury would pay \$2, the question of computing scales not entering into it. So he, perhaps, has not the interests of his own community at heart in the position he takes on this proposition. (Laughter.) But, seriously, I believe this Board should act at once. I admit that possibly there is no immediate haste for the appointment of these additional sealers, until the proposition goes through at the State House; and I am satisfied that the Mayor will not make the appointments until such time as the bill now in the Legislature becomes a law. But we should do our duty, regardless of what may be done at the State House.

Ald. BATTIS—Mr. Chairman, the Alderman has just made a statement that reports of committees go through the Legislature without any trouble. That may have been so in the past, but certainly has not been so this year. There have been more committee reports turned down this year than for years, and this may be one of them. Certainly, if this bill does not go through, we will not need the extra employees. I will say that I, for one, am willing to vote for the measure when that bill does go through the Legislature. I am not against the appointment of eight more sealers of weights and measures when that bill becomes a law, but I do believe that this Board can well afford to wait until this bill is passed and signed by the Governor. Until then there is certainly no need of these men being appointed, and I think the Mayor will be satisfied to appoint them when the bill becomes a law.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I was not aware that the organization at the State House was in such a weak condition as it apparently is. I presume its weakness and failure to support reports of committees is due largely to the fact that my friend, the member on the right, is not a member of the body.

Ald. Battis' motion to assign the ordinance to the next meeting of the Board was declared carried. Ald. CURLEY doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The motion to assign the ordinance to the next meeting was lost, yeas 6,

Yeas—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Draper, Flanagan—6.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—6.

The ordinance was declared passed. Ald. BATTIS doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The ordinance was passed, yeas 7, nays 6:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Draper, Finigan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—7.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Flanagan—6.

Ald. CURLEY moved to reconsider; lost. Sent down.

APPARATUS, SULLIVAN SQUARE PLAYGROUND.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY, the Board took the following order from the table:

25. Ordered, That the sum of \$3000 be appropriated to be expended by the Park Department for installing gymnasium apparatus on the Sullivan Square Playground, Wd. 4; and to meet such appropriation, the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, at the request of Councilman Hayes, I would move that further consideration of No. 25 on the calendar be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The order was referred to the Committee on Finance.

MONEY FOR M. V. M.

Ald. BANGS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be hereby authorized to furnish the necessary facilities for transportation and target practice for the troops of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia stationed in Boston during the present season at an expense not exceeding \$5000; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department.

Passed.

STREET WATERING.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be hereby requested by this Board to instruct the Superintendent of Street Cleaning and Watering to start in immediately on the work of watering the streets on the regular summer basis.

Passed.

CONTEMPLATED STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to submit to this Board a list of the streets in the various districts of the city on which street improvements are contemplated to be done during the present year.

Passed.

REMOVAL OF TREES, ETC.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two trees standing in front of estate 18 Stanton St., Wd. 24; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to have three trees removed and one tree trimmed in front of estate numbered 134 Maple St., Wd. 23.

Passed.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of 756 Parker St., Wd. 19, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove five trees on the westerly side of Cedar St., Wd. 24, said trees being in a state of partial decay and so closely set as to keep the surrounding premises in a damp condition; any expense attending said work to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

BORDER AND SARATOGA STS.

Ald. BANGS offered an order that the superintendent of streets be requested to have repaved Border street, from Central Square to Eutaw street; also to have paved Saratoga street, from Moore street to Winthrop junction.

Passed.

REMOVAL OF WIRES.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Wires be requested to take steps for the removal of all telegraph and telephone poles on the Bennington-St. Boulevard, from Day Sq. to Winthrop Junction.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

LAYING OUT ADDISON ST.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to give to this Board an estimate of the cost of laying out Addison St., Wd. 1.

Passed.

SIDEWALK ON GEORGE ST.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along George St. at Hampden St., Wd. 17, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

SIDEWALKS. LAWN ST.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to proceed with the work of constructing gravel sidewalks with edgestones along both sides of Lawn St., Wd. 19, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893; as authorized by an order of the Board of Aldermen approved Oct. 14, 1903.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

RECESS TAKEN.

On motion of Ald. BANGS, the Board voted at 4:37 P. M. to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by Ald. Berwin at 5:27 P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. BERWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the message of the Mayor relative to legacies of Charles E. French, with accompanying order (referred April 8th), recommending the

passage of the orders and that the message be sent down.

The report was accepted; the orders (accepting certain of the legacies and not accepting others) were passed unanimately. Message and orders sent down.

(2) Report on the message of the Mayor (referred today), transmitting a communication from the Superintendent of Street Cleaning and Watering,—recommending reference of the same to the Committee on Health Department (Ald.).

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

(3) Report on petitions recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1907, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:

William S. Butler & Company, lessees (petition referred April 8), to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening 2 feet 3 inches by 1 foot 4 inches, with an iron cover over the area at present existing in the sidewalk in front of estate 55 Temple Pl., Wd. 7.

Thresher Brothers, lessees (petition referred today), to place, maintain and use patent sidewalk light covers over the area at present existing in the sidewalk in front of estate 44-46 Temple Pl., Wd. 7.

J. M. & C. J. Buckley (referred today), to erect, maintain and use 3 guy posts, with the necessary ropes attached, in and over Summer St., Wd. 13, in front of 337-347, for use during the erection of a building.

George Nixon Black (referred today), to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening 4 feet 6 inches by 4 feet, and with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 156 Dover St., Wd. 9.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

(4) Report on the petition of H. H. Tilton Fireworks Company (referred today), for leave to discharge fireworks on the North End Park on the evening of April 20—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on usual conditions.

(5) Report on the petition of St. Antonio Society (referred today), for leave to discharge fireworks at the North End Park on the evening of Aug. 5—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted under usual conditions.

(6) Report on order (referred today), requesting the Superintendent of Streets to proceed with the work of constructing gravel sidewalks with edgestones along both sides of Lawn St., Wd. 19, etc.—recommending the passage of the same.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(7) Reports on petitions referred today, recommending the passage of orders that Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining and to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, with granite edgestones, owner to furnish material, in front of following estates:

John J. Healy, 6-10 Kimball St., Wd. 20, gravel.

Max Shoelman, 19-25 Brighton Ave., Wd. 25, artificial stone.

Boyd & Berry, 32-38 Morton St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Riley G. Crosby, 149 Bowdoin St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Mrs. Maxwell Copelof, 20 Nixon St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

(8) Report on message from the Mayor (referred today), urging the im-

mediate passage of the loan order now pending, appropriating \$300,000 to be expended by the Water Commissioner for the construction of new and the replacing of old water pipes, recommending that the same be printed and sent down.
Report accepted; message ordered printed and sent down.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. FLANAGAN, the Board refused general reconsideration of all action taken today.
Adjourned at 5:32 P. M., on motion of Ald. LEARY, to meet on Monday, April 29, at 3 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, April 25, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P. M., President BARRETT in the chair.

EMPLOYEES TO BE VOTERS.

The following was received.

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, April 25, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Corporation Counsel in answer to your order requesting him to draft an ordinance compelling all male employees of the city to be legal voters of Boston.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Law Department, April 23, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, City Hall, Boston.

Dear Sir:—The enclosed letter offered in the Common Council and referred to you was received by me from your office. In reply would state that in my opinion such an ordinance if passed would be illegal and void as being a distinct violation of the city charter and probably of the Constitution of the United States. Yours respectfully,

Thomas M. Babson,
Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

POLICE STATION, WD. 16.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, April 25, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Police Commissioner in answer to your order requesting a report on the advisability of locating a sub-station of the Police Department in the vicinity of Edward Everett Sq., Wd. 16.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Police Department, April 20, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor:

Dear Sir:—In reply to the request of the Common Council, made through you, as to the advisability of establishing a sub-station in the vicinity of Edward Everett Sq., I beg to say that after a consultation with superior officers of the department I am of the opinion that the expense of such sub-station would be greater than any possible benefits to be derived from it would warrant.

Respectfully,

Stephen O'Meara, Police Commissioner.

Placed on file.

FIRE PROTECTION, FOREST HILLS.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, April 25, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner in answer to your order requesting a report as to

what arrangement has been made for better fire protection in the vicinity of Forest Hills Square. Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Fire Department, April 24, 1907.

His Honor, John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Sir:—In reply to the enclosed order, I would report that no arrangement has been made for better fire protection in the vicinity of Forest Hills Square, and no action in this matter can be taken, unless an appropriation for the purchase of the necessary land and the building of a fire house with equipment is provided by the City Council. Very respectfully,

Benj. W. Wells, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

POINT OF ORDER.

Mr. MADDEN of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that there is no quorum present.

By direction of the President, the Clerk called the roll to ascertain the attendance, with the following result:

Present—Anderson, Bagley, Barrett, Bramhall, Buckley, Carruth, Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Ducey, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hackett, Hanrahan, Harding, Hayes, Joyce, Kennedy, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McGregor, McLennan, Mealey, Morgan, Murphy, O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Peshorn, Pierce, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Sheenan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Wharton, Wilcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—57.

Absent—Brown, Clark (20), Clark (24), Daly (17), Driscoll, George, Green, Hatton, Kelly, Kohler, Montague, Noonan, Noyes, O'Brien (5), Roberts, Rosenberg, Sacks, Santosuosso—18.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will declare the point of order not well taken.

FIRE SIGNAL, WD. 4.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, April 25, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner in answer to your order requesting the reason for the maintenance by the city of Somerville of a fire alarm signal in Wd. 4.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Fire Department, April 18, 1907.

His Honor John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Sir:—In reply to the enclosed order from the Common Council, in relation to the maintenance of the fire-alarm signal by the city of Somerville in Wd. 4, Charlestown, I would say that this department has no jurisdiction in the matter, and I, therefore, return the order without comment.

Yours respectfully,

Benj. W. Wells, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

WD. 15 BATH HOUSE.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, April 25, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Bath Trustees in answer to an order requesting a report as to the

lowest possible cost of completing the all-the-year bath house in Wd. 15.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Department of Baths.

April 16, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of the City of Boston.

Dear Sir—Replying to the enclosed order from the Common Council, under date of April 11, 1907, "requesting the Bath Trustees, through His Honor the Mayor, to report to the Common Council the lowest possible cost to complete the all-the-year-rund bathhouse in Wd. 15," wish to state that it will cost at least \$30,000.

Respectfully yours,

Leonard D. Ahl,

Chairman, Bath Trustee.

Placed on file.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Mayor's message urging the immediate passage of the loan order now pending before the City Council, appropriating \$30,000 to be expended by the Water Commissioner for the construction of new, and the replacing of old, water pipes.

Placed on file.

2. Mayor's message transmitting a communication from the executors of the will of Charles E. French, informing him that they are ready to turn over to the city the amounts left to it by the deceased. The Mayor also encloses a copy of the will, and recommends the passage of the following orders:

Ordered, That the bequests contained in the will and codicils of Charles E. French of \$10,000, the income to be used for the care of certain cemeteries belonging to the city; \$3000, the income to be used for repairs on Old State House; \$5000, the income to be used for the care of oldest and largest trees on Boston Common, to preserve them from the woodman's axe, be and are hereby accepted, the same to be held and disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the will. That the City Treasurer be authorized in behalf of the city to accept and receipt to the executors of said will for said legacies and bequests and to invest and reinvest said legacies or dispose of the income thereof in accordance with the term of said will and codicils.

Ordered, That the legacies or bequests to the city, the income to be expended for gold and silver medals and for prizes to be awarded to members of the classes in the high, Latin, normal and grammar schools on the basis of the best general scholarship, be not accepted, and that the executors be notified of the non-acceptance of said legacies.

The message was placed on file. The orders were unanimously passed in concurrence. Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11 moved

3. An Ordinance Relative to Additional Deputy Sealers of Weights and Measures.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

Chapter forty-three of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in section one by striking out the word "ten" in the third line of said section and inserting in place thereof the word "eighteen."

Under the rules the ordinance went over to the next meeting for its second reading.

FOOT BRIDGE WORDSWORTH ST.

Mr. SORENSON of Wd. 1 called up No. 9, unfinished business, viz.:

9. Ordered, That the sum of twelve

hundred dollars (\$1200) be appropriated to be expended by the Superintendent of Streets for a foot bridge to cross the Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn railroad on Wordsworth St., Wd. 1, Precinct 8; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to the above amount.

Mr. SORENSON of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I trust that this order will pass the Council tonight, as it is something that the people of that part of my district have been looking for the past three years. It was only about three months ago that a young boy, trying to cross over to Harbor View at Wordsworth St. was struck by a train and came near losing his life. He lay in the hospital about three weeks, and as a result of that accident his face will be disfigured for life. That particular neighborhood is building up very fast, and the accident that happened there will be only a forerunner of what will happen this coming summer, if something is not done right away. Not only that, but there is a yacht club situated at Harbor View, known as the Harbor View Yacht Club, having a membership, I think, of nearly one hundred, and I know personally that a great many of them would have occasion to go to and fro by way of Wordsworth St., provided there was some kind of a foot bridge there. It is only a small order in amount, the total provided for being but \$1200, but it means a great deal, not only to that section, but to people of different sections of the city who have occasion to go to Harbor View yachting in the summer time. So I trust that the order will pass tonight.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1—Mr. President, this order is certainly a good one and should be passed by the Council tonight. As my colleague in the first division has said, on numerous occasions an order of this description has been introduced into the body, but has failed to result in anything. I certainly trust that this will not meet the same fate. The geographical location of that particular spot is very unique. The embankment at this point is forty feet high and very steep, and it is about forty feet across the tracks, and persons who desire to get over to Harbor View have to go out of their way fully half a mile, clear up Bennington St. and around by Byron St. bridge. That bridge itself is a clumsy affair and attempts have been made many times to have a new one placed there. As Mr. Sorenson has said, that section is building up very rapidly. There are now five thousand or six thousand people residing in the fourth section, and this is something that is certainly needed. I sincerely trust that the order will be passed tonight.

The order was passed: Yeas 63, nays 0. Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Barrett, Bramhall, Buckley, Carruth, Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hackett, Hannahan, Harding, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McGregor, McLennan, Mealey, Montague, Morgan, Murphy, Noyes, O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Peshorn, Pierce, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Sheenan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—63.

Nays—0.

Absent or not voting—Brown, Clark (20), Clark (24), Daly (17), George, Green, Hatton, Noonan, O'Brien (5), Rosenberg, Sacks, Santosuosso—12.

BUILDING PERMITS AND VIOLATIONS.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Corporation Counsel submit to the Common Council at its next meeting a list of the violations of Sections 28-39, Chapter 45, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, called to the attention of the Law Department during the years 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905 and 1906, and the disposition of each case.

Passed.

Mr. FITZGERALD offered an order—That the Clerk of Committees submit to the Common Council at its next meeting a list of petitions, with dates thereof, and names and addresses of petitioners, referred to the Joint Committee on Building Department and not granted, during the years 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905 and 1906. Also a list of those referred to this City Council from last year.

Passed.

STRIKE ACTION.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Police Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have all strikebreakers searched for concealed weapons before leaving their quarters.

Passed. Sent up.

Mr. FITZGERALD offered an order—That the heads of departments be requested to instruct their employees not to receive goods from non-union teamsters during present trouble occasioned by the teamsters' strike.

Passed. Sent up.

CONVENIENCE STATIONS, WD. 12.

Mr. MCGREGOR of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Bath Department, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide two underground convenience stations, one on Franklin Sq. and one on Blackstone Sq., Wd. 12, one for the convenience of ladies and one for gentlemen.

Referred to the Mayor.

CARS TO SOUTH BOSTON.

Mr. MCGREGOR offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to run a line of cars from Tremont St. to and through Dover St. to South Boston.

Referred to the Mayor.

WD. 5 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 5 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to put in proper repair the macadam section over railroad tracks on the Charles River Bridge, City Square end.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 5 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to pave with wooden blocks the section of Warren St., Wd. 5, between Winthrop and Soley Sts.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 5 offered an order—That the Bath Trustees, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested, on the completion of shower baths in Charlestown High School, to open them evenings for use of the general public.

Referred to the Mayor.

MUNICIPAL BAND LIST.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 5 offered an

order—That the Music Trustees, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform this body at its next meeting the name and address of each member of the Municipal Band, appointed for the season of 1907.

Referred to the Mayor.

BILL-BOARD NUISANCE.

Mr. MCGIVERN of Wd. 16 offered an order—That a special committee be appointed, consisting of eight members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, to investigate the subject of bill-board advertising, to give public hearings, and to report to the City Council an ordinance covering said subject, and having for its object the abatement of the so-called bill-board nuisance; said committee to have authority to summon witnesses and to employ such clerical assistance as is necessary; the expense incurred to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. MCGIVERN, and the order was passed. Sent up.

WARD ONE IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Street Cleaning be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause the streets of Wd. 1 to be watered at once.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. BAGLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause sufficient gas lamps to be placed on north side of Saratoga St., between Addison and Boardman Sts., Wd. 1.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. BAGLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be directed, through His Honor the Mayor, to place trees on Prescott St., Wd. 1, between Bremen St. and Wood Island Park.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. BAGLEY offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause the tennis courts at Wood Island Park to be placed in proper condition for playing at once.

Referred to the Mayor.

LOAN FOR WATER MAINS.

The President called up No. 13, past assignment, viz.:

13. Ordered, That the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) be appropriated, to be expended by the Water Commissioner for the construction of new and the replacing of old water pipes; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount.

The order was read a second time, and the question came upon its passage.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I do not intend to take much of the time of the Council tonight on this order; but I noticed in the Journal this morning, and I have also heard it stated in the Mayor's message which has been read here tonight (see No. 1 under "Papers from Board of Aldermen") that thirty thousand or thirty-three thousand dollars of this money was to be spent for high service on Parker Hill, or high pressure water system, to take care of any fires that might happen in that vicinity. I have

not looked at the plans which the City Engineer has made in reference to that matter, but I want to say that if any member of this Council is going to be influenced to vote for this order tonight because they are going to spend \$25,000, \$30,000 or \$35,000 of this money on Parker Hill for high service, I want you to vote against the order. If you are inclined to be influenced at all by that argument, then do not vote for the order. Wd. 19 is not looking for a high service water system for Parker Hill. It is looking for a chemical fire engine, or a combination wagon, that can run around the hill easily, for that will take care of any fire that may happen in that vicinity. As regards the rest of the order, I do not know where they are going to spend the rest of it, but if my memory serves me right, I also read in the Boston Journal a short time ago an interview with Commissioner Welch of the Water Department, in which he said that \$300,000 was not necessary for this purpose. He said it was not necessary for the City Council to give the Water Department \$300,000, and that they had enough money—that they could take care of their own department with the money which the department is able to take in. If Commissioner Welch's statement is true, then I cannot see any necessity for voting this \$300,000 now. The passing of this order for \$300,000 each year is becoming a habit. That is all—merely a habit. They don't need the money. And especially should we vote against the order tonight, since we have heard Commissioner Welch and the Mayor say, in connection with a trip which they took to Pennsylvania—I don't know whether it was Pittsburg or some other city—that the price of water pipes has increased almost 50 per cent. It has gone away up. And yet they want to foist \$300,000 on to the Water Department, for it to spend on water pipes which are selling now 50 per cent higher than they did a year ago. We can well wait for any new mains which this money will provide. So, Mr. President and gentlemen of the Council, so far as that first argument is concerned, that \$33,000 is going to be spent on Parker Hill; if you are inclined to be influenced by that argument, do not vote for the order. In the second place, Commissioner Welch's statements that pipes are 50 per cent higher than they were, and that this \$300,000 is not needed, ought to be argument enough for almost any member here tonight not to vote for the order.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman from Wd. 19, through you, sir, about how many hospitals there are in the neighborhood of Parker Hill.

Mr. MURPHY—To my knowledge there are three large hospitals on Parker Hill. I don't know whether there are any small hospitals there or not, but I know of three large ones on Parker Hill.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman from Wd. 19, through you, sir, if he considers the placing of a chemical engine a sufficient safeguard in case of fire for one or more hospitals on Parker Hill?

Mr. MURPHY—Mr. President, I do. Mr. MURPHY—Mr. President, I think that the placing of a chemical or a combination fire wagon on Parker Hill is sufficient to take care of any fire that may arise in that vicinity. The hospitals themselves have fairly well trained forces that look after any little fire that may happen there now, and with a combination fire wagon on that hill any fire which is liable to break out there can be easily taken

care of until the rest of the department is able to get on the scene.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, the gentleman from Wd. 19 urges the members of the body not to vote for the passage of this loan, if they intend to do so on the ground that it might benefit Parker Hill. I think every sane member of this body believes that no chemical or trained force in the hospital is sufficient safeguard in case of fire. Now, I favor the passage of this bill for more reasons than that. First, I favor it because it will benefit the district from which the gentleman comes. The gentleman from Wd. 19 stated that he has not looked at the plan in the City Engineer's office. I am at a loss to know what he means. Does he mean that in the City Engineer's office there are plans showing through which streets mains are to be laid, mains are to be removed, and of what size they are to be? Does he think for a moment that they keep on file in that office an indexed plan of what they intend to do year after year? Does he not know that renewals are made when necessity requires? The gentleman has spoken of an article in the Boston Journal. Now, Mr. President, you and I know that the men who write the political news in the Boston Journal are by far too clever to have ever written anything which the gentleman from Wd. 19 has said appeared. I would like to know about when Mr. Welch was quoted as having said that \$300,000 was not necessary. I would like to know how any sane member of this body could for a moment think that the Water Commissioner ever made such a statement—a man of Mr. Welch's experience, a man who has been connected with that department for years, a man who owes his position to absolutely no political pledge, but who has served in that department as superintendent for a number of years, and who has knowledge that for years it has been necessary to raise money by loan for the renewal of mains, and that it has been done. For the benefit of the gentleman from Wd. 19 and other members, I want to say this. Mr. Welch is a very frank man. He came before the Committee on Appropriations, and when asked if he believed that this money should be raised by loans, said: "Gentlemen, I am not here to discuss that question. My department needs \$900,000 at least. I cannot get \$300,000 from the water income, and I must get it by loan if the necessary improvements are to be made. I do not care how you give it to me. You may put the extra \$300,000 into the appropriation bill, or you can give it to me by loan; but I need \$900,000." And he satisfied the committee that he did, because he was not asking for any more, but, in fact, for less than has been had for years. He proved that the money was necessary, and it was not included in the appropriation bill. Now, I cannot believe that the gentleman from Wd. 19 wants you and me to believe that iron castings in Pennsylvania or Pittsburg—wherever it is that the Mayor and the Water Commissioner are supposed to have gone—have increased in cost 50 per cent., because if they have, Mr. President, it is reasonable to assume that the Water Commissioner would ask for an increase of 50 per cent. in his appropriation. There are many things that we should take into consideration in discussing this loan tonight. In the first place, this is a usual, customary order. In my three years in the body this is the first time I have ever heard opposition to its passage. To monkey with the renewal of water mains is dangerous business. I know that several thousand feet were relaid in East Boston a year

ago that prevented probably one of the greatest accidents that might have befallen that district. I know what the fire underwriters have said recently, and I want to quote from the Boston Herald of Tuesday last, which says:

"That Boston is steadily improving its protection against fire is evidenced by the re-inspection report submitted by William H. Jackson, general inspector of the National Board of Fire Underwriters. This document is based on a visit to ascertain what has been accomplished as a result of the report of January, 1906. Inspector Jackson finds that extension of the water service through the congested value district is being made as need arises"—not as fixed on any plan.—"Adequate provision for South Boston is contemplated in the 24-inch main proposed by the Water Department and work is in progress on this extension. Effective measures to prevent waste of water are being taken, all consumers are metered and efforts are being made to secure the adoption of a general meterage system."

There is no question but what the money is needed; there is no question but what the money in the past has been spent, and spent properly. No charge has ever been successfully made against this department or this department head, and unless there is some substantial reason other than the mere bickering and personal and petty differences of members, I hope the order will pass, not by a safe majority, but unanimsly.

Mr. MADDEN of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I agree with my colleague, Mr. Murphy, that this order should not be passed this evening. I don't think it is giving the people of Wd. 19 a fair deal, when they try to tell about spending \$33,000 for fighting fire on Parker Hill. Why not give them, as Mr. Murphy says, a chemical and fire apparatus of some kind? We need it out there, and we deserve to get it. They have been kidding the people of Wd. 19 just about long enough, and when they come to tell about spending \$33,000 for fighting fire on Parker Hill, I think it is out of the question. I had an order introduced into the Council for \$40,000 for apparatus of some kind for Parker Hill. It went through the Council unanimously, and through some mismanagement or other it was killed in the Board. I know just why it was killed there, but I don't care to state at this present time. But I do think Parker Hill and the people of Wd. 19 deserve some fire protection in that district. They have been deprived of most everything which other wards have had; and I don't see why at this time this order should be passed. I hope the order will be defeated.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25—Mr. President, I would like to ask Mr. Madden of Wd. 19 if it is not true that they have auxiliary fire apparatus in these hospitals that is ample to take care of their needs?

Mr. MADDEN—Mr. President, I would answer the gentleman by saying that I don't know anything about what the hospitals have got. I am willing to take care of the hospitals, but there are also a lot of other people on Parker Hill, outside of the hospitals. I am in that district myself. I live at Parker Hill, and if a fire breaks out it is a case of the whole hill burning down before anything reaches there. I don't know anything about the hospitals. I do think there should be fire apparatus there to take care of the four hospitals there, to my knowledge. If a fire should break out there would be a lot of people lying in the hospitals who could not take care of themselves, and who could not be gotten out in time. I

certainly think there should be some sort of fire protection up there.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I would like to add a few words to what Mr. McCullough has stated in reference to Mr. Welch. I had the honor of being on the Appropriations Committee, and Mr. Welch, whom I have known for a number of years, appeared before the committee. He has had experience, both as head of the department and as superintendent of water works, for a number of years. I don't know of a more capable head of department today in the city of Boston. He has asked for this money before the committee and explained the necessity of having it. He said that the life tenure of a pipe under ground was from five to eight, and sometimes 15 years, according to the sand or loam that it went through. There is so much work to be done in taking up old pipes and replacing them that this amount of money is really very much needed. He explained that to the satisfaction of the committee, and I should certainly endorse the passage of this order. Furthermore, I believe that a high pressure of water is very much needed on Parker Hill, where there are tenement houses, and you know that on the second and third floors of tenement houses it is sometimes a very difficult job to get a force of water. I have had that experience through some parts of South Boston, particularly around Thomas Park. They did not have high pressure of water there for several years. Four or five years ago, I believe, they put in the high pressure system, and the people around Thomas Park are now thoroughly satisfied and pleased with the improvements. I believe that if you went around Parker Hill today and got up a petition, you would find 95 per cent of the residents of Parker Hill signing for high pressure. So I hope and trust that this order will pass. I do not like to enter into squabbles between the Councilmen from Wd. 19. I should be very sorry to hurt their feelings.

Mr. MCGIVERN of Wd. 16 moved the previous question.

Mr. MURPHY—Mr. President, I think this question should be debated thoroughly. If any member is in any way familiar with it, he should be given a chance to talk upon it here tonight. Let us find out how the members feel about it. I would ask the gentleman not to press that motion. Mr. President, I hope that the main question will not be put. My reason for that is that it might take me over a minute and a half to say what I want to to my friend from Wd. 13 (Mr. McCullough). I want to tell him that there is a plan in the Water Commissioner's office. I learned that it was there tonight. Ald. Woods, who seems interested in selling pipes to the city, or something like that, wanted me to vote for this order. He said to me: "There is going to be \$25,000 or \$30,000 spent in Wd. 19." He said: "Didn't you see the plan?" I said: "No, I didn't know that the people there wanted high pressure on the hill." I said: "I am around there 365 days every year." He says: "Well, there is a plan up in the City Engineer's office, and it is a separate construction—something separate from the regular water system." He says: "It is something so that the moment that an engine reaches the end of the hill it can attach right on and go to work, and it will push the water out on to the fire, and put it right out." Now, I didn't come here tonight thoroughly prepared to speak on this. I didn't think it was going to be called up tonight. Perhaps if it were assigned to the next meeting I

might bring in the papers in which I saw those two statements. I could look them up in the meantime, and at the next meeting I might be able to verify the statements which I have made here tonight. I said that "If my memory serves me right," I saw those things. I believe yet that those two statements which I made were in the paper. Now, there is not a particle of doubt about the result of a poll on Parker Hill on such a matter as this. As I have said, I am around there 365 days in the year, and I know how the people feel in regard to this matter. The gentleman from Wd. 15 is wrong when he believes that they are going to put in new water pipes in place of old.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the three minutes which are allowed the gentleman has expired.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25—Mr. President, I fully agree with Mr. Murphy and Mr. Marden of Wd. 19, that they need fire apparatus on Parker Hill. I only ask those questions about fire apparatus because I was up there and investigated the matter. I believe that the buildings on Parker Hill need fire apparatus, and I am in favor of that district securing a chemical engine; but I do not believe that it is wise to spend this money in putting in high pressure mains on this hill. I do not believe that it would be practical at all. In fact, I believe that it would be a waste of money. If any man votes for this bill tonight because of that proposed improvement, I think he will be making a mistake. For myself, I am opposed to the bill. So far as the Water Department is concerned, I will say that I offered an order some weeks ago asking information about the cutting of the ice which they need for the water pond. I found out that a few years ago the city sold the ice plant which had been successfully operated for some two years. The city cut ice there at the price of a dollar and a half a ton, and there was no reason whatever for discontinuing its ice plant, but when the late Police Commissioner Martin took charge of the Water Department, I understand that he thought it would be best for the interests of the city to sell the city's ice plant—and he did. Now, Mr. President, I think that the laying of pipes for the high pressure system there would be a waste of money for the city. If the business of the Water Department were conducted upon an economical basis, I am sure that it made a great mistake in selling that ice plant which was paying the city good money. Last year the city paid three dollars and a half for ice. When that ice plant was running the ice cost the city only a dollar and a half a ton. That is only one item which I have mentioned in connection with the Water Department showing that it has not acted in a wise and business-like manner. They certainly have not been economical with respect to that matter. I do not see any reason for passing this order tonight. In fact, I have tried to get information in regard to this order, but I could not get information which would warrant me to vote for it. I believe I am entitled to take the stand which I have taken, because I believe that every member of the Council should be given all the information possible in regard to every order which is passed by the Council, in order that we may vote intelligently upon it.

The PRESIDENT—The question: "Shall the main question now be put?"

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, this is not a question whether or not the Water Department pursued a wise course in getting rid of its ice-plant, nor is it a question whether or not it is

better for Parker Hill to have both fire apparatus and extended water mains with a high pressure, or whether it should have the one or the other. More than Wd. 19 is being considered in this order. This order makes it possible for the Water Commissioner to go ahead with his work of renewing old water mains throughout the city, and for that purpose gives him the privilege of borrowing this amount of money. Not one member here has said that the money is not needed for that purpose. The only opposition that has been shown has come from the two members from Wd. 19, who evidently want the members of this body to get away from the question and want us to discuss the question of whether or not Parker Hill is entitled to fire apparatus. There is not a member here who is not willing, or who has not been willing, to vote for an appropriation to establish fire apparatus on Parker Hill; but we deny the right of the two gentlemen from Wd. 19 to bring that argument in here. When it is stated that it is proposed to expend \$33,000 in their district for the protecting and additional safeguarding of those persons who are in the fire hospitals on that hill, and for protection and safeguarding the residences on Parker Hill, we deny their right to say to us: "Do not vote for the order. Do not safeguard those hospitals and residences, because you have not given us as yet a chemical engine. We want a chemical, to put out fires in a residential district." That is the only argument which has been made against the passage of an order which is for the purpose of authorizing a loan to relay water mains throughout the entire city.

Mr. MADDEN—Mr. President, I agree with Mr. Sullivan's remarks, that Mr. Welch, the commissioner in charge of the Water Department, is a very fine man. He is as good a head of a department as there is in the city of Boston. I will agree with that. But so far as Mr. McCullough's remarks are concerned, about the member from Wd. 19 having his petty personal differences, and about their making him desire not to vote for this order, I want to say that this is not why I take the stand which I do tonight. I take the stand which I do for the benefit of the people in Wd. 19. They need fire protection on Parker Hill. I introduce an order here asking for an appropriation of \$40,000 for that purpose, and they now want to spend \$33,000 for repaving the hill. That is a difference of \$7,000. I do not see why we are not entitled to the larger amount, and to the better service which we would get thereby. In regard to Mr. McCullough's petty differences with the other member from Wd. 19 (Mr. Murphy), that has not got anything to do with me. I do not care for any head of a department, or for the Mayor of Boston, or anybody else. I am looking out for the people of Wd. 19.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the ten minutes allowed under the rules for debate have expired.

The main question was ordered, and the question was put on the passage of the order, but it failed of passage (fifty votes being required to pass it), the vote being—yeas 39, nays 29.

Yeas—Barrett, Buckley, Colpoys, Coe, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hanrahan, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Leonard, Lill, McCarthy, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, Noonan, O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Sacks, Sheenan,

Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (5), Troy—39.

Nays—Anderson, Bagley, Bramhall, Brown, Carruth, Davidson, Ducey, Ferguson, George, Hackett, Harding, Kohler, Madden, McCabe, McCormack, McGregor, McLellan, Montague, Morgan, Murphy, Noyes, Peshorn, Pierce, Roberts, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—29.

Absent or not voting—Clark (20), Clark (24), Green, Hatton, O'Brien (5), Rosenberg, Santosuosso—7.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3 moved to reconsider, and moved that consideration of the motion to reconsider be assigned to the next meeting.

The motion was carried.

REMOVAL OF ASHES, ETC.

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Superintendent of the Sanitary Department be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to submit to the Common Council the cost for the year 1906 of removing the ashes from Wards 16, 20 and 24. Same report on offal.

Referred to the Mayor.

REMOVAL OF BUILDINGS.

Mr. WILLCUTT offered an order—That inasmuch as the City Council of 1906 refused to remove restrictions on certain land between South and Washington streets, West Roxbury, the board of commissioners of the Department of Parks be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to report to the Common Council why the building located on the said land is suffered to remain in violation of the law.

Referred to the Mayor.

PURCHASE OF SCOWS.

Mr. WILLCUTT offered an order—That at the next meeting of the Common Council at 9 P. M., it go into a committee of the whole, to investigate the purchase by the city of Boston for \$31,000 of two garbage scows on Nov. 17, 1906, and Jan. 28, 1907. Further, that the following persons be summoned to appear at that time and date with all papers, books and information they may have in regard to the same: Daniel H. Gillespie, Superintendent, Sanitary Department; J. A. Mitchell, City Auditor; C. H. Slattery, City Treasurer; M. J. Mitchell, Purchasing Agent; Herbert Holden, reporter, Boston Journal; Major P. F. O'Keefe and all men employed on the said scows.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will refer the matter to the Committee on Judiciary. The Chair will state that his reason for so doing is that he has some question as to the validity of the order. The Chair therefore refers it to that committee.

AMENDMENT TO RULES.

Mr. WILLCUTT offered an order—That Common Council Rule 41 be amended so as to read as follows: "The City Messenger shall allow no person on the floor of the Council Chamber or in either of the ante-rooms, except members of the City Government and reporters; and while the Council is in session no person except members of the City Government and reporters shall be allowed in either of the ante-rooms on the easterly side. The President shall order such accommodations on the floor as he shall deem proper; provided, however, that no spectators shall be seated behind the members of the Council.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will refer the order to the Committee on Common Council rules.

Mr. WILLCUTT—Mr. President, may I ask the reason why?

The PRESIDENT—As that committee was appointed for the purpose of considering and drafting proper rules for the Common Council, the chair thinks that this order should be considered by that committee.

Mr. WILLCUTT—May I be assured that they will report back?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair has given no assurance. The Chair will, as a member of the committee and as Chairman of it, assure the gentleman that he will endeavor to get the committee to report back.

Mr. WILLCUTT—Well, will you, as its chairman, give me your assurance that the committee will report back that order?

The PRESIDENT—I cannot do that, because I cannot tell what action the committee will take. The Chair is informed by the clerk, however, that the committee is required by our rules to report back within four weeks.

NEW CITY HALL.

Mr. WHARTON of Wd. 10 called up No. 20, past assignment, viz.:

20. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to appoint a commission of three persons, who shall sit jointly with two persons to be designated, one by the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen and the other by the President of the Common Council, who shall serve without compensation, but who shall have authority to employ a stenographer and make expenditures for such clerical work as may be necessary, which expenditures shall be charged to City Council, incidental expenses. Said commission shall give such hearings as they deem necessary, and shall report on or before the first of June, 1907, to the Mayor and City Council the following:

1. The probable cost to the city for the purchase of the land situated in Park Sq., once used as the Boston & Providence Railroad terminal.
2. The probable cost of the erection of a City Hall sufficient for the city's needs for fifty (50) years.

3. The price which can probably be obtained for the city by the sale of the present City Hall and the old Court House.

4. The amount paid out annually as rentals for premises occupied by various city departments.

5. Whether any of these departments ought to be in City Hall or not.

6. Such other information as in their opinion may be instructive in determining the question of the building of a new City Hall in Park Sq.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. WHARTON—Mr. President, I move a suspension of the rule that the order may go upon its passage tonight.

The PRESIDENT—Suspension is not necessary. If the order is ordered to a second reading, it will go upon its passage tonight.

The order was read a second time, and the question came upon its passage.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, if I remember rightly, His Honor the Mayor touched upon this question in his inaugural address. I would therefore suggest that the order be referred to the Committee on Mayor's Address. I so move.

Mr. WHARTON—Mr. President, I do not see any necessity for the reference of this order to that committee. I think the order can go upon its pas-

sage tonight, without having been referred to the Committee on Mayor's Address. The question is one of importance to the city of Boston. Many real estate people and citizens of Boston are vitally interested in them. There is no doubt but that we need a new City Hall, and this is the proper means to take to provide for it, in my opinion. I therefore trust that the order will be passed by the Council, and that it will go to the Board of Aldermen, taking the regular course that orders take.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I want to say to the gentleman from Wd. 10 (Mr. Wharton) that the reason that I suggested that the order be referred to the Committee on Mayor's Address is that the entire question of a new City Hall, and of where it should be located is now before one of the joint committees of both branches of the City Council. I cannot believe but that you want to be fair, and that you are willing to allow a discussion of other questions pertaining to a new City Hall as well as your proposition. That is the reason why I moved reference of this order to that committee, in order that the whole question might be opened up for consideration, as it will be by the reference of this order to the Committee on Mayor's Address.

Mr. MONTAGUE of Wd. 10—Mr. President, on general principles, there is more or less merit in the idea advocated by the gentleman in the third division (Mr. McCullough) that this matter should be referred to the Committee on Mayor's Address; but our experience has been that most of our committees—and I am sure it has been so with every one that I have been on—for one cause or another are not inclined to take action in regard to matters before them. They let things go. I know that has been the case with committees which I have belonged to. They rarely take action. Now, here is a chance to refer this matter to a live committee—or one which will be alive if its appointment is authorized, and it will take right hold of the matter and report back to this body before the first of June. Of course this matter is an important one. I am not prepared to say that I am in favor of a new City Hall, or that if we should have one it should be in Park Sq. or in any other certain place; but if a committee is appointed in accordance with this order, the expense which they will incur will be slight, and they certainly will put the Council in the possession of a great deal of information—and that information, it seems to me, will come to us much more easily and quickly in this way than if this order goes through the channel suggested. It seems to me this order provides a better way. I hope that the order will be passed, and that the matter will be placed in the hands of a special committee provided in the order.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, while I have always believed in the custom of referring such matters as this to standing committees of the City Council, yet I do not know but that it would be better in this case to allow a special committee to be appointed to take this matter in charge. I don't know how much we need a City Hall. The Mayor has suggested that now is the time, and, while he does not say that this is the place, he has said that it would be a fair place for a City Hall. The particular spot where he feels more interested in placing it is the Public Garden. But, if we are contemplating a new City Hall, I am particularly interested in this spot. Business will not be

decreased any in this vicinity if the City Hall is taken from here, and it surely will increase the business going towards the outlying district if the City Hall is placed on the spot which the gentleman named in his order. I might read a communication that, I suppose, was sent to almost every member of the Council. I know I received this last week. Perhaps everybody who receives a document like this does not read it, but I did:

"Boston's greatest opportunity—don't lose it! A speech at Real Estate Exchange dinner, April 3, 1907. The subject on which I have been asked to speak this evening is one of some magnitude, and the greatest importance to the city of Boston, both the Boston of today and the next hundred years.

"I know of no community in the world, in a city as large as Boston, that would have allowed so large an area as the tract of land between Park Sq. and Massachusetts Ave. to have remained for six years in the condition it has been, taking no hand in now it should be laid out and developed.

"This large tract of land, lying like a huge morass, divides as emphatically the joining and solidifying of the Back Bay and South End, and as effectually as if it were a tidal basin, to the great detriment, especially of the South End. The fact that it is owned by two railroad corporations not at all interested in the real estate interests of this city, and apparently not very much in any other development of Boston, is a very grave consideration."

I don't know that I had better go on reading this; but I feel that it is a good matter to take up at this time, and I hope the order will pass.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I believe that location down there by the old Providence depot, or the Public Garden, would be an ideal spot for a City Hall. There is no question in my mind but what we have got to come to it sooner or later. This hall is getting altogether too small, and the city is put to a great deal of expense in hiring outside offices. You must remember that it will take more than a year to build a City Hall. It took the city of Philadelphia 35 years to build its City Hall—one of the most elegant buildings I ever looked at. It will possibly take the city of Boston ten or fifteen years to complete its City Hall, and it should be completed in anticipation of the growth of population in this city. The city should not build it merely for the next five, ten or fifteen years, but it should be built with a view to accommodating the city of Boston for the next fifty years. Extend the bonds into the future, so as to let the next generation pay for the erection of the hall. I remember some years ago when the city of Boston purchased Fisher Hill. The public press called it a graft, a steal, one of the biggest grafts and steals that there was. Today it would cost the city of Boston 25 times as much as it paid then. But the consequence of the cry raised at that time and the eruption that the papers made in Boston was that the Mayor had to discharge two of the principal heads of departments, and they went out dead broke instead of being grafters. They had to seek jobs in other cities. I do not consider that this would be anything of a graft. I have no axe to grind. I do not own any real estate surrounding the old Providence depot, and I know of no friend of mine that does. I know that that place is centrally located for Roxbury, the Back Bay, the North End, South Boston and Dorchester, and also for the principal part of the city here, and I know of no better location or situation for a City Hall than that is. I hope and trust

that this order will pass tonight and go to the Board of Aldermen, letting the Mayor appoint this commission, which is what he hoped would be done in relation to it.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11—Mr. President, is it proper at this time to add an amendment?

The PRESIDENT—The question is now on reference to the Committee on Mayor's Address. After we dispose of that motion, if the matter is not referred, the main question will be under consideration, and the amendment will then be in order.

Mr. NOYES—Then I hope that whatever committee this matter is referred to will consider this question—whether that part of the depot now used for purposes of a garage will be large enough in the future to be used as a municipal garage.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair wishes to state that he was in error, and that the motion to amend takes precedence over the motion to refer.

Mr. NOYES—That being the case, I wish to add that amendment.

The President gave Mr. Noyes time to reduce his amendment to writing, which he did, offering it in the following form:

Add to the order the following: "Seven. Whether that part of the depot now used as a garage will be large enough for a permanent city garage."

The amendment was declared rejected.

Mr. NOYES doubted the vote, a rising vote was taken, and the amendment was rejected, 12 members in favor, 13 against.

Mr. McCullough's motion to refer to the Committee on Mayor's Address was declared lost. Mr. Driscoll of Wd. 9 doubted the vote, a rising vote was taken, and the motion to refer was lost.

The order was passed. Mr. WHARTON moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

PLAYGROUND, WD. 21.

Mr. FERGUSON of Wd. 21 called up No. 19, past assignment, viz.:

19. Ordered, That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) be appropriated, to be expended by the Park Department for a playground and gymnasium in Wd. 21; and that to meet such appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to the above amount.

The question came on motion of Mr. FERGUSON to reconsider the vote of March 21, whereby the above order was rejected.

Reconsideration prevailed.

The question came on the passage of the order, and the Clerk called the roll, with the following result:

Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Bramhall, Brown, Buckley, Carruth, Colpoys, Cose, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), George, Hackett, Harding, Hayes, Kohler, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCullough, McGregor, McLennan, Montague, Morgan, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Peshorn, Roberts, Sheenan, Sorenson, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—49.

Nays—Barrett, Costello, Driscoll, McGivern, Mealey, Noyes, Sacks—7.

Absent or not voting—Clark (20), Clark (24), Ducey, Foley, Green, Hanrahan, Hatton, Joyce, Kelley, Kennedy, Leonard, McCormack, O'Brien (5), Pierce, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Santosuocco, Spellman—19.

The PRESIDENT—It is not a vote, and the order is rejected.

Mr. HANRAHAN of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I would like a chance to vote upon that matter. There have been times since you made your ruling in regard to members voting that others have come in and voted, and I think I am entitled to the same privilege as any other member of the Council.

The PRESIDENT—The Clerk called the gentleman's name and he did not vote.

Mr. HANRAHAN—Well, I was talking with my colleague here and I did not notice. I ask unanimous consent of the Council to vote on this order.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair refuses to entertain the motion.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I would like to just add my request to the request of my colleague—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule that the gentleman is out of order.

REPAIRING EIGHTH ST.

Mr. MEALEY of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to repave East Eighth St., between Dorchester and Old Harbor Sts., Wd. 15.

Referred to the Mayor.

CURB BROKERS' PERMITS.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to inform this body at its next meeting upon what streets, if any, permission is given to curbstone brokers, so-called, to conduct business.

Referred to the Mayor.

SAND GARDENS, NORCROSS SCHOOL.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the School Committee be requested to establish sand gardens for children in the yard of the Norcross school, South Boston.

Passed. Sent up.

SETTEES, HAYES SQUARE.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place the settees around the open space in Hayes Square, Wd. 3.

Referred to the Mayor.

WOODEN BUILDING.

The President called up No. 18, past assignment, viz.:

18. Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the Boston & Maine Railroad Company (F. R. R.) to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on Beverly St. at Warren bridge, Wd. 8, in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall, as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for offices, main building occupied for offices.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. DRISCOLL of Wd. 9—Mr. President, I would like to hear from Councilman McCarthy of Wd. 8. I think he asked for assignment of this order until he could investigate it.

Mr. McCARTHY of Wd. 8—Mr. Presi-

dent, my reason for asking assignment of that order was that I desired to see if the Boston & Maine Road had gone ahead and built on that property before they had received a permit, the same as other corporations have done in past years. I investigated the thing and found that they had not done so. From talk I had with some of the members here, I found that this was a very good thing, that they simply desire this property to add to their office, which is on the Warren Bridge. That was my reason for having it assigned at that time.

Mr. WENTWORTH of Wd. 22.—Mr. President, I will simply say that as a member of that committee I visited the place and voted with the committee that the permit be granted. We felt that it was nothing but right that it should be granted.

The order was read a second time and declared rejected. Mr. MCGIVERN of Wd. 16 doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote. The Council stood divided, and the order was passed in concurrence. Mr. MCGIVERN moved to reconsider; lost.

EAST BOSTON RESERVOIR LOT.

Mr. WOODSIDE of Wd. 1 called up No. 24, past assignment, viz:—

24. Ordered, that the Board of Street Commissioners be, and hereby is, requested to lay out so much of the East Boston reservoir lot on Eagle Hill, East Boston, as lies within the lines of Eagle St., extended westerly to Brooks St., as a highway.

Ordered, That the Water Commissioner, with the approval of the Mayor, sell at public or private sale so much of said reservoir lot as lies north of said proposed extension of Eagle St., either as a whole or in building lots, and under such restrictions as they may deem advisable.

Ordered, That so much of said reservoir lot as lies south of said proposed extension of Eagle St. be, and hereby is, placed in the custody of the Board of Park Commissioners to be used as a public playground, and the said Board is hereby authorized to do such filling and grading and excavating as may be necessary for such use, and to sell such material as may not be needed, and to devote the proceeds of such sales, and the proceeds from the sale of the northerly portion of the lot hereinbefore described, for the construction of the playground herein authorized, and for providing suitable buildings and apparatus therefor.

The orders were read a second time, and the question came on their passage, and the question came on its passage.

Mr. WOODSIDE of Wd. 1.—Mr. President, I know that the members of the Council are somewhat weary listening to oratory this evening, and I will be very brief. I do, however, desire to say a word in behalf of this order. There are several reasons why I think it should pass. One reason is that it will not cost the city of Boston one cent. Another reason is that it is vacant land, now occupied as a reservoir lot, and there is not sufficient water in that reservoir to supply the needs of East Boston for one day, and not enough water to attend to one fire. The sale of the land on the northerly side of that lot, as called for in the order, would pay for the expense of tearing down and making whatever repairs are necessary. The lot is situated in the midst of a district comprising approximately 25,000 people, and the nearest lot of land where children can play is a mile and a half away. The lot is useless now, and I think it can be laid

out and made a magnificent playground at very little expense. I hope the order will pass.

Mr. PENDERGAST of Wd. 2.—Mr. President, I am very sorry at this time to have to oppose an order introduced by a gentleman from my own district. This order is all very well in itself, and I will have no objection to it if it were only for a playground; but the doing away with this reservoir is a different matter. As to the size of the reservoir, it holds, I believe, in the neighborhood of 6,000,000 gallons of water. East Boston is connected with the main from Chelsea. It is connected by two six-inch mains, which are laid in a channel underneath the harbor, from Chelsea to Condor St. If those mains should happen to burst, or if the main in Chelsea should burst, or if the main in Charlestown should burst, the Water Department would have to shut the water off, and East Boston would have to be supplied with water from this reservoir. There is enough water there to supply East Boston for three days. I was talking with City Engineer Jackson and he said that if this reservoir was cut down, it would cost from \$100,000 to \$200,000 to cut it down to the street level, without counting any expenditure which might be necessary to make a playground out of it. They would have to spend that amount before they started to make a playground out of it. They would also have to connect East Boston by a water main from the city proper, running from the North End to East Boston, under the harbor. That would cost probably in the neighborhood of \$500,000. I do not believe that it is feasible at this time to expend that amount of money for that purpose. I do not believe that such an expenditure is needed. If this order simply provided for the playground, I would be only too glad to give it a vote. I think that a playground is needed there. They have one up further in the ward, but I think there should be one there. I hope that the order will not pass.

Mr. WOODSIDE—Mr. President, I did not expect to have any opposition to the passage of this order tonight. I sincerely hope that the order will be passed. The gentleman who has just spoken says that he comes from my district. He comes from Wd. 2, and I come from Wd. 1. I was assured by the City Engineer's department at the time that I went to look up this matter, that when Mayor Hart was in office he was all ready to have an order of this kind passed. I remember his coming over there and looking over the ground. As to the contents of the reservoir, and the amount of water which it contains, the Water Department told me that it only holds sufficient water to supply the needs of East Boston for one day, and that there is not enough water there to handle an ordinary fire. The land is there, and is vacant. It will not cost the city one penny to make it into a magnificent playground! As to a playground further up in the district, I know of none. I believe that there was an order passed here for a playground at Orient Heights, but that is over a mile distant. I hope, Mr. President, that the order will pass.

Mr. PENDERGAST—Mr. President, I do not want to doubt the veracity of the gentleman from Wd. 1, in regard to the statement which he made as to how much water that reservoir will hold, or how long it would supply East Boston. I think, however, that the information which I got is as good as the information that he received—because I think that he received his information from the same source. I obtained my information from the gentleman in the Water Department who has charge of

that district, and who therefore has charge of the reservoir. He told me that it holds 6,000,000 gallons of water, and that it would supply East Boston for three nights and three days.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I respectfully ask that this order be assigned for one week in order that I may have an opportunity to look into the matter. I come from that district, and while my two colleagues who have spoken have, no doubt, considerable information in regard to this order which is under discussion, I must confess that I have been lax, and have not looked into the matter. I respectfully ask that the matter be assigned for one week, in order that the other members of the Council from East Boston may have an opportunity to look into the matter and get some information in regard to it which will be of value to them.

The motion to assign was declared lost. Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2 doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and the motion to assign was carried, 30 members voting in the affirmative, 7 in the negative.

HOLIDAY, DECORATION DAY.

Mr. M'CORMACK of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner and Police Commissioner be requested, through his honor the Mayor, to make arrangements in their several departments so that all veterans of the Civil and Spanish-American Wars be granted a holiday Decoration Day, May 30, 1907, without loss of pay, in part compensation for services.

Passed. Sent up.

EXTENSION OF L ST.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15 called up No. 21, past assignment, viz.:

21. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to extend L St. to Freeport St., according to a plan now in the office of the Chief Surveyor of the Street Laying-Out Department.

Passed. Mr. SULLIVAN moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

WD. 21 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. HACKETT of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be instructed to place a gas lamp opposite 4 Cliff Pl., Wd. 21.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. HACKETT offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be instructed to resurface Walnut Ave. between Warren St. and Humboldt Ave., Wd. 21.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. HACKETT offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be instructed to place three electric arc lights on Walnut Ave., between Circuit and Rockland Sts., Wd. 21.

Referred to the Mayor.

IMPROVEMENT, WINTHROP SQ.

Mr. BUCKLEY of Wd. 5 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to replace the flowers on Winthrop Pk., Wd. 5.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. BUCKLEY offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor be requested to place more seats on Winthrop Sq., Wd. 5.

Referred to the Mayor.

SCHOOLHOUSE, ADAMS DISTRICT.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Schoolhouse Commissioners be requested through His Honor the Mayor, to erect a new schoolhouse on land owned by the city adjacent to the Plummer School, Adams District, East Boston.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, I desire at this time to call the attention of both His Honor the Mayor and the members of the Schoolhouse Commission, and also the members of the City Government, to the deplorable condition which exists in the Adams School district in East Boston. I had occasion to go over there into the Adams School the other day, at the request of the master of the school, and inspected the building. I found that there were 13 classes in that building. All of the 12 schoolrooms were occupied, and another class was located in the cellar of the building, in what was formerly an old storeroom, and which was lighted by one artificial light, and the natural light which came from one glass window. The children in a portion of that cellar, in a corner of it, were deprived not only of artificial light, but also the natural light. The condition of affairs which exists there is a disgrace to the city of Boston—a city which boasts so proudly of its school system. Each of the 12 rooms contains a class. This additional class is located in the cellar, with the plaster half off of the ceiling. In the building are over 700 children. In the school building across the street, which is also a part of this same district, they have 740 pupils. They have 13 classes in that building, also—a class in each one of the 12 classrooms, and also a class in the corridor, which is only lighted by one light. That is certainly an unfortunate condition of affairs, and one which I think is a disgrace to the schoolhouse commission and to the school system of this city. They have over there in the Plummer School three portable schoolhouses located in the yard. In order to make provision for the contemplated number of additional children who will seek admission into that school, they will have to have at least three more portable schoolhouses. Now, the city owns the land which is adjacent to the Plummer schoolhouse, and if the schoolhouse commission will only do its duty by the citizens of that section of East Boston, they will erect therein a schoolhouse of sufficient dimensions to enable the children of that district to be properly accommodated next year. I have thought it proper to call attention to this matter, hoping that thereby some remedy might be attained. A comparatively small sum of money will erect a building there of sufficient size to accommodate the children which are rapidly coming into that district. That section has been growing very rapidly. Recently, there has been established there a branch of the Thomson-Houston Electric Company of Lynn, and it employs quite a large number of help. Then a fish concern from Gloucester is coming there in a month, bringing with it 136 men, exclusive of the women who will be employed in sorting and packing the fish. The district is growing rapidly, and is being filled up with a foreign population; and school accommodations must be provided to accommodate the children who are and will be in that section. As I have said, I feel that no words to which I can give utterance can adequately censure the schoolhouse commission for their failure to perform their duty in connection with that district.

The PRESIDENT—The order will be referred to His Honor the Mayor.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR EMPLOYEES.

Mr. DOHERTY offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to make an arrangement with the Penal Institutions Commissioner whereby the employees of the Long Island Almshouse and Hospital shall be granted twenty-four hours leave of absence every seven days.

Referred to the Mayor.

MEAL TIME FOR FIREMEN.

Mr. DUCEY of Wd. 4 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner be requested to make arrangements allowing the members of the Fire Department one hour and thirty minutes for meals instead of one hour as at present arranged.

Passed. Sent up.

INFORMATION REQUESTED FROM MAYOR.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 14 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor, with all due courtesy, inform this body whether he has signed license for a theatre on Sixth St., corner Q, bordering on Marine Park. Further ordered: That His Honor the Mayor condescend to grant this, the second, request for same information, namely:

Has His Honor the Mayor signed a contract for the lease of public landing at Marine Park for 1907 and such ensuing term as lease may read.

Referred to the Mayor.

PUBLIC LANDING, MARINE PARK.

Mr. O'BRIEN offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to give a reason for not vouchsafing the information requested at the meeting of this body on April 11, 1907, namely:

To whom has said commission awarded contract for public landing, Marine Park; whether the same was the highest bidder, and amount of said bid?

Referred to the Mayor.

TREES, MARINE PARK.

Mr. O'BRIEN offered an order—That the Park Commission, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to furnish the foreman at Marine Park with trees to be planted on plot of grass extending from southwest corner of Headhouse toward public landing. Further. That said commission place settees alongside said plot, looking toward Dorchester bay.

Referred to the Mayor.

AMUSEMENT LICENSE, MARINE PARK.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 14 offered the following:—

Resolved, That the sense of this body be expressed as being opposed to granting a license for a theatre on Sixth and Q Sts., bordering on Marine Park, South Boston.

The question came on the passage of the resolution.

Mr. O'BRIEN—Mr. President, there is a building down there on Sixth St. that practically joins on to Marine Park. A few years ago a license for a dance hall down there was granted, but after a very strenuous opposition on the part of the citizens of that ward, and of the clergymen in Wd. 14, and of the city government officials, the license was

turned down. Just at this time that same matter is again being agitated. Some man is endeavoring to get a license for a theatre there. Now, Marine Park is not a place like Crescent Beach, where a person goes to spend money to buy artificial enjoyment. It is a place where we go to have recreation, and is the nearest approach to nature which we are able to get in Boston. When people go over there, they like to read books, or lie on the grass, or go in bathing. They go there to get the benefit of the salt air. Now, it is true that there are some people in my ward—a very small number—who feel that this theatre might not be a menace to the public welfare; but it is a well-known fact that the citizens of the ward who are far-sighted recognize that if there is a theatre there, a certain class of men and women will congregate in front of that theatre. The class of people who would congregate there will not be a benefit to Marine Park. The result will be that people will come over there from other parts of the city, and that we will have an undesirable class hanging around that theatre, and the character of the young men and women who grow up in that neighborhood will be corrupted. The clergymen in our ward are all a unit in opposing the granting of the license for this proposed theatre. Notable among them is Father Johnson, of the Gate of Heaven Church, who was one of the men largely instrumental in preventing the dance hall being established there a few years ago. He, like the other clergymen in that district, is opposed to the granting of any license for any theatre there. He certainly is an altruist, in the true sense of that word. When we were having our celebration of Evacuation day over there, we wanted to obtain a hall, and were unable to get a hall which was satisfactory for the purpose. The halls in the school buildings were not large enough. Father Johnson found out what the situation was, and he gave the city of Boston the free use of St. Michael's Hall. No charge was made for the use of that hall, and of course the expense of cleaning, lighting and heating the hall all came on his shoulders. I believe that every fair-minded member of this body is opposed to the granting of a license for this hall. The mere fact that the clergymen of that ward are as a unit opposed to it is enough to show that every member of the Council ought to be opposed to the granting of any such a license.

Mr. DRISCOLL—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, and would like to ask the gentleman from Wd. 14 a question. I would like to ask the gentleman whether this license which the Mayor has been asked to give for this building in Wd. 14, near the Marine Park reservation, is a license for a theatre which uses a moving picture establishment, or whether it is a vaudeville theatre?

Mr. O'BRIEN—It is presumably a moving picture affair.

Mr. DRISCOLL—Then, Mr. President, I hope at this time that this resolution which Mr. O'Brien of Wd. 14 has presented will be rejected, because I do not believe that anybody who has visited one of these biograph shows, such as are being given now throughout the city of Boston and in all the cities of the United States, will deny that those exhibitions are the grandest, greatest and most interesting entertainments that are being given at the present time. There is nothing in them whatever that will corrupt either man, woman or child. I know a great deal about moving pictures, and about matters relating to photography. Mr. O'Brien suggests that he believes that if this license is granted at Marine Park,

or if the seeker for a license, whoever he may be, is given his license, a lot of young men and women will congregate in front of this place of amusement and will cause some kind of annoyance to passersby, and that the result will be that they will corrupt the younger element which is growing up in that neighborhood. Now, if he had visited any one of these moving picture exhibitions that are being given in the city of Boston, he would agree with me that from the minute one gets in there up to the minute when he gets out, he does not have a chance even to have any conversation with the person who sits next to him. The reason for that is that the eye is controlled by one of the quickest nerves in the human system, and the eye is kept constantly employed by these pictures. There are passing on the screen inside of a minute something like three thousand pictures, illustrating the subject which is being introduced to the audience present in the place. I fail to see where he can find any fault with the giving of a moving picture exhibition at Marine Park. I think it would be a grand thing to have such an entertainment over there. There is nothing over there for a person to do but to walk around, and, once in a while, listen to a band concert—which is very good. They have no sort of entertainment at City Point. I think that if we had something over there which would enliven the people who come over there, and who get tired sitting down and inhaling the salt in the breezes, it would be a fine thing. When a person gets tired sitting down and inhaling the salt breezes, he could then go in and look at the moving pictures. If they have such a place over there, the pictures, used would naturally be about the sea. I hope that this resolution will not prevail, but that it will be defeated.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I do not want anybody to think that I wish to indulge in any long, drawn-out discussion of this matter, which would inevitably become monotonous, and possibly a source of amusement to the members of the Council. I have noticed that some of the members of the Council have been smiling at some of the remarks of Councilman Driscoll. I want to give to the members of the Council a little information—and I want to ask you to take it seriously. It seems to me it is rather suggestive that a Councilman from Wd. 9 should get up here and try to impress upon the members of the Council his ideas of what we need in Wd. 14—and this is over in the extreme end of Wd. 14. Councilman Driscoll went on and gave us a little dissertation about moving pictures, and on the quality of the eye. He told us that the eye had a very highly nervous organization, and that these pictures were changed three thousand times a minute. Of course, that is only incidental, but I want to say—

Mr. DRISCOLL—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. The gentleman from Wd. 14 is reflecting upon my character. (Laughter.)

The PRESIDENT—The Chair regrets to say that he was engaged in conversation and did not hear the words that were spoken. The Chair will see that no reflections are made hereafter.

Mr. DRISCOLL—Thank you.

Mr. O'BRIEN—Mr. President, for the information of the members of the Council, and leaving all things ludicrous aside, I want to state that there is a public landing over there at Marine Park, which was leased to a man named Clarence Stevens. That man has accumulated a little property, had about \$4000, and every penny which he had was invested in the boats which he provided at that landing. He had

run this public landing to the complete satisfaction of everybody, and was a very far-seeing man—

Mr. DRISCOLL—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. The question before the house at the present time is whether a license should be granted for a moving picture entertainment in Wd. 14. The gentleman is not talking upon that, but is talking about a public landing.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken, as the gentleman is replying, as the Chair understands it, to an argument made by the gentleman from Wd. 9.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 14—Mr. President, this public landing was taken care of by Mr. Clarence Stevens, and his services were very good. His experience, the amount of money invested, the character of the service he furnished, and everything else, were satisfactory. Bids were given out by the Park Commissioners for this public landing, and this man was one of the bidders, and one of the lowest bidders. Of course, there were other bidders, and the man who presumably had the contract for the public landing at Marine Park is undoubtedly not the highest bidder. His name is Mr. Frank J. Gethro, of Mr. Driscoll's own ward, and also a friend of Mr. Patrick Bowen. Now, the administration, instead of having that public landing run by a local man, whose services were fully appreciated, has given it to a barber from Wd. 9—

Mr. DRISCOLL—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order—that the gentleman is talking outside of the question.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order well taken, and will ask the gentleman to confine himself more closely to the question, which is on the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. O'BRIEN—Mr. President, this theatre that I am speaking of is presumably to be leased by a man from our own ward, to cover up any local dissension on the part of the people. The name of the man, I believe, is Mr. Glenn. At the same time there is a suspicion in regard to the matter from remarks that have been going around the ward—and the mere fact that Mr. Driscoll opposes this simple resolution tonight would seem to confirm the suspicion—that a man named Patrick Bowen is behind this man Glenn—Bowen of Wd. 9 and Glenn of Wd. 14.

Mr. DRISCOLL—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. I desire to tell the members of the Council that I did not know who was seeking for the license over at that place, and I was speaking for the benefit of the members here, in regard to what I thought were the facts in regard to moving picture exhibitions.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken.

Mr. O'BRIEN—Mr. President, out of courtesy to the gentleman from Wd. 9, I will try to close my remarks in short order by saying that this resolution seems only fair to the people of Wd. 14. They do not desire to have this sort of thing come into their district. They are backed up by the clergymen, and all the sober-minded people of the ward think it would be harmful to the district to have this sort of thing over there. It seems to me that every fair-minded man in the body will vote against the idea of having such a contrivance come to our locality. We desire to have a district built up with residences and a park which will afford quiet recreation to those going there—not a place filled with peanut stands flying horses, etc.

Mr. LEONARD of Wd. 9—Mr. President, I can see no reason why this resolution should pass tonight. I can see no harm that will be done by having

these moving pictures at Marine Park. We have these places run throughout the city, and run properly. The moving picture machines, such as it would be proposed to have at Marine Park, have been endorsed by a great many of the people of South Boston, and I see no reason why this order should pass tonight. I do not know why a moving picture place should not be opened at Marine Park. I can see no harm in a place where people go for enjoyment. If such places are run properly and right I think people should have a chance to visit them at Marine Park, and I hope the resolution will not pass.

Mr. MEALEY of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I am somewhat surprised at the stand Mr. Driscoll of Wd. 9 takes on this resolution tonight. He comes over to South Boston and goes to that park quite a good deal in the summer time, and he must know that the last time that they tried to get a license for a theatre there, there was a good deal of trouble over it. The people of South Boston, of Wds. 14 and 15 particularly, are opposed to having such a license granted over there, because I believe and the people believe that it is no place for a moving picture machine to be located. As Mr. O'Brien of Wd. 14 has well said, that is a place where children and women go in the summer time to get the salt air, to go in bathing, to sit on benches down there and enjoy themselves, and a license for a theatre down there would spoil the place entirely. I hope the members of the Council will pass the resolution, because that is not the proper place for such a theatre. All the clergymen, those of both denominations, are opposed to it as a whole, as the gentleman from Wd. 14 has said, and I hope the members will express their view tonight as opposed to granting such a license at City Point.

Mr. LILL of Wd. 8—Mr. President, as this resolution is presented by a gentleman representing the section that would be affected by the granting of the license, I think we should take into consideration what he and the gentleman from Wd. 15 have already said. The gentleman from Wd. 9 (Mr. Driscoll) undoubtedly thoroughly understands all about the picture business and about the eye business, but, at the same time I think we should take into consideration the reasons advanced by the gentleman from Wd. 14 against anything of this sort over there. He has stated that the clergymen of that section of the city, and the sober-minded people of the section are entirely opposed to this theatre; and I believe this body should vote unanimously for this resolution. I trust that it will do so.

Mr. DRISCOLL—Mr. President, I am greatly surprised to see the Councilman from Wd. 8, Mr. Lill, favor this resolution. In Ward 8 is one of the grandest moving picture exhibitions given in the United States—the Theatre Comique, in Tremont Row.

Mr. LILL—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that the gentleman is not stating facts. There is no such picture establishment as he speaks of, as he has just designated, in Wd. 8. The one of which he is speaking is situated in Wd. 6.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair is really not in a position to rule on the point of order.

Mr. DRISCOLL—Mr. President, I still have the floor?

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will allow the Chair to make a statement. The gentleman from Wd. 8 raised a point of order. One gentleman has said that a thing is so, the other says it is

not so, and the Chair does not know; so he cannot rule on the point of order.

Mr. DRISCOLL—Mr. President, I would like to go further on this. The gentleman from Wd. 14 (Mr. O'Brien) has stated that he thinks a moving picture show would corrupt the younger element growing up. I haven't seen any one in Wd. 9 corrupted by moving pictures. We have one such exhibition on Cobb St., going from 10 in the morning until half-past 10 at night, and one at the corner of Dover and Washington Sts., the old Hub Theatre, going at the same time, and anybody who is in that neighborhood in the afternoon, after school is over, from 4 to 8, can see the children piling in and piling out again, with faces full of joy and glee at what they saw inside. Nothing there to corrupt them! I hope the members will take this seriously, and if any of the members have never been inside of one of those places I think they will learn a great deal if they do go and see one. In order that there may be further consideration of this subject, I would like to ask for assignment of this resolution for one week, when I think I will be fully able to compete in argument with those who favor the resolution.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I hope the resolution will not be assigned for one week. As has been said, that has been for years a recreation ground, pure and simple, and we are endeavoring to keep it so. We have had fight after fight to keep such places as dance halls, moving pictures and theatres out of there. As Mr. Driscoll already knows, we have Broadway full of moving pictures. From Dorchester Ave. to E St. there are six or seven moving picture places, and the people of South Boston haven't far to go if they want to see moving pictures. As the two previous speakers from the district have said, the people and the clergymen of the district are a unit to keep these places out of Marine Park, and to keep it for recreation purposes. I hope the resolution will not be assigned to the next meeting, but will be passed tonight.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I hope, of course, that the resolution will be passed. I think that the gentlemen who live in that ward and who are familiar with Marine Park have very well stated the sentiment of the people of the whole city of Boston, that that is a recreation ground. As I have said repeatedly in this Council, although I live in the much-despised Wd. 11, I have been over to Marine Park very often, not only to enjoy the breezes, but the salt water, and I don't think any moving picture exhibition such as has been referred to by Mr. Sacks—I mean Mr. Driscoll (daughter)—should be tolerated there. I don't think the people want it there. There are plenty of other places where they can go to see moving pictures and various other shows of the sort. The resolution is an excellent one, and, since it has been introduced, I hope it will be passed, and passed unanimously.

Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I also agree with Mr. Noyes that the resolution should be passed here tonight; but, Mr. President, I believe the situation should be placed before the members of this body as it should be put. In regard to the boat landing over there, there were bids in connection with it before the Park Commission, and Mr. Gethro—

Mr. DRISCOLL—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that the question is on assignment. The gentleman is talking on the boat landing, and Mr. Gethro of Wd. 9 is not the question before the house.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will declare the point of order well taken,

and will ask the gentleman to confine himself more closely to the question.

Mr. JOYCE—In regard to the moving pictures over there, it seems that Mr. Glenn has made application for the license here and has made it in the Mayor's office, and the Mayor, through Mr. Casey, has the right to grant or revoke the license. I don't know just exactly what he has done, but if the gentleman from Wd. 9 will not rise again, I would like to put the situation clearly before the members of the Council in regard to that contract on Marine Park—that Mr. Gethro bid on it and honestly got the right—

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I believe you have ruled that references to the boat landing are at this time out of order.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will have to rule that that is so.

Mr. JOYCE—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman from Wd. 14 a question, if he will answer it. How long has Mr. Stevens had the contract over there at the boat landing?

The PRESIDENT—The question is on assignment.

Mr. DRISCOLL'S motion to assign the resolution to the next meeting was declared lost. Mr. Driscoll doubted the vote, and the motion to assign was defeated by a rising vote.

The resolution was passed.

REPAIR OF WESTERN AVE.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Superintendent of

Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to make temporary repairs on Western Ave., Wd. 25.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25—Mr. President—

The PRESIDENT—Mr. Zetterman.

Mr. ZETTERMAN—Western Ave. is a street that is used by the people of several cities in transporting good to and fro. It is very largely used by the business people of the community, and many requests have been made of the Superintendent of Street and the Mayor to have it fixed up. It has cost considerable money to pave the street. It is a wide and long street, and could be very easily repaired, temporarily repaired, without going to great expense. I think it would be advisable for the Superintendent of Streets to consider temporary repairs, rather than wait for permanent repairs. I certainly hope he will look at it in the right way, and will make these repairs.

The order was referred to the Mayor.

Before other orders offered by Mr. ZETTERMAN were read, Mr. LILL said:

Mr. President, I rise to a point of order that there is not a quorum present.

By direction of the President, the members present arose and remained standing until counted.

The PRESIDENT—Sixteen members, or less than a quorum, being present, the Chair will declare the Council adjourned, to meet next Thursday evening at 7:45 o'clock.

Adjourned at 10:30 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, April 29, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at three o'clock P. M., Ald. BERWIN presiding, and all the members present.

On motion of Ald. BANGS the reading of the records of the preceding meeting was dispensed with.

FOOTBRIDGE, BLANDFORD ST.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, April 29, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the City Engineer in answer to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of constructing a footbridge over the tracks of the Boston & Albany railroad, between Beacon St. and Blandford St., Wd. 11.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Engineering Department,

April 27, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor:

Dear Sir:—In compliance with an order of the Board of Aldermen "That the City Engineer, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to furnish this Board at its next meeting with an estimate of the cost of constructing a footbridge over the tracks of the Boston & Albany railroad between Beacon St. and Blandford St., Wd. 11," an estimate has been made and I find that the cost of a passageway from the end of Blandford St., Wd. 11, to Beacon St., by a walk and stairs 15 feet in width, across private land adjoining and parallel to the line of the Boston & Albany railroad, to be, including land damages, forty-five hundred dollars (\$4500).

Yours respectfully,

William Jackson, City Engineer.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

APPOINTMENTS WITHOUT CONFIRMATION.

Communications were received from the Mayor notifying the Board of the appointment of the following-named officials, viz.:

(1) Hasket Derby, M. D. (352 Beacon St., Wd. 11), a Trustee for Children, under Sections 1, 2 and 3 of Chapter 395 of the Acts of 1897, for the term ending April 30, 1912.

(2) Melancthon W. Burlen (27 Waumbek St.), a member of the Board of Election Commissioners, under Chapter 11, Sections 69 and 70, of the Revised Laws, for the term ending April 30, 1911.

(3) John M. Minton, a member of the Board of Election Commissioners, to serve (for the term of one year) as a member of a Listing Board, charged with the listing and registration of voters in this city, under Section 18, Chapter 291, of the Acts of 1906.

(4) Benjamin W. Wells (95 Newbury

St., Wd. 11), Fire Commissioner, under Sections 2, 9 and 10, Chapter 449, Acts of 1895, for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.

(5) William P. Fowler (275 Newbury St., Wd. 11), Institutions Registrar, under Sections 1 and 6, Chapter 2, Revised Ordinances, for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907. In accordance with his desire, Mr. Fowler is to serve as Institutions Registrar without pay.

(6) John B. Martin (762 East Fourth St., Wd. 14), Penal Institutions Commissioner, under Chapter 449, Acts of 1895, and acts in amendment thereof or addition thereto, for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.

(7) Charles Logue (50 Barry St., Wd. 20), a member of the Board of Schoolhouse Commissioners, under Section 1, of Chapter 473 of the Acts of 1901, for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of June, 1907.

(8) William J. Welch (133 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 21), Water Commissioner, under Sections 2, 12 and 13 of Chapter 449 of the Acts of 1895, for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.

(9) Christopher M. Mallen (13 Beckler Ave., Wd. 14), a Director of the Workingmen's Loan Association, under Section 4 of Chapter 108 of the Acts of 1888, for the term ending April 30, 1908.

(10) Robert F. Clark (9 Gloucester St.) a Director of the Collateral Loan Company, under Statute 1876, Chapter 11, for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.

(11) The following-named persons Pauper Institutions Trustees for the terms specified, to fill vacancies caused by removals and resignation:

Edward M. Gallagher (58 Lexington St., Wd. 3), for the term ending April 30, 1912.

William J. Sullivan (57 West Seventh St., Wd. 13), for the term ending April 30, 1911.

Max E. Wyzanski (46 Moreland St., Wd. 17), for the term ending April 30, 1911.

Jane Stewart Alexander (50 Westland Ave., Wd. 10), for the term ending April 30, 1910.

Mary A. Dierkes (33 Mill St., Wd. 24), for the term ending April 30, 1909.

James A. Dorsey (45 Crawford St., Wd. 21), for the term ending April 30, 1909; and

Thomas A. McQuade (82 Tuttle St., Wd. 20), for the term ending April 30, 1908.

The communications were severally placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION.

Communications were received from the Mayor making the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen, viz.:

(1) Israel A. Ratsnesky (232 Commonwealth Ave., Wd. 11), a member of the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1907.

(2) George R. Swasey (181 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 10), a member of the Board of Appeal, under Section 12, Chapter 419, Acts of 1892, for the term ending April 30, 1910.

(3) Isaac Silber (23 Motte St.), a Constable of the city of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1908.

(4) John J. Barnes (51 Walnut St., Wd. 4) and John Steele (69 Winter St., East Cambridge) Measurers of Grain for the term ending April 30, 1908.

Severally laid over under the law.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received, and were referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Department (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Peter S. Dowd, an illuminated sign, at 537 Main St., Wd. 4.

H. Bloomberg, an illuminated sign, at 52 Cross St., Wd. 6.

Thomas J. Ryan & Co., an illuminated sign, at 2 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 6.

Wolf Greenberg, an illuminated sign, at 16 Elm St., Wd. 6.

B. H. Goodrich, a sign, at 4 Portland St., Wd. 6.

R. O. Brittain, an illuminated sign, at 22 Tremont row, Wd. 6.

J. E. Doherty Company (two petitions), illuminated signs—one at 615 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7, and one at 256 Purchase St., Wd. 7.

J. Garner, a board sign, at 493 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Rosoff & Lifschitz, two wooden signs, at 839 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Terminal Wine Company, an electric sign, at 106 Canal St., Wd. 8.

M. E. Buckley, an electric sign, at 168 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 10.

John J. Tobin, an illuminated sign, at 243 Dorchester St., Wd. 15.

Gay & Pulsifer, a key sign, at 581 Dudley St., Wd. 16.

Julius Neustadt, a wooden sign, at 959 Tremont St., Wd. 18.

Independence League, transparency, 23 Poplar St., Wd. 23.

Claims.

J. T. Tighe Company, to be paid for loss of a horse injured by falling through the cover of a catch basin near No. 229 Gold St., S. E.

W. H. McElwain Company, for compensation for damage to wagon by a truck of the Fire Department.

Peter F. Tague, for a hearing on his claim against the city.

Rose L. Murray, for compensation for damage to estates 79 Call St. and 120 Carolina Ave. by overflow of sewer.

Electric Wires.

Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, for leave to erect one pole on Prescott St., near Orleans St., and to remove one pole corner Prescott and Orleans Sts., Wd. 1.

Boston Consolidated Gas Company, for leave to attach wires to one pole of The New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts on Brighton Ave., opp. Allston St., Wd. 25.

Petitions of The New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, viz.:

For leave to remove three poles from Kingsdale St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect one pole in Trenton St., cor. Bartlett St., Wd. 3.

For leave to erect one pole on Mead St., Wd. 4.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

Citizens' Committee of Soldiers' Fund, on the evening of May 21.

National Retail Hardware Association, on the afternoon and evening of June 19.

Licenses.

John J. Martin, for leave to run passenger barges between corner Corey and Centre Sts. and Mt. Benedict Cemetery on Sundays and holidays.

Petitions for permits for children under 15 years of age to appear in public places of amusement, viz.:

James R. Towle, for Dorothy Gish, at the Globe Theatre, in April 26 and 27.

Rev. J. J. Harkins, for May Crowley

and other children, at St. Augustine Hall, S. B., on the evening of April 26.

Olive L. Chase, for Anna M. Hooke and other children, at Whiton Hall, Dorchester.

Nellie Frank Hill, for Bessie Stearn and other children, at Jordan Hall, on May 11.

W. J. O'Hearn, for Bessie Knott and other children, at Orpheum Theatre during week of April 29.

Railroads.

Cunningham Iron Co., for leave to relocate a spur railroad track across B street, Wd. 13, to connect with the tracks of the New York New Haven & Hartford R. R.

Memorial Day.

Boston Post 200, G. A. R., for an appropriation for Memorial Day.

Public Improvements.

Agnes McGaw, for leave to place sidewalk, light covers in sidewalk, at 132 Washington St. north, Wd. 6.

H. P. Nawn, for leave to extend guy wire across Savin St., Wd. 21.

H. P. Nawn, for leave to erect a guy post on Battery St., Wd. 6.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:

S. G. Hendricks, 869 Saratoga St., Wd. 1.

F. R. Sears, in front of Studio Building, Tremont and Bromfield Sts., Wd. 7.

William A. Gaston, Lansdowne St., Wd. 11.

John T. Kennedy, 40-42 Warren St., Wd. 17.

Mrs. J. F. Fitzgerald, 195 Hamilton St., Wd. 20.

Boyd & Berry, 226-232 Bowdoin St., Wd. 20.

Clifford M. Mowatt, 22 Abbot St., Wd. 20.

Heinn Tomfohrde, 24-26 Stanwood St., Wd. 20.

Carlan A. Brown, Kingsdale St., side of 33 Bernard St., Wd. 20.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of the Boston Yacht Club for a license to store and keep for sale the products of petroleum at its clubhouse on Columbia road, foot of O St., Wd. 14.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

2. On petition of the Boston Elevated Railway Company for approval of its becoming a common carrier of newspapers, baggage, express matter and freight on its tracks in Boston.

Hon. John A. Sullivan appeared and objected to the granting of the petition, saying that it was as bold a request as has been filed in this city for a generation; that it will be contrary to sound public policy to give new privileges in the streets of Boston to a transportation company; and he requested that the Elevated road be asked in view of the great public importance of the question, to file with the Board a plan showing in what streets it intends to run freight, baggage and express cars, and giving the exact locations of the freight terminals which of necessity must be erected in doing a freight transportation business. He requested this because of the peculiar situation of Boston with respect to its narrow streets and the great danger to the traveling public.

Mr. Sullivan announced that Hon. Henry M. Whitney and Mr. C. Howard Walker, representing the Boston Society of Architects, were present and would like to be heard briefly before the petition was disposed of.

Mr. Whitney said that, if the matter was to be referred for hearing to the Committee on Railroads, he would

await that hearing before expressing himself, not taking up the time of the Board now.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I move that No. 2 be referred to the Committee on Railroads with instructions to give a public hearing.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I move as an amendment that the matter be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements with instructions to give public hearings to all parties concerned. I do this for this reason, that I think the proposition submitted by the Boston Elevated Railway Company is up to date the most important one that has been presented to the Board this year, and will be in all likelihood the most important one for the year 1907. As counsel who has just spoken has said, we want plans from the Boston Elevated Road showing where their freight houses are going to be, and the streets in which they are going to receive and dispose of baggage. We want much in the way of information before we can pass judgment on this petition now before us. It does not seem to me, in view of the important nature of the petition, that it should be sent to the Committee on Railroads. I believe the Committee on Public Improvements is the proper committee to consider it.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I merely ask that the usual course be adopted. I am not opposed to the amendment offered by Ald. Whelton, and I accept it.

Ald. Draper's motion to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements, with instructions to give a hearing to all parties interested, was declared lost. Ald. WHELTON doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays. The motion was carried on a roll call, yeas 10, nays 2.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Bangs, Battis, Clark, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—10.

Nays—Ald. Berwin, Curley—2.

On petitions of the West End Street Railway Company for leave to construct alterations of its existing tracks, with the right to use the overhead single trolley electric system on same, viz.:

3. On Congress, State and Devonshire Sts., city proper.

4. On Washington St., Haymarket Sq. and Canal St., city proper.

No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Railroads.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

5. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor is requested to appoint a commission of three persons who shall sit jointly with two persons to be designated, one by the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen and the other by the President of the Common Council, who shall serve without compensation, but who shall have authority to employ a stenographer and make expenditures for such clerical work as may be necessary, which expenditures shall be charged to City Council, Incidental Expenses. Said commission shall give such hearings as they deem necessary, and shall report on or before the first of June, 1907, to the Mayor and City Council the following:

1. The probable cost to the city for the purchase of the land situated in Park Sq., once used as the Boston & Providence Railroad terminal.

2. The probable cost of the erection of a city hall sufficient for the city's needs for fifty (50) years.

3. The price which can probably be obtained for the city by the sale of the present city hall and the old court house.

4. The amount paid out annually as rentals for premises occupied by various city departments.

5. Whether any of these departments ought to be in city hall or not.

6. Such other information as in their opinion may be instructive in determining the question of the building of a new city hall in Park Sq.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. CURLEY.

6. Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner and Police Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to make arrangements in their several departments so that all veterans of the Civil and Spanish-American wars be granted a holiday Decoration Day, May 30, 1907, without loss of pay, in part compensation for services.

Passed in concurrence.

7. Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested to make arrangements allowing the members of the Fire Department one hour and thirty minutes for meals, instead of one hour as at present arranged.

Passed in concurrence.

8. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to extend L St. to Freeport St., according to a plan now in the office of the chief surveyor of the Street Laying-Out Department.

Passed in concurrence.

9. Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to establish sand gardens for children in the yard of the Norcross School, South Boston.

Passed in concurrence.

10. Ordered, That a special committee be appointed, consisting of eight members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, to investigate the subject of billboard advertising, to give public hearings, and to report to the City Council an ordinance covering said subject, and having for its object the abatement of the so-called billboard nuisance; said committee to have authority to summon witnesses and to employ such clerical assistance as is necessary, the expenses incurred to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. BATTIS.

11. Ordered, That the heads of departments be requested to instruct their employees not to receive goods from non-union teamsters during present trouble occasioned by the teamsters' strike.

Passed in concurrence.

12. Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have all strikebreakers searched for concealed weapons before leaving their quarters.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Later in the session Ald. CURLEY said:

Mr. Chairman, I move a reconsideration of the reference of No. 12 on the calendar. I read in the morning papers that it was the purpose of the Police Commissioner to put in force an order similar to this No. 12 on the calendar, and if it will expedite his action in any way I think it would be good policy for us to pass the order.

Reconsideration of reference to the Committee on Public Improvements was carried.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I move that the order be placed upon its passage.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I am very well pleased to have the Alderman move reconsideration of the reference. That is just about what I was to do myself. I feel that at this time some-

thing must be done. When you consider the desperate methods that are being used by the master teamsters of Boston to break this strike, you cannot blame the strike breakers for having concealed weapons in their possession. I am in receipt of a letter addressed to my own business concern, saying:

"Gentlemen:—As secretary of the fund that is being collected under the auspices of this Association, and with the assistance of the Employers' Association, Mr. W. H. Sayward, secretary of the Master Builders' Association of Boston, and Harrison Loring, Jr., treasurer of the R. S. Brine Transportation Co., I wish to thank all those who have contributed, and are considering contributing, their moral and financial support.

"There can be no doubt in your mind as to the issue, viz., the open shop.

"We feel that Mr. Loring has done fully his share, and I therefore send this letter out with one of my stamped return envelopes with the suggestion that you subscribe anything that you may see fit, and do not think for a minute a check for \$10 is not just as acceptable, when sent in the spirit we know it will be"—which it won't be—"as a check for \$100. Hoping you will contribute within your means, I remain,
Yours respectfully,
"George F. Stebbins."

And now I wish to call the attention of the Board of Aldermen to the postscript that is on this letter:

"P. S. It is very important that you be impressed with the fact that after the labor union conducting the teamsters' strike here is beaten or quits, the expensive part of operations of the master teamsters begins, viz.: reorganizing with better, permanent drivers."

So it shows that this Master Teamsters' Association is willing to import any one here, no matter what their character is or anything else, for the purpose of breaking this strike, leading them on with the idea that they are going to give them permanent or steady positions, while at the same time they are going to raise a large amount of money for the purpose of reorganizing and getting rid of the class of teamsters they are bringing here and getting "better, permanent drivers." So I think this order should be put through and that these strikebreakers, as they are called, whom they are harboring on the vessels here, shall be searched thoroughly for concealed weapons. I saw one of the strikebreakers myself the other day stooping over, and saw the hilt of a revolver protruding from his back pocket. I hope the order will pass.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, we have little power in the premises, and can do scarcely more than lend our moral support to the proposition of disarming the strikebreakers. I would that our power were greater, but unfortunately it is not. We do know that at least one citizen of Boston has met his death as a result of the criminal action of one of these so-called strikebreakers. Now, I am one of those who believe that the best method of preventing a recurrence of such action is by disarming the men. If they have no weapons on their persons, there is no danger of somebody dying as a result of their acts of violence; and I sincerely trust that the Police Commissioner will comply with the order as presented in the Council. As I said before, I read in one of the morning papers that that was his purpose, and I believe this act, if it does nothing more, will show the position this Board takes upon the proposition of importing armed men to take the places of reputable citizens of our

community whose conduct in the past has been of the most exemplary character.

The order was passed in concurrence. 13. Ordered, That the sum of twelve hundred dollars (\$1200) be appropriated to be expended by the Superintendent of Streets for a foot-bridge to cross the Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn railroad on Wordsworth St., Wd. 1, Precinct 8; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to the above amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance. Later in the session, on motion of Ald. BATTIS, the reference was reconsidered, and Ald. BATTIS moved that the order be put upon its passage.

The order was passed in concurrence, yeas 11, nays 1.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Bangs, Battis, Berwin, Curley, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—11.
Nay—Ald. Bell—1.

ACTION ON APPOINTMENTS.

Ald. WOODS moved to take up, under unfinished business, Nos. 14 to 64 inclusive, viz.:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor for the term of one year beginning with the first day of May, 1907, viz.:

14. J. Alfred Mitchell, to be City Auditor.

15. Charles H. Slattery, to be City Treasurer.

16. Garrett W. Scollard, to be City Collector.

17. Thomas M. Babson, to be Corporation Counsel.

18. William Jackson, to be City Engineer.

19. James H. Doyle, to be Superintendent of Streets.

20. John J. Leahy, to be Superintendent of Sewers.

21. Daniel H. Gillespie, to be Superintendent of Sanitary Department.

22. Matthew Cummings, to be Superintendent of Street Cleaning and Watering.

23. Patrick F. McDonald, to be Superintendent of Bridges.

24. Michael J. Mitchell, to be Superintendent of Supplies.

25. Edward W. McGlenen, to be City Registrar.

26. D. Henry Sullivan, to be Superintendent of Public Grounds.

27. James F. Nolan, to be Superintendent of Public Buildings.

28. Dennis J. Hern, to be Superintendent of Lamps.

29. George E. McKay, to be Superintendent of Markets.

30. Thomas A. Whalen, to be Superintendent of Printing.

31. John E. Gilman, to be Soldiers' Relief Commissioner.

32. Henry B. Lovering, to be Sealer of Weights and Measures and Seizer of Illegal Coal, Coke and Charcoal Measures.

33. John E. Ansell,

34. Manasseh E. Bradley,

35. Jeremiah J. Brosnahan,

36. Jeremiah J. Crowley,

37. Timothy W. Crowley,

38. Daniel J. Moynihan, Jr.,

39. Hugh J. Quinn,

40. James A. Sweeney,

41. James J. Sweeney, and

42. Charles E. Walsh, to be Deputy Sealers of Weights and Measures and Seizers of Illegal Coke, Coal and Charcoal Measures.

43. James Graham, William H. Lythgoe and Edward J. Holland, to be Constables.

44. James T. Donahue and Charles F. Wilmore, to be Weighers of Boilers and Heavy Machinery.

45. John F. Glynn, to be Weigher of Coal.

46. Martin J. Kent and John R. McDonald, to be Fence Viewers.

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1907, viz.:

47. William P. Fowler,

48. Thomas Sproules, and

49. Thomas Downey, to be Overseers of the Poor.

50. Samuel Hichborn.

51. Edward B. Daily, and

52. James Buckner, to be members of the Board of Assessors.

53. John A. Rooney, to be Building Commissioner.

54. Michael W. Norris, to be a member of the Board of Health.

55. James M. Prendergast, to be a member of the Board of Park Commissioners.

56. Nathaniel J. Rust, to be a member of the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds.

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May, 1907, viz.:

57. Thomas F. Boyle, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library.

58. Francis J. Keany, M. D., to be a Trustee of the Boston City Hospital.

59.—John A. O'Shea, to be a member of the Board of Music Trustees.

60. Laurence Minot, to be a Statistics Trustee.

61. John J. O'Hare, to be a Bath Trustee.

62.—Mrs. Lawrence J. Logan, to be a Bath Trustee.

63. Charles E. Phipps, to be a Cemetery Trustee.

64. Herbert F. Price, to be a Consumptives' Hospital Trustee.

Ald. WOODS moved that they all be acted upon at the same time.

The CHAIRMAN—Are there any objections?

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I object.

The CHAIRMAN—Ald. Bangs having objected, the motion under the rules will be declared out of order.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I move that we now take up No. 14 on the calendar.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I move as a substitute motion that Nos. 14 to 64 inclusive be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I object. I object to Ald. Bangs' motion. If my motion is not in order, I don't see how his can be.

The CHAIRMAN—The question comes on Ald. Bangs' motion to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements Nos. 14 to 64 inclusive on the calendar.

Ald. BANGS' motion was declared lost. Ald. BANGS doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays.

Ald. BANGS' motion to refer Nos. 14 to 64 inclusive to the Committee on Public Improvements was carried, yeas 8, nays 5:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Bangs, Eattis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Finigan, Flanagan

—8.

Nays—Ald. Curley, Draper, Leary, Whelton, Woods—5.

FEMALE PROBATION OFFICER.

Notice was received from Judge Bolster, Chief Justice of the Municipal Court of Boston, of the appointment of Elizabeth A. Lee, as female assistant probation officer, her compensation being determined to be \$1000 per annum.

Referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

COAL AND COKE LICENSES.

Notice was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth of the granting of a coal and coke license in the city of Boston on April 22, 1907.

Placed on file.

HARBOR AND LAND NOTICE.

Notice was received from the Harbor and Land Commissioners of a hearing May 1 on petition of Edmund D. Codman and another, trustees of Lovejoy's Wharf Trust, for license to build a bulkhead and fill solid in Charles River.

Placed on file.

RAILWAY LOCATIONS.

Notices were received from the West End Street Railway Company of (1) acceptance of an order of Dec. 31, 1906, granting leave to attach wires to poles of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts and the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, on L St., South Boston, said acceptance being filed April 7, 1907; and (2) acceptance of 260th location, granted Jan. 5, 1907, for tracks at northwest corner of Dorchester Ave. and West Fourth St., filed April 27, 1907.

Severally placed on file.

ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the petition of George V. Watten-dorf, for leave to project six bay windows from building 694 Columbia Rd., Wd. 16, and order of notice was passed for a hearing on Monday, May 13, at 3 P. M., when any persons objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

On the petition of John H. Gavin, M. D., for a license to store oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at rear of 346 Dudley St., Wd. 17; an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon, Monday, May 20, at 3 P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The City Treasurer, after having duly approved the same, submitted the following constables' bonds, viz.:

John E. Andrews, Nathan E. Bates, John A. Buswell, William W. K. Campbell, William K. Coburn, John J. Conroy, George C. Drew, James Fraser, Frank Goddard, Sears H. Grant, Abner C. Gray, John H. Griffin, Joseph Gut-tentag, Charles F. Hale, Edward L. Hopkins, Joseph Houghton, Walter Isidor, Gusteen I. Kenerson, George H. Nason, James E. Norton, William I. Paine, George N. Parker, Alvin I. Phillips, James E. Powers, John J. Rogers, George, Henry Royce, Henry C. Shrieves, Anson Stern.

Approved by the Board.

COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

Ald. WHELTON, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition of Francis A. Campbell (referred March 25), to be reimbursed expense incurred in defending his title to office—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered. That the sum of fourteen hundred sixty-eight dollars and sixty-two cents (\$1468.62) be allowed and paid from the appropriation for County of Suffolk, General Expenses, to Francis A. Campbell, Clerk of the Superior

Court for Civil Business in the County of Suffolk, for the purpose of repaying to the said Campbell the costs and expenses incurred by him in defending his title to said office.

Report accepted, order passed.

(2) Report on the communication from the Chief Justice of the Municipal Court (referred today), fixing the salary of the additional female assistant probation officer—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered—That the salary of the additional female assistant Probation Officer of the Municipal Court of the city of Boston—appointed under the authority of Chapter 261 of the Acts of 1907—determined by the Chief Justice of said court at one thousand dollars (\$1000) per annum, beginning May 1, 1907, be and the same hereby is approved; the amount so paid to be charged to the appropriation for County of Suffolk.

Report accepted, order passed.

PROJECTION OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred April 22), for leave to project signs, etc.—recommending that leave be granted, viz:—

Samuel Shalit, a sign, at 151 Richmond St., Wd. 6.

Bronstein Bros., an electric sign, at 180 Friend St., Wd. 6.

Thomas Karalecis, an illuminated sign, at 3 Essex St., Wd. 7.

J. Cavagnaro, two wooden signs, at 362 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7.

William J. Keefe, an electric sign, at 696 Washington St., Wd. 7.

C. F. Wright, an electric sign, at 40 Causeway St., Wd. 8.

Joseph Marlow & Co., an electric sign, at 1231 Washington St., Wd. 9.

James Heleotis, an electric sign, at 497 Tremont St., Wd. 10.

Dondero & Sorocco, electric sign, 1314 Chapman Pl., Wd. 7.

Simon Mikels, electric sign, at 199A Portland St., Wd. 8.

Haas & Loeb, two signs, 41 Court St., Wd. 6.

G. Warshaw, electric sign, 9A Causeway St., Wd. 8.

The Aero & Marine Motor Company, wooden sign, 60 Pemberton Sq., Wd. 6.

Pedrick & Bennett, electric sign, 731 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for leave to project signs, etc.—recommending that leave be granted, viz:—

Independence League, transparency, 28 Poplar St., Wd. 23.

Terminal Wine Company, electric sign, 106 Canal St., Wd. 8.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of J. C. Melvin et al., Trustees (referred April 22), for leave to project a permanent awning from building 19 Quincy row, Wd. 6—Recommending that leave be granted (said awning to be suspended from the building and not supported by posts, and the plans to be approved by and the construction to be under the supervision of, the Building Commissioner).

Report accepted, leave granted on the conditions named.

(4) Reports on petitions (severally referred April 1), for leave to project bay windows—Recommending that leave be granted, viz:—

Frank A. Bourne, one bay window, 50 River St., Wd. 11.

Thomas J. Broderick, one bay window, 16 Sullivan St., Wd. 5.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(5) Report on the petition of N. Alflowich (referred April 22), for leave to project a canvas sign at 95 Friend St., Wd. 6.—Recommending that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.
Accepted.

JOINT RULES.

Ald. DRAPER, for the Committee on Joint Rules, submitted the following:

The joint special committee on the rules of the city council, having considered the matter, respectfully report, in part, at this time, recommending the adoption of the accompanying draft, being the rules as in force in 1906.

Joint Rules and Orders of the City Council.

Joint Standing Committees.

Rule 1. There shall be appointed at the commencement of the municipal year the following joint standing committees, the members of which shall be appointed by the respective branches in such manner as they may determine. Said committees shall respectively examine as often as they deem necessary the accounts of public moneys received and expended by the several departments. Each of said committees to consist of five aldermen and eight councilmen, namely:

1. A committee on the Art Department.
2. A committee on the Assessing Department.
3. A committee on the Auditing Department.
4. A committee on the Bath Department.
5. A committee on the Building Department.
6. A committee on the Cemetery Department.
7. A committee on the City Clerk Department.
8. A committee on the City Messenger Department.
9. A committee on the Clerk of Committees Department.
10. A committee on the Collecting Department.
11. A committee on the Election Department.
12. A committee on the Engineering Department.
13. A committee on the Fire Department.
14. A committee on the Health Department.
15. A committee on the Hospital Department.
16. A committee on the Institutions Department.
17. A committee on the Lamp Department.
18. A committee on the Law Department.
19. A committee on the Library Department.
20. A committee on the Market Department.
21. A committee on the Music Department.
22. A committee on the Overseer of the Poor Department.
23. A committee on the Park Department.
24. A committee on the Public Buildings Department.
25. A committee on the Public Grounds Department.
26. A committee on the Registry Department.
27. A committee on the Statistics Department.
28. A committee on the Street Department.
29. A committee on the Street Laying-Out Department.
30. A committee on the Treasury Department.
31. A committee on the Vessels and Ballast Department.

32. A committee on the Water Department.
 33. A committee on the Weights and Measures Department.
 34. A committee on the Wire Department.

There shall also be appointed annually, in like manner, the following joint standing committees to perform the duties assigned them:

1. A committee on Appropriations, to consist of eight members of the Board of Aldermen and ten members of the Common Council, to whom shall be referred the estimates of the departments prepared annually, and any suggestions thereon from His Honor the Mayor. They shall report an order appropriating such sums as they deem necessary for the lawful public uses, and setting forth in detail, as far as convenient, the purposes.

2. A committee on Claims, to consist of five aldermen and eight councilmen, to whom shall be referred all claims against the city arising from the act or neglect of any of its departments. They shall report annually a list of the claims awarded or approved by them, and the amount of money awarded or paid in settlement thereof.

3. A committee on Finance, to consist of seven members of the Board of Aldermen and ten members of the Common Council, to whom shall be referred all applications for expenditure which involve a loan, or a transfer of any part of an appropriation named in the general appropriation order, or from the reserve fund as provided in Rule 17.

4. A committee on Legislative Matters, to consist of five aldermen and eight councilmen, who shall, unless otherwise ordered, appear before committees of the General Court and represent the interests of the city; provided, said committee shall not, unless directed so to do by the city council, oppose any legislation petitioned for by the preceding city council.

5. A committee on Ordinances, to consist of the members of the Committee on Law Department, to whom shall be referred all ordinances introduced in either branch, or transmitted to them by vote of any standing committee. Unless specially instructed, they shall pass upon the question of the form and legality of the ordinances so referred; they may append an order that such ordinance "ought not to pass," and give their reasons therefor, or report such ordinance in a new draft. Such report shall be made in not over two weeks from the meeting at which the reference was ordered, or the ordinance received from a committee.

6. A committee on Police, to consist of five aldermen and eight councilmen, to whom shall be referred all matters relating to the police department.

7. A committee on Printing, to consist of five aldermen and eight councilmen, who shall have the charge of all printing, advertising, or publishing ordered by or for the city council, or either branch, as one of its contingent or incidental expenses, and the supply of all stationery or binding for the same purpose. The committee shall fix the number of copies to be printed of any document printed as above, the minimum, however, to be six hundred; and they shall have the right to make rules and regulations for the care, custody, and distribution of all documents, books, pamphlets, and maps by the city messenger.

8. A committee on Public Lands, to consist of five aldermen and eight councilmen, to whom shall be referred all matters relating to public lands.

9. A committee on Schools and Schoolhouses, to consist of five Aldermen and

eight Councilmen, to whom shall be referred matters relating to the public schools, and requests for additional school accommodations.

Joint Special Committees.

Rule 2. Every joint special committee ordered by the City Council shall, unless otherwise provided in the order, be appointed in the manner provided in Rule 1.

Joint Committees.

Rule 3. The member of the Board of Aldermen first named on every joint committee shall be the chairman; and in case his resignation or inability the other members of the same board, in the order designated by the chairman of the board, and after them the members of the Common Council in the order named, shall act as chairman. Meetings of committees shall be called at the discretion of the chairman, or at the written request of a majority of the members.

Rule 4. Every joint committee shall cause records of their proceedings to be kept in books provided for that purpose; and at every meeting of a committee the records of the previous meeting shall be read, unless otherwise ordered by the committee. In all such meetings of committees all votes shall, at the request of any member, be taken by yeas and nays and recorded.

Rule 5. No meeting of any committee shall, without the consent of all the members thereof, be called upon less notice than twenty-four hours from the time the clerk shall have mailed the notices or dispatched them by special messenger.

Rule 6. Any joint committee may expend from the appropriation for contingent expenses an amount not exceeding two hundred dollars in any one year for purposes connected with the duties of said committee for which no provision has been otherwise made.

Conference Committee.

Rule 7. In every case of disagreement between the two branches of the City Council, if either branch shall request a conference, and appoint a committee of conference, the other branch shall also appoint such a committee, and such committee shall consist of not less than five members each. Both committees shall, at an hour to be agreed upon by their chairmen, meet and state to each other, verbally or in writing, as either shall choose, the reasons for the action of their respective branches in relation to the matter in controversy, shall confer thereon, and shall report to their respective branches.

Reference to Committees.

Rule 8. When an order or resolution relates to a subject which may properly be examined and reported upon by an existing committee of the City Council, such order or resolution shall, upon presentation, be referred to such committee. Either branch of the City Council may commit or recommit to a joint committee, but a reference with instructions shall require concurrent action.

Reports of Joint Committees.

Rule 9. No report of a joint committee shall be received by either branch of the City Council unless agreed to by such committee at a duly notified meeting thereof. The report of a committee upon any subject referred to them shall, unless otherwise ordered by the City Council or by the committee, be presented to the branch in which the order of reference originated. It shall be the duty of every joint committee to which any subject may be specially

referred, to report thereon within four weeks, or to ask for further time.

Rule 10. All reports submitted to the City Council shall be written or printed, and no indorsement of any kind shall be made on the reports, memorials or other papers, excepting those made by the officers of either branch, or the name of the member offering the same. Every report of a committee shall be signed by a member belonging to the body to which it shall be presented, unless otherwise directed by the committee. Every member presenting an order, ordinance or resolution shall have his name endorsed thereon. Such member shall be informed by the clerk of committees of the time fixed for its consideration, if he give notice of his desire to be heard thereon.

Rule 11. Any report containing any recommendation other than "leave to withdraw," or "inexpedient to take further action," or reference to another board or committee, shall be accompanied by an ordinance, order or resolve embodying such recommendation, and such report shall be acted upon separately.

Rule 12. Any member of a joint committee may submit a minority report at the same time as the majority report, and, if the latter be in print, he shall be allowed to submit his report also in print. Either branch may order to be printed the report of any committee submitted to it, or any document relating to a subject under consideration, the expense thereof to be charged to the general appropriation for printing.

Notice to Other Branch.

Rule 13. All papers requiring concurrent action shall be transmitted from one branch of the city council to the other before the next regular meeting of the latter branch, with the action of the branch sending them indorsed thereon, and signed by the regular presiding officer of such branch, or, in his absence, by the clerk, or assistant clerk, of such body. In case of votes or action by either branch, not based on written orders or papers, notice of the same shall be transmitted to the other branch, signed as hereinbefore directed. In case any ordinance order, or resolution, originally in one branch, shall fail to pass in the other, notice thereof shall be given, under the signature of the clerk, to the branch in which the same originated.

Orders and Resolutions.

Rule 14. In all votes requiring concurrent action the form of expression shall be "Ordered" for everything by way of command; and the form shall be "Resolved" for everything expressing opinions, principles, facts, or purposes.

Appropriations and Expenditures.

Rule 15. Whenever the City Council shall order an expenditure by any committee, board or officer, either in addition to the estimates on which the appropriation was made, or for any object not included in such estimates, it shall provide for the payment of the same.

Rule 16. No expenditure shall be made from the reserve fund except by a transfer to some other appropriation, or to a new appropriation to be established, and no expenditure shall be charged to the appropriation for incidental expenses except transfers and the expenditures therefrom provided for in the ordinances.

Rule 17. Every application for an additional appropriation, to be provided for by transfer or loan, shall be referred to the Committee on Finance;

and no such additional appropriation shall be made until the said committee have reported thereon.

Rule 18. No order authorizing the borrowing of money, or the transfer of one appropriation, or part of an appropriation, to another appropriation, shall be passed, unless two-thirds of the whole number of members of each branch of the City Council vote in the affirmative, by a vote taken by yeas and nays.

Bills and Accounts.

Rule 19. No presiding officer of the Board or chairman of a committee, unless duly authorized by such Board or committee, shall approve any bill or account against the city.

Amendment or Appeal.

Rule 20. The foregoing rules shall not be altered, amended, suspended, or repealed, at any time, except by the votes of two-thirds of the members of each branch of the City Council present and voting thereon.

The report was accepted and the rules were adopted. Sent down.

LICENSE REPORTS.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted reports on petitions (severally referred today) for permits for children under fifteen years of age to appear at various places—Recommending that permits be granted, viz.:

James R. Towle, for Dorothy Gish to appear at the Globe Theatre April 26 and 27.

Olive L. Chase, for Anna M. Hooke and others, to appear at Whiton Hall, Dorchester, on May 3.

Rev. J. J. Harkins, for May Crowley and others, to appear at Jordan Hall Fine Hall, South Boston, April 26.

Nellie Frank Hill, for Bessie Stearn and others, to appear at Jordan Hall on May 11.

W. J. O'Hearn, for Bessie Knott, Lois Knott, James Moran and Herbert Moran, to appear at the Orpheum Theatre during week beginning April 29.

Reports severally accepted, permits granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of John J. Martin (referred today), for leave to run two passenger barges between corner of Corey and Centre Sts. and Mt. Benedict Cemetery on Sundays and holidays—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 13 newsboys and 4 bootblacks.

Reports accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, submitted reports on the following petitions (severally referred today) for leave to use Faneuil Hall—recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

Citizens' Committee of Soldiers' Fund, evening of May 21.

National Retail Hardware Association, afternoon and evening of June 19.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

CLAIMS REPORT.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Claims, submitted reports on the following petitions, recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz.:

Mary E. Benton (referred 1904), for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Beacon St.

Eugene J. Sullivan, two (referred 1903), for compensation for injuries and damages caused by an alleged defect in Canterbury St., March 24, 1903.

Thomas F. Geary (referred March 19), for compensation for injury to horse at Fort Hill wharf, Feb. 20, 1907.

Martin E. F. Dolan (referred 1904), to be paid the amount of wages lost on account of fines and suspension while employed in the Fire Department.

Christine Lowe (referred 1901), for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Village St.

Marie Bourque (referred 1906), for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Washington St., Dorchester (suit entered).

Ethel Maud Freeman (referred April 8), for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Belgrade Ave. (suit entered).

Reports severally accepted. Sent down.

TREES REMOVED, ETC.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of estate 105 Everett St., Wd. 2; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim a tree standing in front of estate 38 Yeoman St., Wd. 17; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two trees standing in front of estate 490-494 Broadway, South Boston; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim a tree standing in front of 918 East Fourth St., South Boston; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to have trimmed a tree in front of estate numbered 28 Havre St.; also to have removed a tree in front of estate numbered 30 Havre St., Wd. 2.

Passed.

ENGINEERS IN SEWER DEPT.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Sewers, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this Board to place the portable and hoisting engineers employed by his department on a permanent basis.

Passed.

DUDLEY ST. DEPOT.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Board of Railroad Commissioners be hereby requested by this Board to direct the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company to build a new depot at the Dudley St. Station.

Passed.

RECESS.

On motion of Ald. WOODS the Board voted at 4:19 P. M. to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by Ald. BERWIN at 5:50 P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. BERWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition of Daniel J. Kiley (referred April 8) and order offered by Ald. WHELTON in connection with said petition directing the Corporation Counsel to institute proceedings for a review of the action of the Railroad Commissioners in granting certain elevated railway locations in the West End—That the order ought to pass.

Report accepted, order passed. Ald. WHELTON moved to reconsider; lost.

(2) Report on the petition of The White Company (referred April 8) for license to store and keep for sale products of petroleum at 341-343 Newbury St., Wd. 11—recommending that a license be granted.

The report was accepted, and the question came on granting a license. On motion of Ald. FLANAGAN the roll was called, and the license was granted, yeas 11, nays 2.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Curley, Draper, Finnegan, Leary, Woods—11.

Nays—Ald. Flanagan, Whelton—2.

(3) Reports recommending that licenses be granted on the following petitions for licenses to store and keep for sale products of petroleum, viz.—
C. H. K. Skillin (referred April 12), 63 Leonard St., Wd. 24.

Annie M. Wilde (referred April 12), 1532 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24.

The Mattapan Garage (referred April 12), 1606 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 24.

E. S. Clark (referred April 12), 272-274 Freeport St., Wd. 24.

W. Bowman Cutter (referred April 12), 1855 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24.

Sheldon Yacht & Power Boat Corporation (referred April 12), in yard off Philip St., Wd. 24.

The A. T. Stearns Lumber Company (referred April 12), 98 Taylor St., Wd. 24.

John W. Cosden & Co. (referred April 22), rear 246 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 10.

Prentice Motor Car Supply Company (referred April 22), 15 Berkeley St., Wd. 10.

Estate of Frederick E. Randell (referred April 22), 66 Stanhope St., Wd. 10.

Linscott Motor Company (referred April 22), 31 Whittier St., Wd. 18.

J. T. Reed & Co. (referred April 22), Hancock Sq., Wd. 4.

George E. Ladd (referred April 22), 396 Columbus Ave., Wd. 10.

William G. Seavey (referred April 22), 616 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 20.

Boston Yacht Club (referred today), Columbia Rd., foot of O St., Wd. 14.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks to be of the material named, and to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, with granite edgestone, the owner to furnish the material, viz.:

F. R. Sears, artificial stone, in front of Studio Building, on Tremont and Bromfield Sts., Wd. 7.

William A. Gaston, Lansdowne St., Wd. 11, artificial stone.

John T. Kennedy, artificial stone, 40-42 Warren St., Wd. 17.

Mrs. J. F. Fitzgerald, artificial stone, 195 Hamilton St., Wd. 20.

Boyd & Berry, artificial stone, 226-232 Bowdoin St., Wd. 20.

Clifford M. Mowatt, artificial stone, 22 Abbott St., Wd. 20.

S. G. Hendricks, brick, 869 Saratoga St., Wd. 1.

Heinn Tomfohrde, brick, 24-26 Stanwood St., Wd. 20.

Carlan A. Brown, gravel, Kingsdale St., side of 33 Bernard St., Wd. 20.

5. Reports on petitions (referred today) recommending the passage of orders authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to issue permits, work to be completed on or before November 15, as follows:

Agnes McGaw to place, maintain and use a patent sidewalk cover over the area at present existing at estate 132 Washington St. north, Wd. 6.

H. P. Nawn, to stretch guy wires and ropes over and across Savin St., opposite No. 72-78, Wd. 21.

H. P. Nawn, to erect, maintain and use one guy post with ropes attached at or near No. 46 Battery St., Wd. 6, and to stretch guy wires and ropes over and across Battery and Commercial Sts. during the time necessary for the erection of a building.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

6. Report on sundry nominations (referred today)—R.—recommending that a committee be discharged from further consideration thereof.

Accepted.

WATER DEPARTMENT PIPES.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY, the Board took up past assignment, viz.: 70. Ordered, That the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) be appropriated, to be expended by the Water Commissioner for the construction of new, and the replacing of old, water pipes; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I move that that order be assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, if the gentleman who made the motion to assign was absent from the meeting of the Committee on Public Improvements today I would favor his motion, but, Mr. Chairman, such is not the fact. He was present at the meeting of the Committee on Public Improvements. At that meeting the City Engineer made the statement that this money would not only be necessary but that, in order to do the work that should be done, fully a million and a half dollars should be spent on the extension and renewal of mains. Not only the City Engineer, but the Water Commissioner took a decided stand on this proposition. The mooted question of what constitutes current expense and what may properly be termed permanent improvement was gone over at some length in the Committee on Public Improvements. The impression has prevailed in the minds of most members of this Board that any public work whose life time may not exceed 20 or 15 years could not be considered as other than a current expense, that work whose life time might exceed 20 years might be considered under the head of a permanent improvement. We were informed today by the City Engineer and the Water Commissioner that the mains that were laid in the Roxbury district and in the vicinity of the old Norfolk House were laid previous to the an-

nexation of Roxbury to the city of Boston. They were laid by the old town of Roxbury in about 1850. Those mains have been in the ground for more than half a century, and can, therefore, be termed nothing other than permanent improvements. We were informed that the mains that are laid in the Congress St. section of our city were laid after the fire, in 1874; that those mains have been in use for 33 years. We were informed further, Mr. Chairman, that the safety not only of the lives of the men engaged on business in the vicinity of Congress St., but of their wares, their merchandise and their various business establishments, are in danger as a result of failure on the part of this Board to provide the Water Department with the money that is necessary to place there mains of sufficient size to furnish proper fire protection. I appreciate the fact that a well-regulated and well-organized body, such as is sometimes the Republican City Committee of Boston, may have their own ideas on questions of finance, but I do appreciate the fact that as intelligent a representation of the Republican party as is to be found here in the Board of Aldermen, after listening to the evidence that was submitted to the Committee on Public Improvements today, and in all fairness to the constituency that they represent—not the minority party alone, who, perhaps, represent but 24,000 enrolled voters, but that greater constituency including the Democratic party as well, which represents nearly three times as many enrolled voters, having a mind to the interests of the entire constituency of the citizens of Boston—should vote for this measure. The duty that they owe to the entire constituency of the citizens of this city is greater than that which they owe to the minority as represented by their city committee. The city committee may have its ideas on the question of what constitutes current expense and what constitutes permanent improvement, and the impression may prevail in some quarters that anything that may have been said today by the City Engineer, by the Water Commissioner or by any member of this Board will have no weight with the members of this Board who have conversed with the chairman of the Republican City Committee. But, Mr. Chairman, there is justification for the Republican members of this Board in voting for this proposition after listening to the testimony that was presented to the Committee on Public Improvements today. It was stated by the City Engineer that \$300,000 was not only regarded as absolutely essential this year, but that \$400,000 was necessary and that at least one and one-half millions should be expended for this purpose. One of the members rises and asks that this matter be postponed for one week. I can conceive of no reason for that, because I believe honestly it is his purpose at the next meeting of this Board to vote for the proposition. Then, why delay?—Why prevent immediate action today? We are all familiar with the facts. We have been informed by competent authorities whom we believe are honest men that this money is necessary, that it is required, that the protection and safety of the public and the business interests demand immediate, speedy action on the part of this Board. I sincerely trust that the motion to assign will not prevail. I appreciate the fact that it may cause some embarrassment to members of this Board who have given their word to some person or persons that it is their purpose to assign this until some later meeting, but every sane man has the privilege of changing his mind and after the argument that was presented today I am satisfied that even the genial president

of the Republican City Committee, Mr. Graves, would change his mind—if he had listened to the arguments presented by the City Engineer and the head of the Water Department. I trust that the motion to assign will not prevail, but that this Board will do what it should—pass the order today.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I want to correct one or two impressions that might be conveyed by the speech to which we have listened. In the first place, I have not given my word to vote for this or not to vote for it. I never give my word to vote for anything at any time. I always use my own judgment in this Board and elsewhere. So that disposes of that. One reason why I want this to stand over, and why I confidently ask the Board to let it stand over, is that it does not make the slightest difference whether it is acted upon today or at a later meeting. Every member of the Board who was present at the meeting of the Committee on Public Improvements today will recollect that it was stated by the Water Commissioner that no pipes can be obtained until August. Therefore, the standing over of this order for a week, or even a month, is wholly immaterial. Not one particle of damage can be done by having this stand over until July, because they cannot get any pipes until August. The Commissioner stated so himself.

Ald. CURLEY—Will the Alderman yield for a question?

Ald. BANGS—I do not care to do so now. There are one or two little matters connected with this that I want to investigate further, and therefore I ask that it stand over for one week.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I feel that the latter part of the statement made by Ald. Bangs was not actuated by an intentional desire on his part to confuse the members of this Board. I believe he intended to state just what took place; but, Mr. Chairman, he failed to do it. Ald. Battis asked the commissioner if he had any pipe on hand, and the commissioner said yes, he had plenty of it. The question was then asked as to the possibility of securing pipe, and the commissioner said that if he had the money to expend now he could not get any pipe before August. I submit that that was his statement. Now, if they have the pipe on hand, why delay the work? If we are going to have a big convention in Boston this year, an Old Home week celebration, and so on, we should furnish some protection for the visitors who are coming to our city. We should try to begin and complete this work if possible, before the convention or the celebration takes place here. If the pipe is on hand, and the department is prepared to do the work, why delay?

Ald. Bangs' motion to assign further consideration to the next meeting was declared carried. Ald. CURLEY doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The order was assigned to the next meeting, yeas 7, nays 6:

Yeas—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper, Finigan—7.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—6.

Ald. BANGS moved a general reconsideration of all action taken today. Lost.

TRACK IN BATTERY ST.

On motion of Ald. WOODS the Board voted to take the following from the table:

72. Order granting to the West End Street Railway Company locations for tracks, as follows:

"A single track in Battery St., city proper, between Commercial St. and the North ferry, from and connecting with the southerly of the existing tracks on said Battery St., to land of the Boston Elevated Railway Company situated on the southerly side of Battery St., together with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections," with the right to use the overhead single trolley electric system thereon.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I trust that the board will see fit to allow this matter to go over one more week, and then I will be ready to vote on it one way or the other. I move that the matter be assigned to the next meeting.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I agree to that.

The order was assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

Ald. CLARK moved to adjourn. Declared carried. Ald. DRAPER doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays. The motion to adjourn was lost, yeas 6, nays 7.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark—6.

Nays—Ald. Curley, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—7.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I move that we take up the appointments as submitted by the Committee on Public Improvements, to be acted on together, in one batch. (Referring to Nos. 14 to 64 inclusive, on the calendar, referred earlier in the meeting to the Public Improvements and subsequently reported on by that committee.)

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, 1 object.

The CHAIRMAN—Objection being made, they can be taken up separately.

On motion of Ald. WOODS, the Board took up the following:

14. J. Alfred Mitchell, to be City Auditor.

The question came on confirmation Committee, Ald. Woods and Battis; whole number of ballots 13, yeas 13, and the appointment was confirmed.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY, the Board voted to take up No. 15, and to decide the question of confirmation by roll call, viz.:

15. Charles H. Slattery, to be City Treasurer.

The appointment was confirmed, yeas 13.

On motion of Ald. FINIGAN, the Board voted to take up, and to act by roll call upon, the following appointment:

16. Garrett W. Scillard, to be City Collector.

The appointment was confirmed, yeas 13.

On motion of Ald. WHELTON, the Board voted to take up, and to act by roll call upon, the following appointment:

1. Thomas M. Babson, to be Corporation Counsel.

The appointment was confirmed, yeas 11, no 2. Ald. Finigan and Whelton voting no.

On motion of ALD. WOODS,

The Board voted to take up and to act by roll call upon, the following appointment:

18. William Jackson, to be City Engineer.

The appointment was confirmed, yeas 13.

On motion of ALD. CURLEY, the Board voted to take up, and to act by roll call upon, the following appointment:

19. James H. Doyle, to be Superintendent of Streets.

The question came on confirmation.

ALD. BANGS.—Mr. Chairman, on the subject of the appointment and re-appointment of Mr. Doyle, I want to say that it seems to me from observation of the streets of Boston, that they are in a very bad condition. I don't know that there has ever been a time when the streets of the city were in as bad shape as they are today. It is by a man's fruits that you must know him, and it seems to me that Mr. Doyle has not come up to expectations. Boylston St. is in a shocking condition; Hanover St. is in a shocking condition, and a great many other Sts. of the city are in a disgraceful condition—so much so that numerous people have spoken to me about it and I have no doubt to other members of the board. The business men of the city are very much stirred up over the condition of our streets. Now, it is not from any lack of funds that the streets are in bad condition.

Ald. WOODS.—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order. I would like to know whether the member has a right to speak about the appointment of a man when the question is on confirmation?

The CHAIRMAN—The gentleman will state his point of order.

Ald. WOODS—That no member has a right to speak on the appointment of a man when the question is on confirmation.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair would rule that the point of order is not well taken.

Ald. BANGS.—The streets of Boston are in such a condition that it is a matter of public comment on all hands, and it is not from any lack of funds that they are so. There have been ample appropriations made to meet the expenses of the Street Department, and last year ample loans were made. All that was asked for last year was given, and what is the result? The streets are in such a condition that it is a disgrace. We are going to have an Old Home Week this summer. People are coming back to Boston from all over the country. When they see the streets of the city of Boston I don't think they will be particularly pleased with them. They are in a very disgraceful condition. I want to know what has become of all the money? Where are the hundreds of thousands of dollars that have been taken out of the tax levy and that have been borrowed, the credit of the city being pledged? What has become of all that money? Why are the streets full of holes? Why do we see asphalt streets patched with broken stone, making no end of dust, dirt and mess? I want to know why it is, and I think every citizen of Boston has a right to ask why it is. We appropriate money for a Consumptives' Hospital and we do all in our power to spread consumption by having the streets in a shameful condition, by having glass and dust in the streets, powdered stone where there should be asphalt, and so on. We have asphalt pavements which have been put down at great expense, and when holes are worn in the asphalt, instead of repairing it properly, broken stone is put into the holes, which is ground to powder, gets into everybody's lungs, and spreads consumption. What has become of the money the city has spent? When our citizens come back here from the West, and other parts of the country, where they have good streets, where things are done in a

business-like manner, when they return to the Hub of the Universe, what will they think? The first thing, they will step into a hole. It is a shameful condition of affairs, Mr. Chairman, and I think it ought to be met with censure.

Ald. CURLEY.—Mr. Chairman, I have listened carefully to the statement of the Alderman on my right. I don't think the people who will come here for the Old Home Week celebration will come looking for holes in the streets. I think they will come here to see the beauties of our city, to view our park system, to view our public buildings, to look at the old historic treasures we have in the city of Boston. As regards the condition of the streets, why, Mr. Chairman, if we had the best engineer that was ever produced in the history of the civilized world for Superintendent of Streets, it would be an utter impossibility for him to do justice to the position, in view of the salary the Superintendent of Streets receives in the city of Boston. Go to any of our large American cities and you will find the same conditions there that you find here, because we have not met properly the problem of the change in style of vehicles that pass over our public streets. How this problem will be met no man has come forward to say, up to the present time. When the question of providing and building the right kind of road from an engineering standpoint became urgent in England, a man named Macadam came forward and presented what is now termed the Macadam roadway. That was used for transporting artillery, which would rip up almost any other kind of surface. France had almost the same kind of problem to deal with, and because of the difference in climatic conditions in France, as compared with England, it became necessary to establish some other style of roadbuilding. A French inventor by the name of Telford came forward, and, as a result of his ingenuity and skill, we have the Telford roadway. I do not know what roadway is proper for the city of Boston. I have been in St. Louis and have found that they have handled this problem successfully by the adoption of vitrified brick paving. We have some types of vitrified brick paving in the vicinity of Boston, on the other side of the Harvard Bridge in Cambridge, but it does not give entire satisfaction, by any means. We have it at Bosworth Place, off Tremont St., but it does not stand the wear and tear. The question of automobiles and their wear and tear on our roadways is a question that has not as yet been solved. The Park Department came in this year, and asked for twice as much money as was expended last year, and Mr. Pettigrew, the Superintendent of the Park Department, stated that it was an impossibility with their appropriation to keep pace with the wear and tear on their roadway, as the result of automobile travel. After a rain storm an automobile, in traveling over the roadway, in making a turn from a main highway, will rip up the roadway on the side where it turns. It has been proven that Macadam highways will not stand the wear and tear of automobiles, that Telford roadways will not stand it, and it is proven daily that asphalt surfacing will not stand the wear and tear of heavy automobiles. What style of roadway will be adopted I don't know, but I believe it may have to come back to the old styles in force on the New York water front some years ago, of iron plates laid on the streets, upon which it was required that the wheels of the vehicles should travel. I believe that style of roadway would resist the wear and tear to some extent, but I am no

engineer, and there is no engineer in any city of the United States who has up to the present time solved the problem. In anticipation of the St. Louis

Exposition, the city of St. Louis, Missouri, expended for the building of roadways in the vicinity of six and one-half million dollars in a period of a year and a half, and the population at that time was no greater than is the population of Boston and the area was not very much in excess of the area of Boston. New York spends annually in the vicinity of three to five or six million dollars for new highways and for repairs on surface. That city has not solved the problem. Why condemn the head of the Paving Division in Boston because he has not proved equal to a task that has confounded the best engineers in the United States? I honestly believe that the Paving Division of Boston could expend tomorrow judiciously in the vicinity of five million dollars for new highways and for repairs of old highways, and then every street would not be cared for; but if the department does not get the necessary money we cannot have even the front windows of our home look as respectable and be in as good condition as they might be. Ald. Bangs has referred only to what might be termed the parlor of Boston—to Boylston St. and to the in-town streets. What does he say in regard to the kitchen district—West Roxbury, Roxbury, Dorchester? The streets in all those sections are in need of improvement, and they do not ask the expensive style of street building that we have in the heart of the city, the parlor of the city. It is a great problem, a problem that I do not believe has yet been solved, and I don't believe it will be solved in the next 10 years. With the money it has received I think the Paving Division has done fairly well. Conditions have been against them. We spend for the maintenance of our Paving Division and for new highways about a million and a half dollars a year, where we should spend in the vicinity of three million dollars.

The appointment of James H. Doyle, to be Superintendent of Streets, was confirmed, yes 10, no 3. Ald. Bangs, Bell and Clark voting "No."

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I move that we take up Nos. 20, 23, 24 and 25 together.

Ald. CURLEY—I object, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN—Objection being made, the motion is out of order.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY, the Board voted to take up, and to act by roll call upon, the following appointment:

20. John J. Leahy, to be Superintendent of Sewers.

The appointment was confirmed, yes 13.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY, the Board voted to take up, and to act upon by roll call, the following appointment:

21. Daniel H. Gillespie, to be Superintendent of the Sanitary Department.

The question came on confirmation.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, in voting against the confirmation of Mr. Gillespie to be Superintendent of the Sanitary Department, I simply want to register my protest against the manner in which Mr. Gillespie has handled that department through Dorchester. While I realize that there is no station out there for that business, that the work has been done under contract, the fact remains that the contract has been under Mr. Gillespie's jurisdiction, and that during the last winter—while conditions in respect to weather, snow and ice have been severe—the conditions of the ashes and garbage in Dorchester

has been something frightful. I believe Mr. Gillespie has not been equal to handling that proposition for the best interests of the city, and for that reason I believe he is not a man who should receive my vote for confirmation of his reappointment.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I have been waiting for about a year and a half for this opportunity to set myself right relative to Mr. Gillespie before a section of this community. I want to say that I am personally interested in Mr. Gillespie, because he comes from Wd. 17; that I have never, in any way, by word, suggestion or act, attempted to interfere with his policy in that department; that I have been condemned by votes and by voice at meetings of the sanitary workers' union because Mr. Gillespie tried to get 100 cents on the dollar for the taxpayers of the city of Boston. Certain customs had been in vogue there and become almost an established law in the department. The men could pick the ashes and pick the junk that was found in the offal and in the ashes, and they had been doing it for 20 years, and Mr. Gillespie stopped it. He stopped it in order that they might be enabled to carry six loads where previously they had been delivering but four loads. Delegation after delegation came to me and protested and protested against Mr. Gillespie's action, and I said: "He is the head of the department, and I will not interfere with him, and will not ask him to change his policy. The best evidence of the fact that Mr. Gillespie has given entire satisfaction to the taxpayers of Boston is attested by the records of his office. Where two years ago and for ten years previous the average number of complaints in any one month in the year, particularly in the spring months, was in the vicinity of 250, he informed me that during the month of March of this year there were but 35 complaints from the entire city because of failure to remove ashes or offal. I believe that Mr. Gillespie is an absolutely honest man. I believe that he is running that department for the best interests of the taxpayers. I believed that I have suffered considerably in political popularity with the men in his employ because Mr. Gillespie has introduced business-like methods into his department. But I have not criticised him; rather have I endeavored to uphold him in his policy. When representatives of the Sanitary Workers' Union waited on me and asked that I recommend changes there, that I recommend that Mr. Gillespie grant those men the Saturday half-holiday that they have been having for a number of years, I said: "Mr. Gillespie is running that department, and I will not interfere with him." Mr. Gillespie met the union and said: "If you do your work in five and one-half days, you can have Saturday afternoons off, but if you do not deliver the proper number of loads and do an honest day's work, you will not have it off. The taxpayers are the ones I am here to represent and to whom I propose to minister"—and I believe he is doing it with more courage and more ability than any man who has filled the office previously. As regards the contract system in Dorchester, I was criticised and condemned in the last election as a result of the Dorchester conditions. The contractor, McShane, who has been doing the work for five or six years, on a \$500 a year basis, refused to continue his contract because of the advance in prices and the demand of the men employed by him for increased wages and shorter hours. When the contract broke down, in order that the people of the Dorchester district might get the service to

which they were entitled. Mr. Gillespie solicited a man who had teams to go there and take the contract until such time as the difficulties under which they were laboring out there could be removed. Mr. Clarence Goodwin of Commonwealth Ave. ran the contract for five weeks, exactly, until a man was found who would take the contract, a Dorchester man. I believe, Mr. Gillespie believes, and I understand it is the Mayor's desire, that a yard should be established in the Dorchester district for the sanitary department, but, because of the expense of maintenance of such a yard, one has not yet been established. Figures were submitted to the City Council within a month showing that it would cost \$100,000 or more to maintain a branch sanitary department in the Dorchester district. I have not seen any evidence on the part of the Dorchester member of a desire to meet those conditions. I have not heard him even evince a desire that such a yard should be established there; I have not even seen him rise and ask that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee, in the interests of the Dorchester district. You cannot get good service where men are underpaid and do not work under proper conditions; and, although it is costing from 100 to 150 per cent. more for the work out there than it did two years ago, still you cannot get the service that the people deserve. I would like to see improved service in the Dorchester district, but I don't think it is fair to criticize Mr. Gillespie because we don't have it. The fault lies somewhere else—because they have no sanitary yard in the Dorchester district, and because the contract system is maintained. If the member from Dorchester believes that the service is improper and poor, let him present an order for abolition of the contract system in Dorchester, and I will support it and do everything I can to secure its passage. Let him present an order to establish a sanitary yard in the Dorchester district, and no man will go further than I to establish such a yard. But let him examine the complaint list from the Dorchester section before he criticises the head of the department.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, the Alderman who has risen to defend the Superintendent of the Sanitary Department, has made one or two references which would imply that I had said something in regard to the honesty of Mr. Gillespie. I do not question his honesty at all. What I do question is his ability. Whatever the Alderman may say in his defense of Mr. Gillespie in regard to the condition in Dorchester and in regard to having a sanitary yard or a contract system, let me say to him that there never was a winter in which I have lived in Dorchester when there were so many causes for complaint, and so many complaints in regard to ashes and garbage as in the past winter and the fault belongs to the man at the head of the department. If he has not the ability to attend to those things properly, he is not the man to be confirmed for reappointment. Those who have complained are entitled to be heard and to have the faults remedied. The people of Dorchester are entitled to better service from that department. They have not obtained it and I say the fault has been because Mr. Gillespie was not equal to handling the situation.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, if conditions were not right at Dorchester they could only be made right in one way—by an increased expenditure of money. That being so, instead of criticizing merely—which furnishes no base of comparison, as showing the real

ability of a head of a department, merely representing your own idea—why did you not try to do something which would help the department? Why did you vote to reduce Mr. Gillespie's appropriation, when you know that the only way in which you can get better service is by increased expenditure? I have stated what the situation was in the Dorchester district and I have no defense to make. As I have said, the contracts broke down. They broke down because the contractors refused to do the work at the old price. They wanted more money. Now, if a man is going to criticize another man's ability there is only one way to do it, and that is by a just comparison. You cannot do it in any other way. You cannot criticize justly by putting what you believe against what somebody else believes—that is to say, placing your superior intellect over Mr. Gillespie's intellect. There is no comparison there, but you can strike a comparison by comparing the complaints. If the complaints are less in number under Mr. Gillespie than they have been under any of his predecessors in a period of ten years, the case is closed. But if the complaints under Mr. Gillespie were more than they were under any of his predecessors, you may claim that there is just ground for criticism. Taking the complaints there is an opportunity to strike a comparison and to judge of his merits or demerits, his ability or lack of ability, and he can be judged in no other way. Because the office is not removed regularly in the Dorchester district, it does not follow that the superintendent lacks the ability to do the work. There is only one way to make the comparison, and that is by taking the number of complaints received under Mr. Gillespie every month and comparing them with the number that have been received by his predecessors in the different months of the ten years previous. If that is done, Mr. Gillespie will shine by comparison. As I said before, I am the one who has suffered because Mr. Gillespie has tried to give honest service as head of the Sanitary Division and has tried to give the taxpayers a dollar for every hundred cents spent by his department.

The appointment of Mr. Gillespie to be Superintendent of Sanitary Department was confirmed, yes 10, no 3. Ald. Bangs, Bell and Clark voting no.

On motion of Ald. WOODS, the Board voted to take up, and to act by roll call, upon the following appointment: 22. Matthew Cummings, to be Superintendent of Street Cleaning and Watering.

The question came on confirmation.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I have the same objection to Mr. Cummings that I have to Mr. Doyle. It seems to me that he has not given the citizens of Boston the service they were entitled to. The streets of the city of Boston are not only in bad repair, but they are very dirty, and it seems to me that what I have said about Mr. Doyle applies to this gentleman. It is his duty to keep our streets respectably and decently clean, and they are not so. Ald. Curley has spoken about the parlor and kitchen districts of the city. If he will walk in the kitchen districts and look at the streets he will see that they are pretty dirty. I should be very much ashamed to ask any one to come to Boston in Old Home week and show them around the West End. I would be ashamed to take anybody over Ald. Whelton's district, allowing them to see the dirty mess of stuff down there on the streets. I feel that we spend enough money in the city of Boston to have safe and clean streets, and I don't think any gentleman who has been in office for a year and has not accomplished more

in the way of cleaning up the streets than the present incumbent has should have his reappointment confirmed.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I don't feel that I should be called upon to defend any of these gentlemen, but I do feel, in justice to the head of the Street Cleaning Department, that I should make a statement. Last Wednesday the men in the employ of the Street Cleaning Department, who had formerly been working days, were ordered by the superintendent of the department to work nights. They came to me and asked me to protest against their being compelled to do night work. They said they wanted to be at home with their families at night. I called on Mr. Cummings, the head of the Street Cleaning Department, and he said conditions had been such that it had been an utter impossibility to clean the streets during the day entirely, and he has been obliged to put a force on nights. He said that there have been out four nights this winter when it was possible to turn the water on the streets, or put on the watering carts, without having the water freeze on the surface of the streets. I admit that the streets have been dirty, and Mr. Cummings admits that himself. Everybody in town knows that. But can we blame Mr. Cummings for conditions for which he was in no way responsible? If water freezes on the streets when deposited there from the watering carts, and therefore the dust collects on the surface and blows in every direction, it is a condition which he does not create. It is a condition created by the Almighty, and which the Superintendent could not control. I believe, in all fairness to the head of the Street Cleaning Department that he should be given an opportunity to make good. I believe it is his purpose and desire to make good, and I would like to see Ald. Bangs vote for him.

The appointment of Matthew Cummings, to be Superintendent of Street Cleaning and Watering was confirmed, yes 10, no 3, Ald. Bangs, Bell and Clark voting no.

On motion of Ald. WOODS, the Board voted to take up, and to act by roll call upon the following appointments collectively.

23. Patrick F. McDonald, to be Superintendent of Bridges.
24. Michael J. Mitchell, to be Superintendent of Supplies.
25. Edward W. McGlenen, to be City Registrar.
26. Dr. Henry Sullivan, to be Superintendent of Public Grounds.
27. James F. Noian, to be Superintendent of Public Buildings.
28. Dennis J. Hern, to be Superintendent of Lamps.
29. George E. McKay, to be Superintendent of Markets.
30. Thomas A. Whalen, to be Superintendent of Printing.
31. John E. Gilman, to be Soldiers' Relief Commissioner.
32. Henry B. Lovering, to be Sealer of Weights and Measures and Seizer of Illegal Coal, Coke and Charcoal Measures.
33. John E. Ansell.
34. Manasseh E. Bradley.
35. Jeremiah J. Bresnahan.
36. Jeremiah J. Crowley.
37. Timothy W. Crowley.
38. Daniel J. Moynihan, Jr.
39. Hugh J. Quinn.
40. James A. Sweeney.
41. James J. Sweeney.
42. Charles B. Walsh, to be Deputy Seizers of Illegal Coke, Coal and Charcoal Measures.
43. James Graham, William H. Lythgoe and Edward J. Holland, to be Constables.

44. James T. Donahue and Charles F. Willmere, to be Weighers of Boilers and Heavy Machinery.

45. John F. Glynn, to be a Weigher of Coal.

46. Martin J. Kent and John R. McDonald, to be Fence Viewers.

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1907, viz.:

47. William P. Fowler,

48. Thomas Sproules, and

49. Thomas Downey, to be Overseers of the Poor.

The appointments were severally confirmed, yes 13.

On motion of Ald. BATTIS, the Board voted to take up, and to act by roll call upon, the following appointments, collectively:

50. Samuel Hichborn,

51. Edward E. Daily, and

52. James Buckner, to be members of the Board of Assessors.

53. John A. Rooney, to be Building Commissioner.

54. Michael W. Norris, to be a member of the Board of Health.

55. James M. Prendergast, to be a member of the Board of Park Commissioners.

56. Nathaniel J. Rust, to be a member of the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds.

57. Thomas F. Boyle, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library.

58. Francis J. Keany, M.D., to be a Trustee of the Boston City Hospital.

59. John A. O'Shea, to be a member of the Board of Music Trustees.

The appointments were severally confirmed, yes 13.

On motion of Ald. WHELTON, the Board voted to take up, and to act by roll call upon the following appointment:

Laurence Minot, to be a Statistics Trustee.

The question came on confirmation.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, before No. 60 is acted upon there is just one word I desire to say. I intended to display for the benefit of the members of this Board a copy of the last official report sent out by the Statistics Department. I received one about a week ago for the months of November and December combined. I have received none since. I asked one of the messengers to get me a copy. "Why," he said, "Silloway throws those in the waste basket when they come in." Now, Mr. Chairman, it must be an important document. The other messenger informs me that, as a matter of fact, they don't come in at all. Now, what is the use of maintaining the department? This matter was threshed out two years ago and a year ago. I believe that these trustees who are regularly appointed should do the work for which they have been appointed. I do not believe there has been a meeting of the Statistics Department Trustees in a year. I question if there has been more than one meeting in two years. Mr. Hartwell is an affable, kindly, intelligent, educated gentleman, but I think he should have some assistance, and I don't think we are justified in placing on the Board of Trustees Mr. Minot, who does not take sufficient interest in the department to see that the reports are sent out as they should be sent out—within at least one, two, three, four or five months of the time when they are due to the public. We all know the purpose of the department. We know it is to supply information to students of civic conditions in all parts of the country except Boston, and it is not furnished to the city de-

partments in this building. But the mailing bill is in the vicinity of \$4000 a year, to send that information outside of the city. What good purpose does the department accomplish? If Mr. Minot attended the meetings regularly and was present at least once a week in the Statistics Department, and endeavored to have the department run on a business basis, I would vote for his confirmation; but, in view of the oppose it.

Mr. Minot's appointment to be a Statistics Trustee was confirmed, yes 8, no 4.

Yes—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper, Finigan, Leary, Woods—8.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Flanagan, Whelton—4.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY, the Board voted to take up, and to act by roll call upon, the following appointments, collectively:

61. John J. O'Hare, to be a Bath Trustee.

62. Mrs. Lawrence J. Logan, to be a Bath Trustee.

63. Charles E. Phipps, to be a Cemetery Trustee.

64. Herbert F. Price, to be a Consumptives' Hospital Trustee.

The appointments were severally confirmed, yes 13.

REPAIR OF FULLER ST.

Ald. CLARK offered an order. That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to resurface the roadway on Fuller St., between Dorchester Ave. and Washington St., Wd. 24, and charge the expense to the appropriation for street improvements.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

INSPECTION OF MARKETS.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—

That the Committee on Markets be authorized to visit the cities of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, D. C., for the purpose of inspecting the markets in said cities; and the City Auditor is hereby authorized to allow, and the City Treasurer to pay, from the Contingent Fund of the Board of Aldermen, the necessary expenses for carfare and carriage hire for the committee and accompanying officials that may be incurred during the said visit.

The question came on the passage of the order. Ald. DRAPER moved assignment to the next meeting: The motion was defeated, and the order was passed: Ald. BALDWIN moved to reconsider; lost.

EXPENDING OF THORNDIKE BEQUEST.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the City Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to pay over to the Overseers of the Poor the annual income received from the investment of the fund received under the will of the late George L. Thorndike, and the said Overseers of the Poor are hereby authorized to expend said income in accordance with the provisions of the said will.

Passed. Sent down.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. CURLEY moved a general reconsideration of the action taken today on all motions, orders and resolutions, hoping the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. BANGS, at 7 P. M., to meet on Monday, May 6, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, May 2, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P. M., President BARRETT in the chair.

TOILET FACILITIES IN MARKET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 2, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Markets in answer to your order requesting that suitable toilet facilities be provided in the Quincy Market Building.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Market Department, April 18, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of the City of Boston.

Dear Sir:—Replying to a communication referred to an order passed by the Common Council, April 11, 1907, which was referred to the Bath Department, and by that department referred to the Market Department, with request that if replied to, report should be made to the Mayor's office, would say that so far as accommodations for men are concerned in the spring of 1903 the apartments in the basement formerly used by the market men only were enlarged and refitted in the most approved manner at an expense of \$10,000, placed in charge of janitors and opened as a public convenience station. This arrangement provided for a want which had been seriously needed for many years in this crowded locality and has given universal satisfaction.

As to toilet facilities for women, by a reference to the annual report of the Market Department, dated Feb. 20, 1900, it will be seen that in the reconstruction of Faneuil Hall it was recommended that arrangements should be made to provide such facilities in Faneuil Hall, and that a matron should be placed in charge of the same during the hours when the hall was open. The same suggestion was made in the annual report dated March 1, 1901. This arrangement would provide for the women employed at the markets as well as the thousands of women who annually visit the hall. These suggestions were approved by the committee in charge, and when the plans for the reconstruction of the hall were completed, arrangements for this purpose were provided, to be located on the south side of the first floor of the hall. While the work was in progress these plans were changed, and the toilet room for women was placed on the second floor. On June 29, 1905, a complaint which had been made to Chief Shaw of the State Police was investigated by Inspector William J. McKeever (who had charge of factories and buildings under Chief Shaw), and after a thorough personal examination of the apartments and an interview with the Superintendent of Markets and Mr. McLaughlin, the Superintendent of Faneuil Hall, from whom he learned that a large number of women from the market

and stores in the vicinity made use of the accommodations, stated that he saw no reason why the apartments did not meet all the requirements of the law and should be satisfactory. There is, however, a change which might be made that would improve conditions. The hour for closing Faneuil Hall is at 4 P. M. each week day except Saturday, when it closes at noon. Could these hours be consistently changed so that proper access to the hall could be had at all hours when the business interests require women to be employed and a matron placed in charge of the apartments, which I consider would be necessary, such accommodations could be provided for women as would be far superior and satisfactory to any that could be made in the market building. I enclose herewith a copy of a notice which has twice been placed in every stall and cellar in the markets.

Yours respectfully,

George E. McKay,
Superintendent of Markets.

Placed on file.

VIOLATIONS OF BUILDING LAWS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Law Department.

May 2, 1907.

To the Common Council, City Hall,
Boston.

Gentlemen:—I am requested by His Honor the Mayor to report to you as to the number of violations of the ordinances concerning buildings outside the building limits during the last six years, and as to the disposition made of the same.

Samuel M. Child had charge of all building complaints up to Jan. 1, 1907, and David D. Leahy has had charge of them since that date. As will be seen by the enclosed reports made to me by these gentlemen, there have been very few complaints made during these years of violations of the ordinances concerning wooden buildings. It will be seen that almost all these reported violations were remedied to the satisfaction of the Building Commissioner and proceedings closed, the only exceptions to the rule being apparently a few cases where the only question involved was as to the division line. If the division line was where one party thought it was, then the building complained of would be a few inches nearer the division line than it ought to be, whereas if the division line was as claimed by the owner of the building, the building would be at least five feet from the adjoining lot.

I enclose copies of reports.

Yours respectfully,

Thomas M. Babson,
Corporation Counsel.

April 29, 1907.

Thomas M. Babson, Esq., Corporation
Counsel, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:—In reply to your letter of April 27, 1907, inquiring about the complaints made to the Law Department for violation of the building ordinances on buildings outside the fire limits, during the last six years, I would say that about six or eight such complaints were forwarded by the Building Commissioner. As I remember them, they were all complaints alleging that the parties were too near the lot line. Upon investigation I found that they were all neighborhood rows over the division line and the parties were seeking to have the Law Department go to the expense of settling the title to their property. This I declined to do, and informed the parties that when the lot line had been judicially determined, if there was a violation of the ordi-

nances, I would prosecute it, but I refused to spend the public money or spend my time in settling private titles for anyone.

Yours truly,

Samuel M. Child.

April 30, 1907.

Thomas M. Babson, Esq., Corporation Counsel.

Dear Sir:—Upon examination I have found the following violations of the ordinances referred to in the order adopted by the Common Council at the last meeting:

Feb. 10, 1906, Aldworth St., near Centre St., no permit. Closed Dec. 19, 1906.

May 17, 1905, Hartwell St., near Georgia St., no fire stops.

Sept. 5, 1901, Malcolm St., no fire stops. Closed Dec. 19, 1906.

May 24, 1904, 61 Ceylon St., no permit. Closed Dec. 14, 1905.

Nov. 20, 1899, 303 Chestnut Ave., no fire stops. Closed Dec. 22, 1903.

March 24, 1934, 90 Hamilton St., erecting building without permit. Closed Feb. 14, 1905.

March 1, 1903, Penfield St., near Brandon St., no fire stops. Closed Jan. 8, 1907.

March 1, 1900, Park St., no fire stops. Closed Jan. 8, 1907.

Feb. 8, 1906, 18-20 Snow St., rear, floor area in excess of 2500 square feet. Closed Dec. 21, 1906.

In addition to the above list of complaints which were sent to the Law Department prior to my appointment, and which list I have obtained from the Building Department, I find that a complaint against 218-220 Havre St., East Boston, was sent to me on Nov. 5, 1905, for prosecution. On Nov. 9 I wrote the owners regarding the complaint, and on Dec. 17, 1906, I received a letter from the Building Commission stating that the cause of complaint on these premises had been removed.

Yours truly,

David D. Leahy,

Assistant Corporation Counsel.

The communication was assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13.

LIST OF BUILDING PETITIONS.

The following was received

City of Boston,

Clerk of Committees Department,

May 1, 1907.

To the Honorable Common Council:—
Gentlemen:—In accordance with your order of April 25, 1907, relative to a list of petitions referred to the Committee on Building Department and not granted, etc., I respectfully submit the following list, giving in each case the date of petition, the name and address of petitioner, the location of building and the action of the City Council:

1902.

Feb. 10—Thomas Connors, 332 Fourth St., wooden addition, 234 Bolton St.—Referred to the next City Government.

April 7—H. P. Hood & Sons, 494 Rutherford Ave., wooden addition, Rutherford Ave.—Leave to withdraw at request of the petitioner.

Aug. 11—Boston Molasses Company, 24 Broad St., wooden building, Summer-St. extension—No action necessary.

1903.

May 21—G. H. Billings & Co., 393 Dorchester Ave., wooden addition, Dorchester Ave.—No action necessary.

June 29—H. G. Garrett et al., 9 Charles St., Charlestown, wooden addition, Charles St., Wd. 4—No action necessary

Aug. 28—John H. Proctor Company, 412 Old South building, wooden building, Southampton St.—Leave to withdraw.

Sept. 21—John H. Proctor Company, 412 Old South building, wooden building, South St.—Leave to withdraw.

Oct. 26—Renim Specialty Company, 37 Parkman St., Brighton, wooden building, Parkman St.—Leave to withdraw at request of the petitioner.

1904.

Feb. 29—John Morrison Company, Summer St., wooden building, Summer St., Wd. 2—Leave to withdraw.

1905.

Oct. 24, 1904—Ira L. Moore, 734 Broadway, wooden addition, 340 West First St.—Leave to withdraw.

Sept. 25—A. J. Furbush, 200 Washington St., Brighton, wooden building, 22 Snow St., Brighton—Referred to law department.

1906.

Jan. 8—Charlestown Gas & Electric Company, Thompson Square, wooden addition, Arlington Ave.—Recommended to committee.

Feb. 13—Murray & Tregurtha Company, wooden building, 340 West First St.—Before 1907 committee as unfinished business.

Aug. 20—N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., wooden building, Northern Ave.—Order rejected by City Council.

Sept. 10—N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., wooden trestle, Northern Ave.—Order rejected by City Council.

Nov. 7—Estate of P. O'Riordan, wooden building, Foss St.—Before 1907 committee as unfinished business.

In reply to the last clause of the order I will say that there were no petitions in 1906 referred to the next city government by direct action, but that under the general order referring unfinished business the two petitions noted above came over to this year's committee.

Yours respectfully,

John F. Deyer,

Clerk of Committees.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13.

PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Report of the Joint Special Committee on Rules and Orders of the City Council, recommending the adoption of an accompanying draft, being the same rules as were in force in 1906. (City Doc. 54.)

Report accepted, and rules adopted, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15, Nos. 2 to 8, inclusive, were considered collectively, viz.:

2. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of Christine Lowe, referred June 10, 1901, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Village St.—leave to withdraw.

3. Report of same committee, on petition, of Martin E. F. Dolan, referred Jan. 25, 1904, to be paid the amount of wages lost on account of fines and suspension while employed in the Fire Department—leave to withdraw.

4. Report of same committee, on petition of Mary E. Benton, referred Dec. 5, 1904, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Beacon St.—leave to withdraw.

5. Report of same committee, on petitions of Eugene J. Sullivan, referred April 6 and 13, 1903, for compensation for injuries and damages caused by an alleged defect in Canterbury St., March 24, 1903—leave to withdraw.

6. Report of same committee, on petition of Marie Bourque, referred Nov. 7, 1906, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Wash-

ington St., Dorchester—leave to withdraw, suit having been brought against the city.

7. Report of same committee, on petition of Thomas F. Geary, referred March 19, 1907, for compensation for injury to horse at Fort Hill wharf, Feb. 20, 1907—leave to withdraw.

8. Report of same committee, on petition of Ethel Maud Freeman, referred April 8, 1907, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Belgrade avenue—leave to withdraw, suit having been entered against the city.

Reports severally accepted in concurrence.

9. Ordered, That the City Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to pay over to the Overseers of the Poor the annual income received from the investment of the fund received under the will of the late George L. Thorndike, and the said Overseers of the Poor are hereby authorized to expend said income in accordance with the provisions of the said will.

On motion of Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2 assignment of the matter was assigned to the next meeting.

ADDITIONAL DEPUTY SEALERS.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 10, unfinished business, viz.:

10. An Ordinance Relative to Additional Deputy Sealers of Weights and Measures.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter 43 of the Revised Ordinances of 1895 is hereby amended in Section 1 by striking out the word "ten" in the third line of said section, and inserting in place thereof the word "eighteen."

The question came on the passage of the ordinance.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11.—Mr. President, I move that this ordinance be indefinitely postponed. The excuse for this increase in the pay of deputy sealers of weights and measures is a bill now pending in the Legislature, Senate Bill No. 174, which has not yet been enacted. The undue haste exhibited by the administration in endeavoring to secure the passage of this ordinance reminds me of the second act of Salome Jane. That act shows the house of Red Pete, with his wife, Lize Heath, at the wash-tub, back to the audience, scrubbing away for the two kids in the back-ground. Red Pete is wanted for holding up a stage coach, driven by Yuba Bill. The citizens' committee is trying to enforce order and they are after Lize's husband. When they catch him they are going to hang him. Very soon on comes Yuba Bill, the driver of the coach. He is very fond of the kids and he thinks Lize would make a likely wife. So, although the hanging ceremony has not yet come off, he is there to begin his courtship, to woo the lady. He exhibited an undue haste and disregard of the proprieties that was simply sublime, but no more sublime, Mr. President, than the undue haste and lack of propriety which the administration has shown in endeavoring to create these eight unnecessary offices. Perhaps we cannot expect anything more; I understand that the word "propriety" has been stricken from the municipal dictionary. It would seem to me that there must be enough men in this Council with a sense of responsibility to stop this steal—for it is nothing more nor less than a steal, a barefaced robbery, and the facts will bear me out. There is absolutely no necessity for increasing the force of the deputy sealers of weights and measures, even if the bill referred to does pass, and that fact can

be demonstrated. At the present time there are ten deputies in Boston. Four of them are at work in the office—or supposed to be—at the time, taking care of bottles. Six of them are out about the city engaged in testing various scales and measures. Those six are the only ones we need to consider in this matter, because these eight are required to help those six, in case this act should pass. Those six men test, on an average, 37 scales, measures, etc., a day—that is, they did last year. That includes yardsticks and all sorts of little things than can be done very quickly. In fact, I am told that sometimes they test as many as fifty in one establishment. So they are not overworked. Some people have gone so far as to say that their positions are sinecures. At any rate, we know they are appointed because of their political influence; we know that they are not under the civil service laws, and we know that they do the same amount of work and are supposed to do the same amount of work as any politician appointed to his job as a reward for his past or future services. At the present time those six men test 27 scales and measures per day, and among those scales are the self-computing scales, which are the subject of Bill 174. They do not test those scales for the self-computing mechanism, but they test every one of them at the present time for the spring; so that the additional work is not so great as would appear, because they will have to examine each of these machines, anyway, for the springs. Now, how much additional work do you think this bill will require? How many additional tests per day do you think will be necessary? They have asked, to cover this additional number of tests, an increase in the force of 133 per cent, which would create an annual burden of \$12,800 on the taxpayers, an increase of 50 per cent. in the expenditures of the department. They have asked for an increase which would amount to about \$256,000 in twenty years. And for what have they asked this tremendous increase of 133 per cent? In order to cover an increase of 1-2-3 tests per day—that is to say, an increase of 5 per cent in the work required, according to the calculation of this administration, an increase of 133 per cent. in the force. Isn't that an outrage? Isn't it a steal, pure and simple? There are other cities and towns in this Commonwealth where they have deputy sealers of weights and measures. We have at the present time a sealer and ten deputies here in Boston. How many do you suppose they have in other cities and towns? Three in Worcester, two in Cambridge, and, with the exception of a possible two in some cases, they have only one in all the rest of the cities and towns. So now our number is entirely out of proportion to the number in the other cities and towns in the Commonwealth. And why is that so? Because away back in 1836, I think it was, two good politicians wanted the same job. The Mayor was very much troubled, did not know how he was going to stand in with both factions—so he created two new offices, and each man got his job. There was nothing in the necessities of the case, so far as the business of the city was concerned, that required it. It was purely on account of political exigency. We can stand a certain degree of increase, I suppose, on account of political exigency; but we cannot stand an increase of this magnitude, and it seems to me there should be enough respectable, decent members of this Council, men with a due sense of responsibility, to stop this thing. None of the other cities and towns of the Commonwealth are going to increase

the number of their deputies on account of this bill. I have been told on good authority that that is true. Why should we do so? I have also been informed on good authority, on the authority of a person whose business it is to know, that the present deputies in the department are very far from being overworked. Mr. President, it seems to me we should have some regard for our trust. It seems to me that we do not want to disregard the trust imposed in us by the people of this city; and I certainly hope that this ordinance will be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. LILL of Wd. 8.—Mr. President, at this time I desire to move that No. 10 on the calendar be assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

The PRESIDENT.—The Chair will state that the motion to assign takes precedence, and that the question comes on assignment of the ordinance to the next meeting.

Mr. SHEEHAN of Wd. 17.—Mr. President, I trust that both motions will be defeated, and that we will pass upon the merits of this order tonight. I am content to permit my respectability, my sense of responsibility and my integrity to hinge upon my vote upon this ordinance tonight, because if I understand it rightly, it contemplates preventing a "steal"—if I may be permitted to borrow the term of my friend—under which such people as I represent lose, and such people as he represents profit. I became interested in the subject matter which prompted the introduction of this ordinance some time ago. My constituency comprises the poorer class of people, and it was for the protection of that class that this ordinance was introduced. Unless I have woefully misconceived it, and unless I have been greatly misinformed, the primary purpose of this ordinance is to correct the abuses arising from these computing scales. I had occasion to see the sealer of weights and measures in regard to these scales, owing to complaints that had been received by the president of the political club in my ward, and he told me that he had no authority to examine those scales. Subsequently, through the influence of people equally interested in this matter, the Legislature took up the question, and I believe that the bill which they wanted passed has now gone through the Senate. Anyway, there is pending in the Legislature a bill contemplating the giving of authority to sealers of weights and measures to correct the abuses of these computing scales. There are approximately 5000 of those scales in use in Boston. They are used in stores located in the districts where the poorer classes of the city live especially. In order to bring forcibly to the minds of the members here the inherent evil of that type of scale, I shall read a paragraph or two from the remarks of Alderman Curley in the Board of Aldermen. I shall employ his words, because I admit candidly that he is more intimately acquainted with the subject matter here than I am, for the reason that he at one time—and for a number of years, I believe, was employed in grocery and provision stores, and therefore knows something in regard to this computing scale evil. Now, he says:

"Under the present system, the computations are arranged on the scale of eight ounces to the pound, rather than 16, so that if a person is purchasing goods costing 30 cents a pound and buys a pound and a fractional portion of a pound, if the fractional portion is in excess of eight ounces, he will pay more for that fractional portion than for the full pound. In other words, the computations are graduated on a scale of four to eight ounces, rather than a pound. So if a man purchases a pound

and ten ounces of any given commodity—tea, butter, cheese, coffee, meat—for which, say, he would pay 30 cents a pound, he will, for instance for the amount in excess of a pound pay four cents an ounce. In other words for the extra 10 ounces he will pay 40 cents additional, while for the pound he pays but 30 cents. If it is good policy to permit the men back of that sort of thing, those interested in the scales and the storekeepers, to thus continue to cheat the public, I say it might be all very well for us to let it lie over."

I shall not quote any further. I only wanted to quote what he said in regard to the figures. Now, Mr. President, there is no doubt entertained by any member here but what the legislation referred to will be passed. If it is passed and the sealer is vested with the authority to correct this abuse, it is obvious that his present force is insufficient to meet the additional burden that will be placed upon that office. There are at present 10 deputy sealers. I believe four of them are employed in the sealing of milk jars, leaving six to do the ordinary examination of scales. Now, the thing that is uppermost in my mind is to remedy and correct this evil. I do not care much as to the means that may be employed to do it, but I do hope and trust that some means will be adopted whereby this vicious evil will be remedied. Now, if the Sealer of Weights and Measures, by an increase in his force, will be able to examine these scales, ultimately every one of these scales will be condemned and removed from very store in this city, and undoubtedly another scale will be introduced, and that will require the services of men to examine them. The man who sells these scales represents to the storekeepers, and truly represents to them, that they will be able to make up the difference in cost between that scale and some cheaper scale inside of six months; and many of the storekeepers—the greater number of them—especially in my section of the city, have been taking advantage of this opportunity to enrich themselves and to further impoverish the poorer class of people. I trust that this body will reject the motion to assign, and also the motion to indefinitely postpone, and that then on the main question this body—and especially the men who come from such districts as I represent—will vote in the affirmative upon the question of adopting this ordinance.

Mr. PIERCE.—Mr. President, I am sorry that my brother, the representative of Tammany, saw fit to resort to the old worn-out allusion to Wd. 11. I am sure he must realize the untruthfulness of it. So far as protection to his constituents is concerned, I will go him one better. I have a higher regard and greater solicitude for his constituents, apparently, than he has himself, because if I were in the Legislature I would advocate the absolute prohibition of the use of these self-computing scales. They are frauds, just as my brother says, and they are sold with the guarantee to cheat the customer—and their use ought to be stopped. They ought not to be regulated, but ought to be stopped altogether; and if my brother will join me, we can go up to the Legislature and kill this bill altogether, and put a stop to the whole business. There are about 3000 of these scales in the city now. To inspect them would mean, as I said, a test of 1 2-3 of these scales apiece each day for those six deputies—a tremendous increase in their responsibilities! Mr. President, I am just as solicitous as my brother for his constituents, so far as their being defrauded by these machines is concerned. But that has noth-

ing to do with this question. It does not matter whether this ordinance is adopted or not. Those scales will be inspected, anyway. Those eight additional deputies are unnecessary, and the fact that they are unnecessary makes it a breach of trust for us to pass this ordinance. As a matter of fact the state sealer will also have jurisdiction over these machines, in case this bill becomes a law, and he will have an opportunity—and it will be his duty—to inspect these machines, or one of them in ever so many, before they leave the factory, so that they will be tested by the state authorities before they are sold for use in the stores. That is to say, the local Boston deputies will have the assistance of the state sealer in testing this tremendous increase of scales! It is a perfect outrage, Mr. President, and ought not to be considered for a moment.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman from Wd. 11, through you, sir, who petitioned for the legislation contained in Senate Bill 174?

Mr. PIERCE—I can answer the question. The Sealer of Weights and Measures for the city of Holyoke—and he is not going to increase his force on account of this bill.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—I would like to ask the gentleman from Wd. 11, through you, sir, if it is not a fact that Senate Bill 174 has already passed the Senate?

Mr. PIERCE—It has passed the Senate, Mr. President; but a great many bills have passed the Senate this year which have not passed the House.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman from Wd. 11 if he knows of any communication sent to either branch of the city government by His Honor the Mayor recommending the passage of this ordinance?

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, do I understand that the report that the Mayor would like this ordinance to be passed is not correct?

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I do not intend to allow the gentleman from Wd. 11 to answer a question by asking another. I merely want to call the attention of the members to the fact that the gentleman from Wd. 11, in replying to the gentleman from Wd. 17 (Mr. Sheenan) objected to the "worn-out allusion to Wd. 11." I, Mr. President, object to the worn-out Wd. 11 allusion to the administration. The gentleman from Wd. 11 evidently desires to prejudice the minds of certain members of this body by stating that undue haste on the part of the administration is being used for the passage of this ordinance. The legislation was asked for, as he admits himself, by the Sealer of Weights and Measures of the city of Holyoke. It has passed the Senate. The ordinance which we are considering here tonight was introduced by a member of the Board of Aldermen. The gentleman from Wd. 11 did not answer my question, and this does not prove that any undue haste was being used by the administration. He has no right whatever, unless an official communication comes here from the executive chamber, to state that the executive is interested in the passage of this ordinance.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, will the gentleman yield for a question?

Mr. McCULLOUGH—I decline to yield, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT—Mr. McCullough of Wd. 13 has the floor.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I desired to call these facts to the attention of the members, because I do not believe that we should consider the remarks of the gentleman from Wd. 11 in disposing of this ordinance.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I should

like to ask the representative of the Mayor in this body if he thinks the Mayor will veto this ordinance.

The motion to assign was declared lost. Mr. PIERCE doubted the vote, and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and the motion to assign was lost, 12 members voting in the affirmative and 26 in the negative.

The motion to indefinitely postpone was also declared lost. Mr. PIERCE doubted the vote, and asked for a verification by a rising vote, which was taken, and the motion was declared lost, 12 members having voted in the affirmative and 25 in the negative. Mr. Pierce still further doubted the vote, and asked for a verification by a roll-call, and the yeas and nays were ordered.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that he has receded from his position in reference to roll calls, and desires to say, that, while he thinks he is perfectly justified in the position which he took he intends to allow members who come into the chamber and wish to get under cover an opportunity to do so. He does this because, while he feels he was right, the incident has proved very unpopular.

The Clerk proceeded with the calling of a roll, and, after he had finished, Mr. DRISCOLL of Wd. 9 said:

Mr. President, I doubt the vote of Mr. Murphy of Wd. 19. According to Rule 23 of the Common Council rules a member must not only be present, but must be either at his seat or desk in order to have his vote recorded.

The Chair will state that it is too late to recognize a point of order. If the gentleman had spoken when Mr. Murphy's name was called, the Chair would have recognized him.

The motion to indefinitely postpone was lost, the result of the vote being yeas 16, nays 42:

Yeas—Anderson, Bramhall, Carruth, Davidson, George, Hackett, McCabe, McLennan, Montague, Morgan, Penhorn, Pierce, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Zetterman—16.

Nays—Barrett, Buckley, Clark (20), Colpoys, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hanrahan, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Murphy, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (13), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Rackowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sheenan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy—42.

Absent or not voting—Bagley, Brown, Clark (24), Cose, Ducey, Green, Harding, Hatton, Hayes, McGregor, Mealey, Noonan, Noyes, Purcell, Roberts, Santosuoso, Woodside—17.

The ordinance was passed in concurrence. Mr. SHEENAN of Wd. 17 moved to reconsider; lost.

PLAYGROUND, EAGLE HILL.

The PRESIDENT called up No. 17, assignment, viz.:

17. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be, and hereby is, requested to lay out so much of the East Boston reservoir lot on Eagle Hill, East Boston, as lies within the lines of Eagle St., extended westerly to Brooks St., as a highway.

Ordered, That the Water Commissioner, with the approval of the Mayor, sell at public or private sale so much of said reservoir lot as lies north of said proposed extension of Eagle St., either as a whole or in building lots, and under such restrictions as they may deem advisable.

Ordered, That so much of said reservoir lot as lies south of said proposed extension of Eagle St. be, and hereby

is, placed in the custody of the Board of Park Commissioners to be used as a public playground, and the said Board is hereby authorized to do such filling and grading and excavating as may be necessary for such use, and to sell such material as may not be needed, and to devote the proceeds of such sales, and the proceeds from the sale of the northerly portion of the lot hereinbefore described, for the construction of the playground herein authorized, and for providing suitable buildings and apparatus therefor.

The order was passed. Mr. WOODSIDE of Wd. 1 moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

WOODEN BUILDING, CHARLESTOWN.

Mr. McGIVERN of Wd. 16, for the Committee on Building Department, submitted a report on the petition of the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company (referred 1906)—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on Arlington Ave., Wd. 4, in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for the purpose of connecting retort house with coal shed.

The question came on the acceptance of the report.

Mr. McGIVERN of Wd. 16—Mr. President, I trust that the report will not be accepted. The committee last year went over and investigated the premises and found the place already constructed. I do not believe that this Charlestown Gas and Electric Company should have any more privileges than anybody else. They have built this structure without getting any permission whatsoever from the Committee on Building Department. Last week the committee on the part of the Board went over and investigated it and came back with a favorable report. I trust that this report will not be accepted, and I move reference to the Law Department.

Mr. McCORMACK of Wd. 3—Mr. President, having been chairman of a sub-committee that was sent to investigate this particular case, I found that it was simply in connection with the retort house, running just the same as from the gallery there down to where the stenographer is sitting. Merely a cover for the men at work. It is not very much of a structure and does not violate, as far as I can see, the spirit of the building laws. Although I would not speak for the benefit of a corporation, any more than any other man, I cannot see anything out of the way in that, and I sincerely trust that this will go through.

Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I would like to ask Mr. McCormack if he would be so kind as to answer a question as to whether the building, the addition, is not already built?

Mr. McCORMACK—Mr. Chairman, I will answer that question "yes," that the retort house has been built.

Mr. JOYCE—Mr. President, I believe this order ought to be referred back to the committee. I believe corporations and others applying for permit to build outside the building limits are simply running things to suit themselves. Here is a corporation in Charlestown that applies for a permit to build outside the building limit, and before the committee or any body of the City Council gives it a license to

build outside of the building limit, he goes ahead and builds without getting a permit. There are numerous papers before the Law Department at present in connection with the same matter. In South Boston and other parts of the city they have applied for permits to build outside the building limits, and have built before the permits were granted.

Mr. McCORMACK—Mr. President, I did not intend to give up the floor. I merely yielded for a question—not for argument.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair understood that the gentleman yielded the floor. The Chair will recognize Mr. McCormack immediately, after Mr. Joyce has finished his remarks.

Mr. JOYCE—They go right ahead and build outside the building limits before the committee reports favorably. As I have said, in the Law Department there are quite a number of cases of the same sort. I believe we should get an answer from the Law Department relative to what they have done in former cases before we grant this permit. If these people have already built outside the building limits, as Mr. McCormack has stated, I believe the bill should be defeated, that the matter should be referred to the Law Department, and that the building should be taken down.

Mr. McCORMACK—Mr. President, in all fairness to Mr. Joyce I can safely say that this is not a building, that it is merely a retort house, a protection for the men that work in this place. Of course, naturally enough, I am not in favor of any corporation, any more than you are, or any person in this body. But this is not really a building. We have been over there and seen it. I asked for a new sub-committee to be appointed in the Committee on Building Departments, and they wouldn't grant that request. The Aldermen took it in their own hands. Of course, if they are perfectly satisfied, so am I. But I want to be perfectly understood in this matter. I am not in favor of anybody erecting a building against the laws of the city of Boston, not one, but this is not a building.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, in answer to an order passed by this body at the last meeting requesting the clerk of committees to furnish this body with the number of petitions for permits to build outside the building limits. I notice the petition of the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company to build a wooden addition on Thompson Sq., at Arlington Ave., filed on Jan. 8 of last year, and that the permission was not then given. It is now evident that the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company have taken it upon themselves to violate the building laws. It is a fact, as will be shown by the communication from the clerk of committees' department, that I asked to have laid over to the next meeting of the Council, and a communication sent in by the Law Department, and there have been several cases of this nature within the past five years. Now, it is a pretty serious offense. If you or I, Mr. President, applied for permission to build outside the building limits and went ahead not waiting until it was granted, the chances are that we would pay the penalty, \$1000 fine. There are several such cases as this that will be called to the attention of the members when they read the minutes of tonight's meeting in tomorrow's paper, and I intend to discuss them at the next meeting. I now move that further consideration of this report be assigned to the next meeting of the Council, that this may be discussed with the rest.

Mr. McGIVERN—Mr. President, I withdraw my motion to refer to the Law Department and move reference to the Committee on Judiciary.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that Mr. McCullough's motion to assign takes precedence of the motion to refer.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, do I understand from the remarks of the gentlemen representing the committee on the part of the Common Council that the Aldermen on that committee have gone ahead and ignored the members of the Council on the committee in connection with this report?

Mr. McGIVERN—Mr. President, in answer to the gentleman in the fourth division (Mr. Doherty) I will say that the committee on the part of the Council, a sub-committee, have been over there and have never brought in a report, so that at the meeting a week ago yesterday, the Aldermen took the matter up themselves. Whether they went over and investigated or not, I don't know, but yesterday they reported back that leave should be granted. I was not at the meeting yesterday, and I don't know whether the board of Aldermen went over or not. I know that, acting as a sub-committee, the Aldermen yesterday came in and reported that leave should be granted.

Mr. McCORMACK—Mr. Chairman, I was at a meeting of the Committee on Building Department and said I was perfectly willing myself to be discharged from the sub-committee, and I moved that a new sub-committee be appointed, excluding myself, as somebody might think I took the position I did, coming from Charlestown. Isn't that right?

Mr. McGIVERN—That is right.

Mr. JOYCE—Mr. President, this is the same case that was up here last year. Last year the same conditions prevailed. There was a meeting of the building committee, at which I was not present, and I believe three or four other members of the Council were not present, and they decided to report the matter, and when it came up before this body I said I was not present and the matter was referred back to the committee again. Now it has come before the body again this year, and the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company has gone ahead and put the addition there, regardless of the law and everything. I believe the matter should be assigned to the next meeting.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, I have no objections to assignment in connection with this matter. At the same time, I believe in being fair to the gentlemen who represent that district in this body. From the evidence that has been produced here, however, it seems to me that there must be a confusion of interests on the part of the committee. I believe it would be wise to send it back to the committee and let them fight it out there, either bringing back a united report in favor of the petition or rejecting it. It is evident, as our friend McCullough of Wd. 13 has said, that these corporations have gone on indiscriminately on their own behalf and violated the building laws of this city innumerable times. If that is the case, I believe this body should either reject this order here tonight or provide some measures whereby this matter will be called to the attention of the proper authorities and the violators of our ordinances prosecuted in the manner outlined by the laws upon our statute books.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I knew nothing of this matter until a few minutes ago, but from the discussion that has taken place here in the last few minutes it seems to

me there is considerable confusion as to the issue. As I understand it from the discussion that has taken place, the Charlestown Gas & Electric Company have anticipated the action of the City Council in reference to this matter. From the remarks of the member of the committee in this section, I take it that he rather interpreted that action as a slight on the committee. I don't think that that is necessarily so. The way I view this whole matter is this, that the building laws are general in their character and in their terms. They say that a building shall not be constructed of more than a certain length, unless there is a brick partition wall, the reason for that being protection against fire. The Legislature, when it passed that act, also saw that a provision so general in its nature might in particular instances work hardships, that there might be instances where the reason for the law did not exist, and where it should not be enforced. They, therefore, gave the City Council the right to grant permits to individuals to build outside the building laws where the reason for that provision of the law did not exist. It seems to me that anybody might reasonably go ahead and anticipate the action of this body, if they felt in a particular instance that the reason for the law did not exist, and that, therefore, the City Council would, as a reasonable body, grant the permit. I myself do not see any reason why the committee should look upon this as a slight to them in any way. Of course, when a person goes ahead and anticipates action in the belief that in his case the reason for the law does not apply, and it then turns out that it does apply, that the reason for the law really does exist in that case, he takes his chances, and, having given cause for complaint, should be compelled to remove the structure.

Mr. McGIVERN—Mr. Chairman, did I understand the gentleman in the fourth division (Mr. Doherty) to move recommittal?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair did not so understand it.

Mr. DOHERTY—Well, Mr. President, I make that motion now.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the motion to assign takes precedence.

Mr. McLENNAN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I see no objection to assigning the order to the next meeting. Certainly the members have no insight into the matter at the present time. I would like to ask the chairman of last year's Building Committee what particular reason there was, if any, why the permit was not granted at that time? I understand that they asked for the permit in proper season, and I would like to ask the reason why it was not granted?

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent to withdraw my motion to assign, and if that is given, I will favor refusal to accept the report of the committee and will ask that this matter be called to the attention of the Law Department.

Mr. McGIVERN—Mr. President, I understand that it was illegal for us to send this to the law department, and I moved reference to the Committee on Judiciary.

There being no objection, Mr. McCullough's motion was considered withdrawn.

Mr. McCORMACK—Mr. President, I move recommittal.

Mr. McGIVERN—Mr. President, I trust that this matter will not be referred back. It has been hanging fire now since Jan. 1, 1906. It has been recommitted to the committee, and they have seen fit to take no action on it, and I believe the matter should be

sent to the proper authorities. If it goes back again to the Committee on Building Departments it will be the same old story. I believe it should be sent to the proper authorities, and not recommitted.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair would call the attention of the members to Rule 10, which says:

"There shall be a standing committee on judiciary, consisting of five members, who shall have the power to obtain the opinion of the corporation council on all matters that shall be referred to them."

The Chair would merely suggest that the matter be referred to the Committee on Judiciary, so that they might get the opinion of the Corporation Counsel.

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I hope this matter will not go to any committee. I think, when a matter has been referred to a committee and the parties interested have gone ahead before permission has been given to them, that neither the committee originally acting on the matter nor any other committee should pass on it. There has been a direct violation of your laws, and it is for this body to act. If you ask us to sanction a thing of that kind, I am opposed to it.

The question came on the motion to recommit.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, as I understand it, if this matter is referred to the Committee on Judiciary that committee might ask the opinion of the Corporation Counsel as to whether or not the law has been violated. On the 8th of January of last year they applied for permission to build an addition. The committee reported favorably to the city government. The city government voted to recommit the report of the committee, and subsequent to the refusal of this branch of the City Government to accept that report, the company went ahead and constructed the building. There is only one proper course to pursue, and that is to call this violation of the law to the attention of the Law Department. If it is in order, if it is proper, I would move its reference to the Corporation Counsel.

Mr. MONTAGUE of Wd. 10—Mr. President, it may be that one reason why this corporation went ahead and built the building was because they thought it would disappear by process of decay before any report would be made by the committee of this body, and it looks as if such might be the case. It seems to me that the remarks of the gentleman in the fourth division have merit, and that in this case, where the committee have waited almost a year before reporting, we had better accept the report of the committee and pass the order, which, I assume, allows them to build the building.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the motion to recommit takes precedence.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I don't know anything of the merits of this question, and I don't know whether the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company has gone ahead and constructed this building, except upon the statement of the other gentlemen from Charlestown; but I like to see the members of a body fair, Mr. President. I like to see them consistent, not turning down one permit under a certain set of circumstances and granting another under the same set of circumstances. On more than one occasion in this body in the past we have received reports from the Committee on Buildings favoring the granting of a permit in a case where a petitioner has erected the building before the permit has been granted. It has been customary in this

body to do that sort of thing. It has been customary for the petitioner, when applying for a permit to erect a building outside the building limits, to anticipate that we will, as a matter of course, grant that permit, and the petitioner in this case has done nothing more than the petitioners in former cases have done.

Mr. MCGIVERN—Will the gentleman yield for a question?

Mr. DONOVAN—I will.

Mr. MCGIVERN—I would like to ask the gentleman to name a building that has been constructed without a permit being granted?

Mr. DONOVAN—Last year in this body D. Whiting & Sons of Charlestown petitioned for a permit to build outside the building limits, and I know of my own knowledge—because I went there and made an investigation myself—that the building was erected at least a week or two before the permit was granted.

Mr. MCGIVERN—Mr. President, I believe the gentleman said that this year there had been such buildings erected.

Mr. DONOVAN—I cannot say of my own knowledge that I know of any this year, but my statement is that I know of cases in the past where the body has done it, and if there was any reason why the body should do it before, there is every such reason why the body should do it now. If we are going to do one thing on one occasion and a totally different thing on another occasion when the same conditions obtain, I say we are not consistent. We should treat all alike, either turn down all such permits or grant all such permits; and I maintain that this petitioner, after filing an application for a permit, did nothing wrong and has done nothing wrong in anticipating that this body would grant the permit, as it has on many other occasions. Therefore, I trust that all motions that have been made in regard to this report will be rejected, and that the permit granted.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14—Mr. President, as a member of the Committee on Building Department I will say that that order has been an eyesore at every meeting we have had. In regard to the gentleman in the fourth division saying that a corporation can properly anticipate that this body will take favorable action, that it can go ahead in anticipation of the action of the committee, if we are going to take that position, I don't see what need there is of that committee. I hope this committee will be upheld as against this corporation, because I don't think a corporation has any more right to anticipate what a committee will do than has any private individual.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3—Mr. President, the gentleman who has just taken his seat does not see any more reason why a corporation should take these liberties than a private individual. I will agree with him in that statement. It has been the custom of this body to grant these permits to corporations and private individuals indiscriminately. Last week I think a permit was granted to Mr. O'Riordan of Charlestown, to build outside the building limits. There was no comment made upon it. It seems to me that Mr. O'Riordan in that instance, and the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company in this instance, where they are informed of this practice, this custom of passing such orders where, as I have stated, no reason for the law does not exist, may well be excused for anticipating such action; and I believe this Council may be reasonably expected to exercise its discretion in such a matter, granting a permit. So it looks to me as though some of the members were splitting hairs in this matter. I thought at first

the members felt that they were being ignored, and my previous remarks were directed to try and show that that was not so, that that was not a reasonable conclusion to draw from the action of the petitioners in this case. As my colleague from Wd. 3 (Mr. Donovan) has since said, not only might the petitioners be justified in anticipating the action here, where a reasonable person might see that there was no reason for the enforcement of the law in this case, but they have been strengthened in that by the custom and practice here of giving these permits after the buildings have been erected. I would also like to call attention to the statement made by my other colleague, in the second division (Mr. McCormack), to the effect that this building, or shelter as he calls it, is built for the protection of the men down there. If we refuse to grant this permit, the result will no doubt be that the structure will have to be pulled down. It cannot be built with a partition wall there, and if it is pulled down the men will be exposed to the weather. That is, the men there will ultimately have to suffer. If that is any satisfaction to the members of the body who may have a feeling against the company because they think their dignity has been hurt by the action of the corporation, they are welcome to whatever satisfaction they get out of it.

Mr. MCGIVERN—Mr. President, that is just the reason why I am opposed to this permit being granted. I would like to inform the gentleman that the building was already constructed before the sub-committee of the Building Department reached there, and I think it is time to call a halt on these things. If the city of Boston has ordinances and people are violating them, either private individuals or corporations, I believe it is time that we took some action. We should not allow people to override the city ordinances. I don't say that this is merely because they are slighting the Committee on Building Department; but I do think it is time to call a halt on these matters. The fact is that our ordinances are being disregarded, and that no consideration is paid to the question of what our action may be. I hope the matter will not be recommitted to the committee, but will go to the proper authorities.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I should not think this company would ever undertake the job of erecting a building there, putting it up, without some reasonable assurance or hope that the sub-committee would report back favorably to the main committee. I remember some time ago, I think in 1894, there was a building constructed in the suburbs, a very elaborate building, without a permit, and the erection of the building without a permit was tested in court. The court decided that if the building was not made out to be a nuisance it might stand. There are, as I know, a great many of those buildings that are erected without a permit, and the sub-committee is merely a figurehead in visiting the building, because they get an assurance from the chairman, or sometimes the inspector may tell them to go ahead and build and the permit will be all right. But it is not fair, really, to the committee. A permit should be granted legally before anybody should start building. I don't believe that, under the conditions as they exist, you could do anything about this building unless it was declared a nuisance, even if it did not comply with the building law. I don't think you could force them to take it down. I don't know much about this affair, but from past experience, I don't think you could force them to take this building down, even. If it is made out

a nuisance the penalty is \$100 a month for every month it is occupied.

On motion of Mr. HACKETT of Wd. 21, the main question was ordered.

The PRESIDENT—The cuts off the motion to recommit. The question is on accepting the committee's report.

The report was declared rejected. Mr. Donovan of Wd. 3 doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote. The report was rejected by a rising vote, 18 in favor, 29 against.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3 further doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the report was rejected, yeas 21, nays 33:

Yeas—Bagley, Bramhall, Buckley, Colpoys, Donovan, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (3), George, Hanrahan, Kennedy, McCormack, McLennan, Montague, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (5), Pendergast, Santuosusso, Sorenson, Sullivan (5), Woodside—21.

Nays—Anderson, Carruth, Clark (20), Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (12), Doherty, Doyle, Driscoll, Fitzgerald (14), Hackett, Joyce, Kelly, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, Morgan, O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Peshorn, Pierce, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sheenan, Spellman, Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Wharton, Zetterman—33.

Absent or not voting—Barrett, Brown, Clark (24), Daly (17), Davidson, Ducey, Foley, Green, Harding, Hatton, Hayes, McGregor, Noyes, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Roberts—16.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3 moved reconsideration, and assignment of the reconsideration to the next meeting; declared lost. Mr. Donovan doubted the vote, a rising vote was taken, and the Council refused to assign reconsideration to the next meeting, 17 in favor, 30 against.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3 further doubted the vote and asked for a verification by yeas and nays. The roll call was ordered, and the Council refused to assign reconsideration to the next meeting, yeas 25, nays 32:

Yeas—Bagley, Bramhall, Buckley, Colpoys, Donovan, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (3), Hanrahan, Kennedy, Lill, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McLennan, Montague, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Rosenberg, Santuosusso, Sorenson, Sullivan (5)—25.

Nays—Anderson, Carruth, Clark (20), Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Doherty, Driscoll, Fitzgerald (14), Hackett, Joyce, Kelly, Kohler, Leonard, Madden, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, Morgan, Peshorn, Pierce, Sacks, Sheenan, Spellman, Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Zetterman—32.

Absent or Not Voting—Barrett, Brown, Clark (24), Davidson, Doyle, Ducey, Foley, George, Green, Harding, Hatton, Hayes, McGregor, Noyes, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Woodside—18.

The Council refused to reconsider the rejection of the report.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT.

The President, for the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following:

(1) The Committee on Appropriations respectfully report no further action necessary on the following matters referred to them by the City Council, viz.:

Order (referred Jan. 10) concerning paving of Washington St. from Dudley St. to Westminster Ave., Wd. 21.

Order (referred Jan. 10) concerning appropriation for bath-house, McKenzie Beach.

Order (referred Jan. 21) relative to increase of pay of laborers.

Order (referred Jan. 21), relative to branch library and reading room in Fourth Section, East Boston.

Mayor's message (referred Jan. 24) relative to shelters at Dover St. and other bridges.

Order (referred Jan. 24) concerning resurfacing of Allston St., Wd. 25.

Order (referred Jan. 24) concerning appropriation for compensation of Superintendent of Playgrounds.

Order (referred Jan. 31) concerning rental of Chandler's Pond for skating purposes.

Order (referred Feb. 4) relative to repair of Meridian-St. Bridge.

Order (referred Feb. 4) relative to appropriation for maintenance of Sanitary Department in Dorchester.

Order (referred Feb. 7) concerning appropriation for flagstaff at Upham's Corner.

Order (referred March 21) relative to free car tickets for laborers.

Order (referred April 1) relative to athletic building at Wood Island Park.

Accepted. Sent up.

(2) The Committee on Appropriations respectfully recommend reference to the Committee on Finance of the following matters referred to them by the City Council, viz.:

Order (referred Feb. 14) for an appropriation for a municipal building in Charlestown.

Order (referred March 25) for an appropriation for bath-house at Freeport St., Wd. 24.

Order (referred March 25) for an appropriation for purchase of land at Savin Hill for park purposes.

Report accepted, said reference ordered. Sent up.

MARCELLA ST. PLAYGROUND.

Mr. MORGAN of Wd. 22 called up No. 13, unfinished business, viz.:

13. Ordered, That the sum of forty-five hundred dollars (\$4500) be appropriated to be expended by the Park Department for the completion of lavatory building, including showers and lockers, and for grading, drainage and fencing of the Marcella-St. Playground, Wd. 22; and to meet such appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

The order was read a second time, and the question came upon its passage.

Mr. MORGAN—Mr. President, in connection with that order, and for the benefit of the members of the Council, I would like to state that this building at the Marcella-St. playground provided for by this order is sadly needed. The Marcella-St. playground is situated in the vicinity of one of the most congested parts of Wd. 22. The people who enjoy the privilege of that playground would, I am sure, greatly appreciate this improvement. When they laid out this playground, the Park Department erected a shelter building, one-half of which has been completed, and it is in use for lavatory purposes. The other half is unfinished, although it was originally intended to have that part of the building equipped with shower baths and lockers. In fact, the pipes have been laid for the showers, but on account of the lack of funds the work was stopped. I called upon the Superintendent of the Park Department in reference to this matter, and he furnished me with an estimate of what it would cost to complete this building, together with some necessary grading and fencing. It is upon his

figures that I have based the amount asked for in this order. Now, Mr. President, we have out there a playground, and absolutely nothing on it. If the people of Wd. 22 are to enjoy the privileges of a playground they should also have some of the necessary requisites to go with it. I therefore trust that the body will see fit tonight to pass this order unanimously, as it will be of great benefit to the public, as well as an improvement much needed by our ward.

The order was passed, yeas 59, nays 0. Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Barrett, Bramhall, Buckley, Carruth, Clark (20), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daily (12), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hackett, Hanrahan, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McLennan, Mealey, Montague, Morgan, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Fenshorn, Pierce, Rosenberg, Sacks, Santosuosso, Sheenan, Sorenson, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—59.

Nays—0.

Absent or not voting—Brown, Clark (24), Davidson, Ducey, George, Green, Harding, Hatton, Hayes, McGregor, Noyes, O'Brien (5), Purcell, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Spellman—16.

Mr. MORGAN moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

GYMNASIUM, ROGERS PARK.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 called up No. 27, past assignment, viz.:

27. Ordered, That the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) be appropriated to be expended by the Park Commissioners for a gymnasium and gymnastic apparatus at Rogers Park, Wd. 25; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

The question came upon the passage of the order.

Mr. LILL of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I desire to ask Mr. Zetterman, through the Chair, how much money was appropriated from the Deer Island fund for this specific purpose.

Mr. ZETTERMAN—Mr. President, I would say that \$12,000 was appropriated for a gymnasium in North Brighton some time ago, from the Deer Island money. This \$12,000 which I desire to have appropriated by loan is for gymnastic apparatus in another section of the ward, quite distant from the North Brighton playground. We have a playground there, which is of considerable size, but there is no building on it, and no means of using the playground other than for ball purposes. This money is for the purpose of placing there a gymnasium, for the benefit of the children and the residents of that section. I sincerely hope that the order will pass tonight. Wd. 25 has in the past been neglected as to playgrounds and gymnasiums. We have two playgrounds that are devoid of buildings. There is no gymnasium apparatus there whatever. I think our ward is entitled to consideration in this matter. We are entitled to gymnasiums and bath-houses just as much as the wards in the city, and also East Boston, South Boston and Dorchester. I feel that this order should receive the support of the members of the Council from other sections of the city. I know the Councilmen from my ward have always supported measures which would provide gymnasiums and bath-houses for other sections of the

city. We are so situated that we cannot very well go to South Boston or East Boston, or any other section of the city, to use their gymnasiums and bath-houses; and, therefore, we are in a position where we really need these things at home. I, therefore, think that we are entitled to this much consideration. This gymnasium, of course, will be equipped with shower baths. That is about as near as we can get to having a bath-house in Wd. 25, and I think it will satisfy our needs.

Mr. LILL—Mr. President, I desire to ask one more question, and that is how far it is from one playground to another. That is, what distance are they apart?

Mr. ZETTERMAN—Mr. President, I am from one playground to the other. It is so far that it is out of the question for the people who live in this section where Rogers Park is to go to the North Brighton playground and use the gymnasium there. Our district is strung out considerably, and there are enough people living around this part here to keep this gymnasium occupied all the time.

Mr. LILL—Mr. President, I do not want the representatives from Wd. 25 to think that I am against the appropriation of \$12,000 for a playground in their ward, because I do not believe that the city of Boston can have too many playgrounds; yet when I saw this order on the calendar I thought it looked rather familiar, and was very much like one which had been there previously. That is the reason why I asked the first question; and the reason that I asked the second question was that if it is within a reasonable distance of the other playground, I do not believe that any ward of the city should have two playgrounds. I think that every ward should have one, but I do not think any ward should have two within a reasonable distance of each other, because there are wards that have none. That is the only reason, Mr. President, why I asked the question.

Mr. MCGIVERN of Wd. 16—Mr. President, I sincerely hope that No. 13 on the calendar should not pass. I think that Wd. 25 is very fortunate to have one playground out there. In my ward, we have no playground at all, and for the past eight or 10 years we have been trying to get an appropriation for a bath-house, and we are only succeeding in doing so this year. There are a number of other wards in the city which have not any playgrounds. There are sections in my ward that are perhaps four or five miles away from any playground at all, and we are unable to get any. I think that if the residents of Brighton have one playground they should be satisfied. I hope that the order will not pass.

Mr. ZETTERMAN—I will say that the money spent in Wd. 25—

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will kindly address the Chair.

Mr. ZETTERMAN—Mr. President, I will say that it is true that we have two playgrounds in Wd. 25; but they are not equipped, as they are in other sections of the city, with buildings and gymnastic apparatus. It is the purpose of this order to provide for the erection of a building and the equipping of it with gymnastic apparatus and shower baths, in order that the children in my district may have the same facilities for exercising and enjoying themselves that the children have in other sections of the city. I believe that the Councilman in the first section (Mr. McGivern) said that his district is so situated that the people cannot avail themselves of other gymnasiums. I think they are not so far from South Boston or Dorchester but what they

can easily walk there and use those gymnasiums. It is not so with Brighton. We are entirely separated from the rest of the city. We are hardly connected with the city. It seems to me it is nothing more than reasonable on our part to demand this appropriation. I feel that we have been neglected in the past as to appropriations for gymnasiums. I think this is a very modest sum of money for us to ask for—\$12,000; and I sincerely hope that the order will be passed tonight.

Mr. SHEENAN of Wd. 17—Mr. President, the gentleman from Wd. 25 says that the amount which he asked for is rather modest. I have a recollection of some of my friends from the Roxbury District who have been even more modest. They ask for four or five thousand dollars, but could not get it. I voted for the first order making an appropriation of \$12,000, because I believe that every ward in Boston should have a playground gymnasium and shower bath; but no ward should have two playground gymnasiums and shower baths, while any ward in Boston is denied that luxury or privilege. Appealing to the good sense and fairness of this body, I sincerely hope that the members will reject this order, in view of the fact that the gentleman from Wd. 25 already has received an appropriation of \$12,000 for a playground or gymnasium in one part of his ward. To give him this second \$12,000 now is not fair to the other wards of the city. There are wards that are more thickly congested than Wd. 25, and which have none at all. I do not think there is anything in this order which appeals to a man's sense of fairness and justice. I think the order should be rejected, and no ward given two appropriations for this purpose in one year, while other wards have not received any. That is the sole ground of my objection.

Mr. ZETTERMAN—Mr. President, I feel it best that this matter be assigned to the next meeting. I feel that I have not had an opportunity to explain why we really need this appropriation. I do not want to be unfair in regard to this appropriation. We have secured an appropriation for a gymnasium in Brighton this year, but I insist that it was a very modest sum. The \$12,000 which we secured for gymnastic apparatus in the North Brighton playground will not give us a building of any size. It will provide only a frame building, and the equipment will be very meagre; \$38,000 should have been given to the North Brighton playground. We might have asked for \$38,000 and have got it—I don't know whether we could have or not. We are willing to still leave this order on the calendar until a more favorable time for its passage. I therefore move that the order be assigned to the next meeting.

The motion to assign was declared lost. Mr. Zetterman doubted the vote, and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and the motion was carried, 22 members voting in the affirmative and none in the negative.

EDWARD EVERETT STATUE.

Mr. COSTELLO of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Art Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to report to this body within two weeks the cost of removing the statue of Edward Everett from the Public Garden to Edward Everett Square, Wd. 16.
Referred to the Mayor.

WD. 9 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. SACKS of Wd. 9 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be

requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to report to the Common Council at its next meeting an estimate of the cost of placing Seneca, Rochester and Rose Sts., Wd. 9, in proper condition for public travel, and how soon he will be able to make the improvements required thereon.

Referred to the Mayor.

SAND GARDENS, WD. 12.

Mr. DALY of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the School Committee be requested to establish in all the school-yards of Wd. 12 sand gardens for children.

Passed. Sent up.

STREET WATERING.

Mr. DALY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Street Cleaning be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have the streets of Wd. 12 watered at once.

Referred to the Mayor.

PAYMENTS FOR EXTRA WORK.

Mr. HANRAHAN of Wd. 2 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to pay double time to all employees for work on Sundays and holidays.

Passed. Sent up.

PURCHASE OF MAPS.

Mr. DOYLE of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Clerk of Committees, under the direction of the Committee on Printing, be authorized to purchase 500 copies of the latest map of Boston, each member of the City Council to be furnished with two copies, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, incidental expenses.

Referred to the Committee on Clerk of Committees Department.

WD. 13 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to repave and replace the edgestones and sidewalks on West Fourth St., between B and D Sts., Wd. 13.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to repave and replace the edgestones and sidewalks on D St., from Fifth to Seventh Sts., Wd. 13.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to repave and replace the edgestones and sidewalks on C St., from Broadway to Baxter St., Wd. 13.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. DOYLE offered an order—That the Music Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide an open-air concert at the corner of D and Fifth Sts. during the summer season.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. DOYLE offered an order—That the Music Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide an open-air concert at the corner of E and Third Sts. during the summer season.

Referred to the Mayor.

DRINKING FOUNTAIN, RIVERWAY.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Water Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a drinking fountain in the summer house on the riverway, near Plymouth St., Wd. 19.

Referred to the Mayor.

IMPROVEMENT OF HEATH SQ.

Mr. MURPHY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to remodel the lot in Heath Sq., and to place seats therein for the accommodation of the people in that vicinity.

Referred to the Mayor.

BALL GROUND, MARCELLA ST.

Mr. MURPHY offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to re-surface the Marcella Street Playground, Wd. 22, with some good material for ball-playing to replace the cinder surface now there.

Referred to the Mayor.

SANITARY CONDITION OF STEAMER.

Mr. PENDERGAST of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Board of Health, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to investigate the sanitary condition of the steamer "Zelandia," now occupied by the non-union teamsters, and report the condition of the same to this body.

Referred to the Mayor.

PAYMENT TO FRANCIS A. CAMPBELL.

Mr. SHEENAN of Wd. 17 offered an order—That the sum of fourteen hundred sixty-eight dollars and sixty-two cents (1468.62) be allowed and paid from the appropriation for County of Suffolk, general expenses, to Francis A. Campbell, Clerk of the Superior Court for Civil Business in the County of Suffolk, for the purpose of repaying to the said Campbell the costs and expenses incurred by him in defending his title to said office.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. SHEENAN, and the order was passed. Mr. SHEENAN moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

PLAYGROUND, WD. 21.

Mr. FERGUSON of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the sum of \$7500 be appropriated to be expended by the Park Department for a playground and gymnasium in Wd. 21; and that to meet such appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to the above amount.

The order went over to the next meeting for its second reading.

SHELTER-COTTAGE ST. PLAYGROUND.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the sum of \$4000 be appropriated, to be expended by the Park Department for the purpose of erecting a lavatory and shelter on the Cottage St. Playground, Wd. 2; and to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to

time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

The order went over to the next meeting for its second reading.

SHERWIN SCHOOL BUILDING.

Mr. CRONIN of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the Schoolhouse Commission be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to move the wooden schoolhouse situated in the Sherwin School Yard, and facing on Windsor St., back to the restricted building line of said street.

Referred to the Mayor.

BAND CONCERTS, WD. 18.

Mr. CRONIN of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the Music Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to arrange for band concerts at the following places during the coming season:

Lenox St. and Shawmut Ave.

Whittier St. and Hampshire St., and

Linden Park and Roxbury St., Wd. 18.

Referred to the Mayor.

NOTICE OF ELEVATED DELAYS.

Mr. CRONIN offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to display signs notifying the public when traffic is stopped by accident or otherwise in front of subway and elevated stations.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2 in the chair.

PUBLIC LANDING CONTRACT.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Park Commission, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform the Common Council to whom it has awarded contract for Public Landing at Marine Park; whether the same is the highest bidder and amount of said bid.

Referred to the Mayor.

The CHAIR—The order will be referred to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. DONOVAN—Mr. President—

The CHAIR—For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I would like to have the President read that order a second time.

(The Clerk read the order again.)

Mr. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I would like to inform the Common Council that that is my third request for information regarding the public landing at Marine Park. Bids for that were asked for last fall, and at a later date, some time later in the fall, in November, bids were advertised for a second time. The bids were received, and a certain man has now received the contract. I have sought information by the usual means, and this is the third time that I have requested it. I would like to have the body take notice that this is the third time that I have asked for this information, and I have not yet got it.

The CHAIR—The order will be referred to His Honor the Mayor.

CUSTODY OF BATH-HOUSE.

Mr. O'BRIEN offered an order—That the Corporation Counsel, in view of his opinion, submitted to the Board of Aldermen on March 12, 1900, be requested to inform the Common Council whether an act of the General Court or a

change in the ordinances of the city of Boston, is necessary to cause the control of the bath-house at Marine Park headhouse to pass from the Park Commissioners to the Bath Trustees.

Referred to the Mayor.

FLAGSTAFF, FRANKLIN SQ.

Mr. COSE of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to erect a flagstaff and furnish a suitable flag to be placed on Franklin Sq., Wd. 25; the same to be charged to the Public Grounds Department.

Referred to the Mayor.

RESOLUTIONS AGAINST STRIKE-BREAKERS.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 offered the following:

Whereas, The City Council has learned that certain so-called master teamsters of Boston have been judged unfair to organized labor, and, as a result of this unfairness, a strike has been declared against them, and

Whereas, Said so-called master teamsters have imported, and are now importing, into our city armed criminals of desperate character with penitentiary records, from the slums of Pittsburg, Philadelphia and New York, and

Whereas, Recent convictions of said criminals for murderous assaults, robberies, the carrying of dangerous weapons, and the gross insulting of women, prove conclusively that these importations are a present danger and a future menace to the safety of life and property, therefore be it

Resolved, That the City Council protests, in the name of good morals, common decency, and the public peace against the further importation of these criminals into our city.

The question came on the passage of the preambles and resolution.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I sincerely hope that the resolution in the hands of the Clerk will be unanimously passed tonight. Every member of this body is well versed as to the conditions which confront our city today. Only last night, in scarehead notices appeared the fact that the governor of this Commonwealth had refused a petition to call out the troops, to suppress riots and mob violence. I do not intend at this time to discuss the merits of the man with whom I am in sympathy—the strikers; but it is a well-known fact, Mr. President, that there has up to date been little or no way of preventing the importation into this city of noted criminals from other cities, by noted firms of strike breakers, and that this has resulted, especially in South Boston, in the insulting of our women and children, in the plundering of our merchants and dealers, in the assaulting of innocent passersby, and only a few days ago in the murder of one of our beloved citizens. Mr. President, I would like to see the police force of Boston possessed of the same courage as the police force of New York. Our laws relative to concealed weapons are practically the same as those of New York; but in recent strikes in New York, the police department have had little or no difficulty in apprehending them, carrying firearms and blackjacks while in Boston, I am sorry to say that police officers cannot, or have not the moral courage to apprehend some of these men. Why, Mr. President, in South Boston nightly our citizens are afraid to walk over some of our bridges because of the bluff newspaper notoriety given to the master teamster's

cause. They appeal for injunctions, and for the calling out of the militia. I am sorry that conditions are such that they are encouraged, for unfortunately we have over in South Boston an aged gentleman presiding over our court, and on many occasions he has shown sympathy with the master teamsters' unwarrantedly—fining a little girl for yelling "scab" ten dollars, and discharging a strike-breaking scab on the ground that there was no evidence, when as a matter of fact at the time that the man was arrested the black-jack was on the ground. Mr. President, Gov. Guild may well be commended for his putting new blood into that court by his recent appointment of a young man to the bench in South Boston. In South Boston we have tried up to the present time to find some means of preventing this condition of affairs, and of protecting our citizens. It seems to me that the very best way would be a universal condemnation of the master teamsters. That would hold our press, which has been fair to the strikers, and it would not encourage further bluffs on the part of the master teamsters to create the opinion throughout the city that riot and mob rule prevails. I hope, Mr. President, that the resolution will be adopted.

Mr. WILLCUTT—Mr. President, I would like to have the Clerk read those preambles and that resolution again. I did not hear them right.

(The Clerk read the preambles and resolution again.)

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, if it is in order, I move you, sir, that when the vote is taken, it be taken by a roll call.

Mr. WILLCUTT—Mr. President, I think that is a rather sweeping resolution, and I think it is a rather unfair one. If any one has had occasion to walk through A St. during the last few nights or over Summer St. Extension, he would not have found that the trouble came entirely from the imported strikebreakers. I have seen crowd after crowd on the street, and I have seen stone after stone thrown by the crowd on the street; and the people who threw those stones did not come from New York, and they did not come from Pittsburg, and they did not come from Chicago, or from anywhere else except the city of Boston. I believe in fair play. I hardly think that resolution is a case of fair play, and I do not believe that it should pass this body.

Mr. McGIVERN of Wd. 16—Mr. President, I am somewhat surprised by the attitude by the gentleman in the first division (Mr. Willcutt) in regard to the adoption of this resolution. I sincerely hope, Mr. President, that the resolution will be adopted. The people in South Boston have had to submit to a great number of inconveniences because of the action of the police. I do not say that the police are at fault. They are simply acting under orders. But I have stood at the corner of Broadway and Dorchester Ave., and have seen the street closed to public travel, in order to allow these strikebreakers, when they were living on Albany St., to be escorted over there by the police. I have also seen other streets closed, and have seen people stop passing by the stable where these men worked. I think it is an outrage against the taxpayers of the city of Boston, and especially to those in the South Boston district, that we should be subjected to such action by the Police Department. I think that the taxpayers who reside in this city and pay their taxes and live as good citizens ought not to be compelled to cross to the other side of the street, in order to allow criminals and thugs—for they are nothing

but criminals and thugs—imported from New York and other cities to have free use of the streets of the city of Boston. To compel citizens of Boston to get out of their way and make room for them is, I think, a rank injustice. I sincerely hope that the resolution will be unanimously adopted.

Mr. DOYLE of Wd. 13—Mr. President, the gentleman from Wd. 24 has stated that the stones have not been thrown by the strikebreakers. I would like to call his attention to the fact that the strikers have not fired any bullets to kill our citizens. I have been over to the barracks on Albany St. I was there one Sunday afternoon, and I saw two shots fired into the crowd. The people in the crowd asked the officer to go into the building and arrest the man. He refused, saying that he could not identify the man. After a while, after the young boy was shot, the officer went in and took a young man out. Another afternoon a friend of mine was shot, and he was buried last Wednesday morning. The sympathies of the people of South Boston are very strongly against these strikebreakers. They are nothing but a lot of thugs and robbers. They insult every young lady they meet on the street. You cannot go near them on account of the police. I hope that the resolution will be adopted.

Mr. DALY of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I desire to give my approval to the adoption of the resolution, and also to say a few words. I made an effort during the last week to talk with quite a number of police officials, and they told me that this talk about riots is all exaggeration. Today I talked with a captain of a down-town police station, and he said that last night the Schrafft Candy Company had five teams in front of their store, and that they did their business without interruption from anybody. To my mind, it is a bad feature when the Police Department of Boston protects these men and keeps our law-abiding citizens out of their work. I hope that this resolution will be passed unanimously.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I, too hope that this resolution will be passed tonight. It seems to me a pity that the master teamsters because they are trying to break a strike, are allowed to import these men who had bad reputations into this city. In fact, I am surprised at the police department of this city for allowing it. I know that if we were to have any large celebration here in the city, such as a visit of the Knight Templars, the Knights of Pythias or as we may have in a short time, an Old Home week celebration, every officer in this city, every man under Chief Watts, and every man under Commissioner O'Meara, would be on the look out for pickpockets, thugs and all such people, and would railroad them at once out of the city. Now, the police department knew before these people came in here that they were the picked thugs and cutthroats of the different cities throughout the country, and the moment that they attempted to enter this city the police department should have at once seized them and sent them back, and not have allowed them to enter the city at all. If the master teamsters who are attempting to break the strike are not able to do that with Boston men, they ought not to be allowed to do any business here, or to be given any encouragement whatever. Mr. President and members of the Council, I hope that this resolution will be adopted.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I would like to add a few words to what has been said by the previous speakers. We have in South Boston some 80,000 people. They are law-

abiding citizens. We have less crime in proportion to our population than possibly any other part of the city. I do not know of any part of the city of Boston where less crime is committed by its citizens than in South Boston. I never heard before such censure from the public press as we have received recently. I know full well that the citizens of South Boston are not insulting any class of people unless they have very strong and sufficient reasons. Unfortunately, the death of this young man Cunningham has greatly stirred up that district, and also the rest of the city. It was a very unfortunate affair. But a great part of the censure which has been heaped upon South Boston by the public press is not justified. I have lived in South Boston for 40 years, and I never knew of a more peaceable community in any part of the city than South Boston was up to the time when this uprising took place. As Mr. McCullough says, the intruders are composed of hard characters from New York and other cities. I hope and trust that the resolution will be adopted, and concur in what has been said, with the exception of one thing, and that is where Mr. McCullough mentioned the name of our honored Judge over there, Judge Fallon. I want to say that Judge Fallon is as honorable a man as there is on the bench. This is the first time in my life that I ever heard any adverse comments made as to his conduct as Judge of that court. I hope that if his name is mentioned in the resolution it will be eliminated before the resolution is passed.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I hope the resolution will go through as it is. Judge Fallon may be an honorable gentleman, and all that, but I think he has been very unfair to the strikers during this recent trouble. As regards the master teamsters, I do not think there is one chance in a hundred that they have any right to import these strike-breakers. This is a fight between the union and a few of the master teamsters, the most of whom are not taxpayers of the city of Boston. The most of the teamsters have given in to the union, and thus saved themselves trouble. As regards the closing of bridges, I know that Broadway Extension was closed to the public for a week, and that shop girls had during that time to walk away around and take cars in order to get home. I introduced an order at the last meeting, and I see that the Police Commissioner says that he is not allowed by law to do what I requested. I believe he could find a way to do it if he was sincere, and that a lot of trouble would be thereby saved in the city of Boston. I think what I asked was only fair. The strike-breakers are armed—every one of them. The citizens of South Boston are afraid of being shot. I hope that some action will be taken and that the resolution will go through as it is.

The resolution was passed. Sent up.

PLAYGROUND, WD. 16.

Mr. KELLY of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the sum of \$50,000 be appropriated, to be expended by the Board of Park Commissioners, for a playground in Wd. 16; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to the above amount.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. KELLY.

CITIZENS TO BE EMPLOYED.

Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17 offered an or-

der—That the heads of departments, through His Honor the Mayor, be instructed to employ only citizens of Boston in making repairs for their departments.

Mr. JOYCE—Mr. President, my object in introducing that order is that I believe that in having any repair work done which may be needed by the city of Boston, such as fixing teams, shoeing horses, and various other things for the various departments, the work should be given to people who are citizens of Boston, and who pay taxes, and not to people who reside in Brookline, Newton and other places outside of Boston. I know that some of those people are now doing work which they have no right to do.

Passed. Sent up.

REFUSE ON STREETS.

Mr. COLPOYS of Wd. 15 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor request the Board to Health to confer with the Superintendent of the Sanitary Department to regulate the privilege of placing refuse in the public streets so that said refuse may not remain in the streets more than twenty-four hours.

Referred to the Mayor.

PARK UNIFORMS.

Mr. COLPOYS offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to rescind the rule whereby the park employees are compelled to wear the department uniform.

Referred to the Mayor.

REPAIR OF CROSSWALKS.

Mr. COLPOYS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to repair the four crosswalks at I and Sixth Sts., Wd. 15.

Referred to the Mayor.

CLEVELAND CIRCLE.

Mr. McCABE of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the open space at the junction of Chestnut Hill Ave., Beacon St. and Sutherland road, in Wd. 25, be named and hereafter known as Cleveland circle.

Ordered, That the order approved by the Mayor April 17, 1907, naming Cleveland circle be and is hereby rescinded.

Passed. Sent up.

WD. 19 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. MADDEN of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to repair Ruggles St., from Huntington Ave. to Parker St., Wd. 19.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. MADDEN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to repair Sunset St., Wd. 19.

Referred to the Mayor.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, WD 16.

Mr. McGIVERN of Wd. offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place and maintain an electric light at the corner of Boston and Southampton Sts., Wd. 16.

Referred to the Mayor.

GYMNASIUM, CHARLESBANK.

Mr. McCARTHY of Wd. 8 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place in condition for use the gymnasium building in the Charlesbank Park.

Referred to the Mayor.

CAR STOP, CAMBRIDGE ST.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to change the stopping place for cars now located on Cambridge St. at Mansfield St. to Royal St., Wd. 25.

Referred to the Mayor.

PARK, WD. 25.

Mr. ZETTERMAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to properly grade and lay out as a park the land owned by the city at the junction of Cambridge, Lincoln and Mansfield Sts., Wd. 25.

Mr. ZETTERMAN—Mr. President, I would like to say—

Mr. McCARTHY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that there is not a quorum present.

The CHAIR—Members of the Council present will please stand while they are being counted.

(Mr. McCARTHY at this point left the Chamber.)

Mr. NOONAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. The gentleman from Wd. 8, who raised the point of order as to a quorum, is not

in the Chamber, and his point of order cannot therefore be considered.

The CHAIR—The Chair refuses to recognize the point of order raised by Mr. McCarthy of Wd. 8.

Mr. ZETTERMAN—Mr. President, I would like to say a few words in regard to that. This lot of land was bought by the city some 20 years ago, in connection with the abolition of the grade crossing at Cambridge St. Ever since then, this lot of land has remained in this condition.

Mr. SORENSON of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The CHAIR—The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. SORENSON—That there is not a quorum present.

The CHAIR—The members present will rise, and remain standing until counted.

Mr. NOONAN—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. That same point of order was raised, and has been ruled upon, and no business has been transacted since then.

The CHAIR—Will the gentleman please state his point of order again?

Mr. NOONAN—It was just declared that there was a quorum present, and there has been no business transacted since that declaration.

The CHAIR—The Chair will inform the gentleman from South Boston that the Chair made no such ruling, but that the Chair refused to recognize the point of order raised by Mr. McCarthy of Wd. 8.

Before the number of members present was ascertained accurately, the Chair said:

It is evident that there is not a quorum present, and the Council stands adjourned until next Thursday night, at 7.45 P. M.

Adjourned, at 10:55 P. M., to meet on Thursday, May 9, at 7.45 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, May 6, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Alderman BERWIN presiding. Absent, Ald. Bell.

On motion of Ald. LEARY the reading of the record of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

STREETS TO BE IMPROVED.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 6, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in answer to your order requesting a list of the streets in the various districts of the city on which improvements are contemplated to be done during the present year. Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Street Department.

City Hall, May 1, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Dear Sir:—I have received and duly considered enclosed order of the Board of Aldermen for list of streets on which street improvements are contemplated during the present year, and would state that I enclose herewith a list of streets upon which work is intended being done.

Yours respectfully,

James H. Doyle,

Superintendent of Streets.

Streets to be Resurfaced and Reconstructed.

South Boston.

A St., W. First to Congress St.	\$66,500.00
B St., W. Seventh St. to Broadway	11,500.00
Boston St., Washburn to Dorset St.	7,800.00
Dorchester Ave., Andrew Sq. Mt. Vernon St.	5,000.00
E. Fourth St., P to Q St.	4,000.00
E. Ninth St., Dorchester St. to Columbia Road.	3,400.00
E. Ninth St., I to L St.	4,000.00
E. Second St., O to Q St.	6,000.00
Emerson St., between Broadway and K St.	2,000.00

East Boston.

Bennington St., Wordsworth to Saratoga St.	7,700.00
Princeton St., Meridian to Prescott St.	7,900.00
London St., Bennington to Meridian St.	5,000.00
Saratoga St., Orient Heights to Austin Ave.	3,700.00
Meridian St., Maverick Sq. to Central Sq.	19,000.00
Maginal St., Cottage St. to B. R. B. & L. R. R.	9,400.00

Charlestown.

Main St., City Square to Somerville line	55,000.00
Rutherford Ave., Chapman to Cambridge St.	107,000.00
Medford St., Chelsea to Main St.	30,000.00

Decatur St., Medford to Bunker Hill St.	14,750.00
Chelsea St., Vine St. to draw-bridge	6,000.00
Sullivan St., Main to Russell St.	3,300.00
Foss St., Chelsea St. to end	1,600.00
Mishawum St., Main St. to Rutherford Ave.	1,500.00
Walnut St., Bunker Hill to Medford St.	3,000.00
Elm St., Bartlett to High St.	3,000.00
Harvard St., City Square to Main St.	6,300.00
Bunker Hill St., Belmont to Mead St.	8,000.00

Brighton.

Allston St., Brighton Ave. to Washington St.	27,400.00
Bigelow St., Washington to Brooks St.	14,000.00
Elmira St., Market to Muddock St.	5,400.00
Harvard Ave., Cambridge St. to Brookline line	13,000.00
Lincoln St., Franklin to Cambridge St.	2,000.00
N. Beacon St., Union Square to Charles river	36,400.00
Oakland St., Washington to Faneuil St.	4,600.00
Parsons St., Faneuil to N. Beacon St.	11,300.00
Royal St., Hooper St. to Coolidge Rd.	5,500.00
Saunders St., Cambridge to N. Beacon St.	5,800.00
Western Ave., Market to N. Harvard St.	65,300.00

Back Bay.

Astor St., Massachusetts Ave. to Hemenway St.	5,000.00
Albemarle St., St. Botolph St. to railroad.	1,500.00
Batavia St., St. Stephens to Hemenway St.	4,000.00
Gambria St., St. Cecelia to Daiton St.	1,500.00
Gainsborough St., Huntington Ave. to Hemenway St.	7,000.00
Harcourt St., St. Botolph St. to railroad.	1,500.00
Marlborough St., Clarendon St. to Massachusetts Ave.	60,000.00
Providence St., Park Sq. to Clarendon St.	10,000.00
St. Botolph St., Gainsborough St. to railroad.	2,000.00
Scotia St., Dalton to St. Cecelia St.	1,800.00
St. James Ave., Berkeley to Clarendon St.	1,000.00

South End.

Albany St., Kneeland St. to bridge.	32,000.00
Albany St., Dover to Stoughton St.	120,000.00
Eliot St., Tremont to Pleasant St.	15,000.00
Kneeland St., Washington St. to Harrison Ave.	7,600.00
Park Sq.	20,000.00
Seneca St., Albany St. to Harrison Ave.	1,500.00
Cortes St., Berkeley to Ferdinand St.	3,500.00
Gerard St., Massachusetts to Norfolk Ave.	17,000.00
Harwich St., Dartmouth to Yarmouth St.	1,500.00
Wheeler St., Shawmut Ave. to Corning St.	1,500.00
Wilkes St., Washington to Bradford St.	1,000.00
West Canton St., Shawmut Ave. to Tremont St.	5,000.00
West Springfield St., Washington St. to Columbus Ave.	8,000.00

North End.

Easton Ave.	11,800.00
Hancock St., Union to Tileston St.	40,000.00

Chardon St., Green to Hawkins St.	6,100.00
Cooper St., Salem to N. Margin St.	2,300.00
Franklin St., Oliver to India St.	4,000.00
Thatcher St., Endcott to Prince St.	4,800.00
Blackstone St., North to Fulton St.	7,500.00
Causeway St., Lowell to Leverett St.	7,500.00
Prince St., Salem to Commercial St.	9,500.00

West Roxbury.

Boylston St., Chestnut Ave. to Brookside Ave.	7,000.00
Chestnut Ave., Green to Boylston St.	4,600.00
Erfield St., Robinwood to Spring Park Ave.	2,000.00
School St., Washington St. to Walnut Ave.	3,000.00
Ballard St., Centre to Custer St.	1,700.00
Centre St., Louder's Lane to Walter St.	10,000.00
Hall St., South to Call St.	2,200.00
Pond St., Elliot to Prince St.	3,000.00
South St., Keyes St. to Parkway	6,000.00
Walk Hill St., Wachusett to Canterbury St.	8,000.00
Walter St., Centre to Primrose St.	4,000.00
Chesnut St., Albano to Corinth St.	3,000.00
Brockfield St., South to S. Fairview St.	3,100.00
Poplar St., Canterbury St. to Hyde Park line	15,000.00
Canterbury St., Poplar St. to R. R.	7,300.00
Washington St., Green to Morton St.	57,000.00
Washington St., Ashland St. to Metropolitan Ave.	7,000.00

Roxbury.

Hampden St., Howard to Dudley St.	7,500.00
Shawmut Ave., Roxbury to Lenox St.	18,000.00
Terrace St., Tremont to Heath St.	15,000.00
Tremont St., Hammond to Linden Park St.	28,000.00
Warren St., Copeland St. to Kearsarge Ave.	12,500.00
Bower St., Warren St. to Walnut Ave.	6,000.00
Minden St., Walden to Bickford St.	4,000.00
Ruggles St., Cabot St. to Shawmut Ave.	5,000.00
Quincy St., Blue Hill Ave. to Walnut Ave.	18,000.00
Evergreen St., Day to end.	3,000.00
Fenwick St., Hulbert St. to Circuit St.	2,000.00
Weston St., Tremont to Warwick St.	3,000.00

Dorchester.

Adams St., Park St. to Dorchester Ave.	7,000.00
Buttonwood St., Crescent Ave. to Columbia Rd.	6,000.00
Clayton St., Columbia Rd. to Pleasant St.	5,000.00
Dickens St., Adams St. to Clayton Pl.	3,500.00
Dorchester Ave., Adams to Park St.	4,000.00
Freeport St., Dorchester Ave. to Park St.	10,000.00
High St., Hancock to Church St.	3,000.00
Olney St., Bowdoin to Rosseter St.	9,000.00
Thornley St., Dorchester Ave. to Pleasant St.	4,000.00
Tonawanda St., Geneva Ave. to Greenbriar St.	5,000.00
Fuller St., Dorchester Ave. to Washington St.	5,000.00

Armandine St., Washington St. to Milton Ave.	6,000.00
Evans St., Milton Ave. to Capen St.	6,500.00
Woolson St., Blue Hill Ave. to Norfolk St.	5,000.00

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. BANGS.

WEIGHERS OF COAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 6, 1907.
To the Board of Aldermen:—
Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint George A. Bachelor (124 Southampton St., Wd. 17), and George C. Webb (3146 Washington St., Wd. 23) Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1908.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.
Laid over under the law.

CONSTABLES APPOINTED.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 6, 1907.
To the Board of Aldermen:—
Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint St. Clare H. Richardson (49 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 17), and Frank Yennaco (220 Hanover St., Wd. 6), Constables of the city of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1908.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.
Laid over under the law.

AVERY ST. WIDENING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Street Laying-Out Department,
May 3, 1907.
To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:—
Gentlemen:—Replying to your order of March 25 last, requesting "an estimate of the expense of widening and extending Avery St., Wd. 7, in accordance with plans already prepared," the Board respectfully submits the following:

Land and building Damages.....	\$1,095,000
Construction	9,000

Total\$1,104,000

The plans as prepared call for a street forty feet in width.

Very respectfully,

J. J. O'Callaghan, Secretary.
Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and were referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Department.

Oriental Hall Association, for leave to build a wooden building on Hyde Park Ave., Wd. 23.

Building Department (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Thomas I. Hogan, three illuminated signs, 136-138-140 Court St., Wd. 6.

Myers & Franks, Proprietors, an illuminated sign, at 11 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Joseph Palmbaum, an electric sign, at 33 Salem St., Wd. 6.

Frankel & Co., an illuminated sign, at North Centre St., rear of 85 Blackstone St., Wd. 6.

John O. Burque & Co., an illuminated sign, at 50 Summer St., Wd. 7.

Toxaway Tanning Co., a sign, at 205 South St., Wd. 7.

Maurice P. White, an electric sign, at 155 Eliot St., Wd. 7.

B. Bendleberg, an illuminated sign, at 1113 Washington St., Wd. 9.

B. Bendleberg, an illuminated sign, at 1033 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Mark H. Lyons, an illuminated sign, at 1103 Washington St., Wd. 9.

W. F. Abbott, an illuminated sign, at 354A Columbus Ave., Wd. 10.

James H. Deering, two signs, at 95 W. Cedar St., Wd. 11.

J. Segal, an illuminated sign, at 11 Green St., Wd. 8.

T. W. Norman & Co., a sign, 44 Bromfield St., Wd. 7.

Congress Lunch, electric sign, 42 Howard St., Wd. 6.

Claims.

Lucy A. Stockbridge, for compensation for damages to estate 259 Harold St. by blasting by the Sewer Department.

Catherine Duffy, for compensation for the death of her husband, Charles Duffy, by an accident while he was employed in the Sanitary Department.

Morris Covitz, for compensation for damages to personal property at 12 Merton St. by sewage.

Electric Wires.

Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, for leave to erect three poles on Zeigler St., between Warren and Washington Sts., Wd. 17.

The New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, for leave to erect and to remove eight poles on Bakersfield St., Wd. 20.

Same company, for leave to remove two poles from Porter St., between Bremen and Chelsea Sts., Wd. 2.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Army Nurses of the Civil War, for the use of Faneuil Hall on the afternoon of June 9.

E. Moody Boynton, for the use of Faneuil Hall on May 6.

Licenses.

Alvin Spear, for leave to run passenger barges between Highland Station and Mt. Benedict Cemetery, between the corner of Lagrange and Centre Sts. and the Newton and Dedham lines, and between West Roxbury and Spring St. stations and the Newton and Dedham lines.

Petitions for children under 15 years of age to appear in public places of amusement, as follows:

A. J. Duffy, for Doris Miller, at the Orpheum Theatre during the week beginning May 6.

E. D. Smith, manager, for Foster Williams, at the Majestic Theatre, for two weeks beginning April 29.

Edward P. Shute, for John H. Barkley and others, at the Sherwin Schoolhouse on the evening of May 13.

Phillips Congregational Church, for Nadine Booth and others, at said church on Broadway, S. B., on May 13.

Memorial Day.

Peter Salem Garrison No. 16, A. & N. U., for an appropriation for Memorial day.

Gen. R. S. McKenzie Garrison No. 24, R. A. & N. U., for an appropriation for Memorial day.

Gen. T. F. Meagher Command No. 3, U. V. U., for an appropriation for Memorial day.

Public Improvements.

Henry A. Franklin, for leave to lay a 1½-inch pipe under and across sidewalk, at 47 Dearborn St., Wd. 17.

Joseph Bornstein, for leave to construct a coal hole in sidewalk, at 32 Emerald St., Wd. 9.

John Cavanagh & Son Building Moving Company, for leave to move a wooden building across Longwood Ave. at Binney St., Wd. 19.

Petitions for Sidewalks, viz.:

Charles Karp and Joseph Goldberg, 314-318 Princeton St., Wd. 1.

Patrick O'Hearn, 79-83 Olney St., Wd. 20.

Mrs. C. M. Smith, 46 Round Hill St., Wd. 22.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

On petitions for leave to project bay-windows, viz.:

1. Marks Harris, one over Circuit St., from building 32 Fountain St., corner of Circuit St., Wd. 21.

2. Marks Harris, one over Quincy St., from building 214 Howard Ave., corner of Quincy St., Wd. 16.

3. Lewis Burnham, one over Brooks St., from building 108-110 Trenton St., corner of Brooks St., Wd. 1.

No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Building Department, Ald.

On petitions for licenses to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, viz.:

4. W. E. Leavitt, on Morton St., corner River St., Wd. 24.

5. Coffin Valve Company, Tolman St., corner Norwood St., Wd. 24.

No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

6. On petition of the Fire Commissioner for leave to erect a post for a fire alarm box on Chandler St., at the corner of Clarendon St., Wd. 10.

7. On petition of the Fire Commissioner for leave to erect a pole for fire-alarm wires, opposite the estate of M. Ambrose Hannon on Fisher Ave., Wd. 19.

On petition of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, for leave to erect poles for electric wires, viz.:

8. One on Maverick St., east from Bremen St., Wd. 2.

9. One on Guild Row, near Dudley St., Wd. 18.

No objections. Severally recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

10. Two on Roxbury St., between Guild Row and Washington St., Wd. 18; and five on Zeigler St., between Washington St. and Harrison Ave., Wds. 17 and 18.

Remonstrances were received from the Hiram Whittington Trustees, Catherine Murphy and George B. Fowler.

On motion of Ald. DRAPER the petition was recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

11. One on Blue Hill Ave., near River St., Wd. 24.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

12. One on Waldeck St., near Tona-wanda St., Wd. 20.

Objections were received from Edwin H. Keane, P. E. and Hattie H. Wagner, George A. Riley and others.

On motion of Ald. CLARK, the petition was recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

13. Report of Committee on Appropriations, recommending reference to the Committee on Finance of orders, as follows:

Order (referred Feb. 14) for an appropriation for a municipal building in Charlestown.

Order (referred March 25) for an appropriation for bath-house at Freeport St., Wd. 24.

Order (referred March 25) for an appropriation for purchase of land at Savin Hill for park purposes.

Report accepted; said reference ordered in concurrence.

14. Report of Committee on Appropriations, no further action necessary on sundry matters, viz.:

Order (referred Jan. 10) concerning paving of Washington St., Wd. 21.

Order (referred Jan. 10) concerning appropriation for bath-house, McKenzie Beach

Order (referred Jan. 21) relative to increase of pay of laborers.

Order (referred Jan. 21) relative to branch library and reading room in East Boston.

Mayor's message (referred Jan. 24) relative to shelters at Dover St. and other bridges.

Order (referred Jan. 24) concerning resurfacing of Allston St., Wd. 25.

Order (referred Jan. 24) concerning appropriation for compensation of Superintendent of Playgrounds.

Order (referred Jan. 31) concerning rental of Chandler's Pond for skating purposes.

Order (referred Feb. 4) relative to repair of Meridian St. bridge.

Order (referred Feb. 4) relative to appropriation for maintenance of Sanitary Department in Dorchester.

Order (referred Feb. 7) concerning appropriation for flagstaff at Upham's Corner.

Order (referred March 21) relative to free car tickets for laborers.

Order (referred April 1) relative to athletic building at Wood Island Park.

Report accepted in concurrence.

15. Ordered, That the heads of departments, through His Honor the Mayor, be instructed to employ only citizens of Boston in making repairs for their departments.

Passed in concurrence.

16. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to pay double time to all employees for work on Sundays and holidays.

Passed in concurrence.

17. Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to establish in all the school yards of Wd. 12 sand gardens for children.

Passed in concurrence.

18. Ordered, That the open space at the junction of Chestnut Hill Ave., Beacon St. and Sutherland Rd., in Wd. 25, be named and hereafter known as Cleveland Circle.

Ordered, That the order approved by the Mayor April 17, 1907, naming Cleveland Circle, be and is hereby rescinded.

Passed in concurrence.

19. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be, and hereby is, requested to lay out so much of the East Boston reservoir lot on Eagle Hill, East Boston, as lies within the lines of Eagle St., extended westerly to Brooks St., as a highway.

Ordered, That the Water Commissioner, with the approval of the Mayor, sell at public or private sale so much of said reservoir lot as lies north of said proposed extension of Eagle St., either as a whole or in building lots, and under such restrictions as they may deem advisable.

Ordered, That so much of said reservoir lot as lies south of said proposed extension of Eagle St., be and hereby is placed in the custody of the Board of Park Commissioners to be used as a public playground, and the said Board is hereby authorized to do such filling and grading and excavating as may be necessary for such use, and to sell such material as may not be needed, and to

devote the proceeds of such sales, and the proceeds from the sale of the northerly portion of the lot hereinbefore described, for the construction of the playground herein authorized, and for providing suitable buildings and apparatus therefor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. BATTIS.

20. Ordered, That the sum of fourteen hundred sixty-eight dollars and sixty-two cents (\$1,468.62) be allowed and paid from the Appropriation for County of Suffolk, General Expenses, to Francis A. Campbell, Clerk of the Superior Court for Civil Business in the County of Suffolk, for the purpose of repaying to the said Campbell the costs and expenses incurred by him in defending his title to said office.

Passed in concurrence.

21. Whereas, the City Council has learned that certain, so-called, master teamsters of Boston have been judged unfair to organized labor, and, as a result of this unfairness, a strike has been declared against them, and

Whereas, said, so-called, master teamsters have imported, and are now importing, into our city armed criminals of desperate character with penitentiary records, from the slums of Pittsburg, Philadelphia and New York, and

Whereas, recent convictions of said criminals for murderous assaults, robberies, the carrying of dangerous weapons, and the gross insulting of women, prove conclusively that these importations are a present danger and a future menace to the safety of life and property, therefore be it

Resolved, That the City Council protests, in the name of good morals, common decency and the public peace, against the further importation of these criminals into our city.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, with instructions to report back today, on motion of Ald. BANGS.

22. Ordered, That the sum of forty-five hundred dollars (\$4500) be appropriated to be expended by the Park Department for the completion of lavatory building, including showers and lockers, and for grading, drainage and fencing of the Marcella-St. Playground, Wd. 22; and to meet such appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

Ald. FINIGAN moved a suspension of the rule that the order might be placed upon its passage.

Ald. BANGS made a substitute motion that the order be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The motion to refer to the Committee on Finance was declared lost. Ald. BANGS doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The motion to refer to the Committee on Finance was lost, yeas 3, nays 9.

Yeas—Ald. Bangs, Berwin, Clark—3.
Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Battis, Curlew, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—9.

Ald. FINIGAN'S motion to suspend the rule was carried, and the order was passed in concurrence, yeas 9, nays 3.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Battis, Curlew, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—9.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Berwin, Clark.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS

The CHAIR called up, under unfinished business, the following:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz.:

23. Israel A. Ratshesky, to be a mem-

ber of the Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners for three years beginning May 1, 1907.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Ald. Curley and Draper; yes 12, no none, and the appointment was confirmed.

On motion of Ald. DRAPER it was voted that Nos. 24, 25, 26 and 27 be taken up and acted on together, viz.:

24. George R. Swasey, to be a member of the Board of Appeal for three years beginning May 1, 1907.

25. Thomas Arthur, to be a Bath Trustee for the term ending April 30, 1909, vice Thomas J. Lane, deceased.

26. Isaac Silber, to be a Constable for one year beginning May 1, 1907.

27. John J. Barnes and John Steele, to be Measurers of Grain for one year, beginning May 1, 1907.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Ald. Draper and Leary; yes 12, no none, and the appointments were severally confirmed.

ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions for licenses to store, or store and keep for sale, products of petroleum, viz.:

Franklin So. Apt. Company, 51-55 Mystic St., Wd. 12.

Public Grounds Department, City of Boston, Massachusetts Ave., corner of Shirley St., Wd. 16.

Burlank & Ryder Varnish Company, 62 Alford St., Wd. 5.

Pilgrim Laundry Company, 3355-3365 Washington St., Wd. 23.

H. Gave, 1939 Beacon St., Wd. 25.

W. E. Barnes, 432 Columbia Rd., Wd. 16.

Orders of notice were passed for hearing on Monday, May 27, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

On the following petitions for leave to project bay windows, viz.:

Albert E. Butterfield, two, 41 Orleans St., Wd. 2.

Samuel Craddock, two 17-21 Neponset Ave., Wd. 24.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings on Monday, May 20, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

COAL AND COKE LICENSES.

Notices were received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth of the granting of various coal and coke licenses in the city of Boston.

Placed on file.

DUDLEY ST. DEPOT.

A notice was received from the Railroad Commissioners of a hearing on May 16, at 10:30 A. M. at their office, on the matter of directing the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad to erect a new depot at Dudley St.

Placed on file.

HARBOR AND LAND HEARINGS.

Notices were received from the Harbor and Land Commissioners of hearings on May 8, on the petition of the Boston Elevated Railway Company for license to build an intake at Lincoln's Wharf, and on the petition of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board for license to build bulkhead and fill solid in Chelsea Creek.

Placed on file.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The City Treasurer, after having duly

approved the same, submitted the following Constables' bonds, viz.:

Cornelius J. Bresnahan, Timothy J. Callahan, William W. Campbell, Michael Cangiano, George W. Crawford, Eugene S. Cronin, James F. Curran, Joseph P. Dever, William L. Drohan, Jeremiah J. Gilman, Oliver S. Grant, George W. Green, Francis A. Griffin, John Harrington, Edward J. Holland, Thomas Jordan, John J. Kenney, George E. Kerr, Russell R. Knapp, Clarence H. Knowlton, James F. Larkin, William H. Lyon, William H. Lythgoe, William M. Macdonald, John F. McCarthy, William McCarthy, James J. Morgan, John Murdy, James O'Connor, Isaiah Paine, Jr., Robert Reid, David Schapero, Moses H. Steuer, William H. Travers.

Approved by the Board.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, submitted reports on the following petitions (severally referred today) for the use of Faneuil Hall—Recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

Army Nurses of the Civil War, afternoon of June 9.

E. Moody Boynton, evening of May 6. Reports accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

LICENSE REPORTS.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 10 newsboys, 3 bootblacks and 3 vendors.

Reports accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for permits for children under 15 years of age to appear at various places—recommending that permits be granted, viz.:

A. J. Duffy, for Doris Miller, Orpheum Theatre, during week beginning May 6.

E. D. Smith, manager, for Foster Williams, Majestic Theatre, for two weeks beginning April 29.

Edward P. Shute, for John H. Barkley and others, Sherwin Schoolhouse, May 13.

Phillips Congregational Church, Nadine Booth and others, at said church on May 13.

Reports severally accepted, permits granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of Alvin Spear (referred today) for leave to run passenger barges between the corner of Lagrange and Centre Sts., and the Newton and Dedham lines, and between West Roxbury and Spring St. stations and the Newton and Dedham lines—Recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

PROJECTION OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.) submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred April 29) for leave to project signs, etc., recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

Peter S. Dowd, an illuminated sign at 537 Main St., Wd. 4.

H. Bloomberg, an illuminated sign at 52 Cross St., Wd. 6.

Thomas J. Ryan & Co., an illuminated sign at 2 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 6.

Wolf Greenberg, an illuminated sign at 16 Elm St., Wd. 6.

B. H. Goodrich, a sign at 4 Portland St., Wd. 6

R. O. Brittain, an illuminated sign at 22 Tremont row, Wd. 6.

J. E. Doherty Company (two petitions), illuminated signs—one at 615 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7, and one at 256 Purchase St., Wd. 7.

J. Garner, a board sign at 493 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Rosoff & Lifschitz, two wooden signs at 839 Washington St., Wd. 7.

M. B. Buckley, an electric sign at 168 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 10.

John J. Tobin, an illuminated sign at 243 Dorchester St., Wd. 15.

Gay & Pulsifer, a key sign at 581 Dudley St., Wd. 16.

Julius Neustadt, a wooden sign at 959 Tremont St., Wd. 18.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of Thomas I. Hogan (referred today) for leave to project three illuminated signs at 136-138-140 Court St., Wd. 6—recommending the leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of Dilley, Estabrook & Co. (referred April 1), for leave to project a sign from balcony at 5 Pearl St., Wd. 7—recommending that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Accepted.

(4) Report on the petition of Julia Fletcher (referred April 1) for leave to project one bay window from building No. 102 Marion St., Wd. 1—Recommending leave to withdraw, at the request of the petitioner. Accepted.

(5) Reports on three petitions of Simon Goldsmith (referred April 22) for leave to project two bay windows from building 1263-1265 Tremont St., Wd. 19; four from building 1267-1273 Tremont St., Wd. 19; and two from building 1048 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19—Recommending that leave be granted.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

PARKER HILL IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the sum of thirty thousand dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the departments hereafter named and for the purposes specified, and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount, viz.:

Fire Department.

Engine house and apparatus on land owned by the city on Parker Hill\$15,000)

Park Department.

Removal of reservoir and construction of playground on Parker Hill 15,900

The CHAIR—If there is no objection, the order will be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I hope the order will not be referred to the Committee on Finance, as this matter has been before the Board for a great many years and the Councilmen from Wd. 19 have worked hard for the last three or four years, without the aid of an Alderman, to have it passed. I want to say that the credit is due the councilmen from Wd. 19 if anything is obtained in this matter. The fact is that Parker Hill, with its five large hospitals, is left without any fire protection, and there is a new hospital, the Brigham Hospital, to be built there pretty soon. I had a conference with citizens of Wd. 19 of the Parker Hill district, in the

City Engineer's office, where they looked over the plans. The City Engineer proposes to extend water mains up there and they all agreed that that was a very good thing, but of no use unless they had a fire house. The old reservoir on Parker Hill the City Engineer recommends be abolished, as it is of no use to the city. It is 80 feet below Fisher Hill, and, therefore, they get no high water pressure from it, and on top of the hill on the third floor of some of the houses there is no force of water whatsoever. It is, also, almost impossible for the Fire Department to get up there. You all know the condition of affairs there. This ground is composed of something like 200,000 feet. The City Engineer recommends the abolition of the reservoir and it is proposed to make this into a playground, and also to take part of this reservoir ground for the purpose of establishing an engine house there. The estimated cost is very low—only \$15,000 for engine house and apparatus and \$15,000 for removing this reservoir, grading the ground and making it into a playground. There is no question but what they can do it, and there is good stone in the reservoir which will help in building the engine house. This affects not only Wd. 19, but the whole city. People come to the Women's Charity Club Hospital, the Boston Baptist Hospital, and the other hospitals. No part of the city better fitted for from all sections of the city. There is hospital purposes in the matter of fresh air and sunlight. It is an ideal spot for hospitals. The Brigham Hospital is going to locate there. There is certainly no reason why this order should not go through today.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I hope this order will be referred to the Committee on Finance, as suggested by the Chair. There have been a great many orders introduced into this Board lately to borrow sums of money under \$10,000—anywhere from \$2000 and \$3000 up to \$5000 and \$10,000—and if these orders go through the city government and receive the approval of the Mayor or are passed over his veto, the result will be that we will not know where we are, so far as borrowing capacity is concerned, we will have eaten into it so much, and when we want to borrow money for and really great improvement we will be at a loss to know where to get it. I think the Committee on Finance is the committee to deal with all these questions, to look into them and to say whether this, that or the other, or all of them, should be granted. To take them up one at a time at each meeting of the Board and pass them seems to be a very wrong and dangerous policy. I believe all these orders should, when they come into the Board, be referred to the committee which can deal with them intelligently and all together, at one time.

The CHAIR—The Chair would remind the honorable Alderman who offered the order that the reference was made under the rules.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I ask that all rules be suspended. I am somewhat surprised at the attitude of the gentleman from Wd. 11, getting up and opposing an order of this kind, as the very people of his own neighborhood are the people who advocate the placing of fire protection in this neighborhood, people interested in the Women's Charity Club Hospital, the Baptist Hospital, and other like institutions. There can be no question in the Alderman's mind that this is something that is much needed in Wd. 19. There is no question but what Parker Hill should have fire protection. Any one who has been there in the winter time knows its condition, and this

fire house would not only act as a protection against fire, but also as a relief corps, in case there is fire in any of the hospitals, to bring the sick and maimed out. There is no question in any man's mind but what this order should go through, and I want to remind the Alderman that delays are dangerous. I want to assure the gentleman from Wd. 11 that if this loan order passes through the city government it will be one of the first loan orders signed by the Mayor as he had looked into the matter carefully, given it very careful study, and after a conference with the different institutions up there has decided that it is much needed, and that he will sign the order. Delays are dangerous, and I hope the Alderman will see his way clear to withdraw his objections and let the order go through.

Ald. CLARK—Mr. Chairman, while it may be true that this hill is at present suffering from insufficient protection against fire, I have had only a small chance to inspect the order, and have been as yet unable to understand what the playground part of the order has to do with the protection of Parker Hill from fire, why the borrowing of money to establish fire protection on Parker Hill should be connected with the building and establishment of a playground. I do not see why the Alderman wishes to handicap his order for fire protection by connecting it with an order borrowing money for a playground.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I am very much pleased to have the Alderman remind me of the playground part of it. I meant to say something in regard to that. The fact is that Wd. 19, the largest ward in Boston, and the most congested ward in the city, is without a playground, while the Alderman from Dorchester has four or five out in his section. There should be no question at all about the playground part of the order. Certainly Wd. 19 deserves a playground, and here we are getting a playground for \$15,000. We own the land. We are not asking for the purchase of any land. All we ask is to remove the reservoir and grade off the land, and use it for a playground. I did not think for a minute there would be any objection to the playground, because I thought it had been instilled into every Alderman's mind that he should vote for a playground for Wd. 19.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I don't know just why the Alderman should assume that I oppose an order when I suggest its reference to the appropriate committee. I have not yet made up my mind about this order, one way or the other, but I do think this and similar orders should be referred to the Finance Committee and dealt with altogether. Very likely when I come to look into it I may approve of it. I don't know whether I shall or not. But I do think it should go to that committee, and certainly a suggestion to that effect does not indicate by any means opposition to the order. I do not know yet whether I should or should not oppose the order when reported back to the Board by that committee.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, the Finance Committee, of which I am a member, has not met this year, and I don't know when it is going to meet. I believe the gentleman from Wd. 11 is the chairman of the committee, and he has not called a meeting. I say delays are dangerous. As far as the Alderman getting up and saying that he doesn't know that he will oppose the order is concerned, I have heard him say that at almost every meeting of the Board, and every order he opposed at the first he opposed at the last.

The rule was declared suspended. Ald.

BANGS doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The Board refused to suspend the rule (a two-thirds vote being necessary for suspension), yeas 7, nays 5:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—7,
Nays—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Berwin, Clark, Draper—5.

On motion of Ald. WOODS, it was voted to reconsider and assign consideration to 4:30 P. M.

SIDEWALK ORDERS.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along both sides of Tibbetts Town Way, Wd. 5, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of gravel, with granite edgestone, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Ald. DRAPER offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along both sides of Comins Terrace, Wd. 21, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of gravel, with granite edgestone. Under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along George St. at Hampden St., Wd. 17, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edgestone, under the provisions of Chap. 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along both sides of East Cottage St., between Town Meeting Sq. and Columbia road, Wd. 16, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of gravel, with granite edgestone, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Ald. FINEGAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along Nos. 388, 393, 400, 402, 404 Centre St., Wd. 22, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edgestone, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Severally referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. DRAPER offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of estate 96 Norfolk St., Dorchester; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of estate 148 Everett St., East Boston; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of No. 50 Eliot St., Jamaica

Plain; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

LAMP, TRENTON ST.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain a gas lamp on Trenton St., between Marion and Meridian Sts., East Boston; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

BATHS, CURTIS HALL.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to provide in the first loan bill the sum of \$50,000 to be expended for fitting up Curtis Hall, Jamaica Plain, with shower baths and gymnastic apparatus.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

LAND FOR COLUMBIA ROAD.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform this Board at its next meeting as to the feasibility of taking the parcel of land bounded by O St., Seventh St. and Columbia Rd. for park purposes, in connection with said Columbia Rd., and what action, if any, is necessary on the part of the City Council.

Passed.

PREBLE ST. WIDENING.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Street Commissioners be requested to furnish this Board at its next meeting with an estimate of the cost of widening Preble St., from Andrew Sq. to Columbia Rd.

Passed.

PASSAGEWAY, HARVARD AVE.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be and hereby is authorized, in the name and behalf of the city, to execute an indenture with George A. Wilson for the laying out of a passageway five feet wide from Harvard avenue, in the Brighton district, to the rear of the engine house lot, one-half of said passageway to be taken from said engine house lot and one-half from the adjoining land of said Wilson, said passageway to be used in common by the city and said Wilson, his heirs and assigns.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

CRIMINAL STRIKE BREAKERS.

Ald. FINEGAN offered an order—That the Police Commissioner be hereby requested by this Board to have the records of all persons who are now employed, or who may hereafter be brought into the city, as strike breakers, investigated, and if any are found to have criminal records, to order such persons to leave the city.

Passed.

GYMNASIUM, COTTAGE ST.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the sum of five thousand dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Park Commissioners for a gymnasium and other improvements on the Cottage St. Playground, Wd. 2, and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treas-

urer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

Ald. LEARY moved a suspension of the rule that the order might take its passage at this time.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, that is another example of what I said a moment ago. Here they come—one order after another, \$5000, \$10,000, until we shall soon have exceeded our borrowing capacity, with very little to show for it. I think this is an excellent example of the truth of the statement I made a few moments ago, that we have got in the habit in this City Government of putting in these small loan orders and expecting to have them pass immediately. They should all go to the Committee on Finance.

Ald. LEARY—Mr. Chairman, I am not at all surprised at the objection coming from my friend on the left, because it has been his habit ever since the first meeting of the Board to object to all appropriations and all loans that concern (other sections of the city than that which he represents. I noticed when the amount of \$40,000 was appropriated to beautify Copley Sq., in the Back Bay section of the city, the Alderman, that being in his section, did not rise in his place and object to it, but voted for it. I, also, voted for that, as I have voted for improvements in other sections of the city, and I hope the members of the Board will see fit in their judgment to at least grant this request to the poor people of my section of East Boston. This \$5000 is simply to complete a playground that the city bought twelve or thirteen years ago, spending in the neighborhood of \$35,000 for it, and which now has nothing on it except a small quoit court. There is not a place for ball players or anybody else to dress. I hope the members of the Board will see fit in their wisdom to pass this order, and thereby benefit the poor people of the section of East Boston that I have the honor to represent.

The Board refused to suspend the rule. Ald. LEARY doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays.

The Board refused to suspend the rule (a two-thirds vote being necessary for suspension), yeas 6, nays 4:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—6.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Berwin, Clark, Curley—4.

Ald. LEARY—Mr. Chairman, I move reconsideration and ask that reconsideration be assigned to the next meeting. If I may be permitted by the Chair to say a word on reconsideration. I would like to call the attention of the members of this Board to the attitude of my colleague from East Boston in remaining in his place here today and not voting on a question that is of so much vital importance to the people of East Boston. There have been many matters arising in this Board of interest to the people of his section of East Boston that I have interested myself in and championed here, asking the Democratic members of the Board to vote for them, and I am somewhat surprised at his attitude today in remaining in his seat and refusing to vote to suspend the rules for the passage of a loan which is of so much importance to the people of Wd. 2, and all the people of East Boston. I only want to call that to the attention of the Board to show that the gentleman is not acting right or proper and that he is not representing the people of his district in a proper manner.

Ald. BATTIS—Mr. Chairman, as long as my colleague from Wd. 2 has seen fit to criticize my position, I feel it is my duty to defend myself. I believe in being consistent. I voted here not five

minutes ago against having a proposition of the same kind—a somewhat larger one—go through, feeling that it should go to the Committee on Finance, and I could see no other way consistently except to take the same position in regard to this order. Even though I am in favor of this order and would like to see it passed, as I have taken the stand that all these matters should go to the Committee on Finance, I feel, in justice to myself, that I can do nothing else but refuse to vote to pass them until there has been such reference. I will say that I, for one, am just as much with the poor people, and willing to do as much for the poor people, as is the gentleman who has just preceded me.

Ald. LEARY—Mr. Chairman, I am somewhat surprised at what the Alderman from my section of the city has said. This is the first time I have any recollection during the present year of his voting against any loan orders of this kind. I know he has voted for loans of this kind for other sections of the city, and I am surprised when he stands up here and says he is consistent in this matter. I say that I do not believe he is consistent when he makes that statement, because I know, and you all know, that he has voted for loans of this kind for other sections of the city.

Ald. BATTIS—Mr. Chairman, if I remember correctly, the same order is on the calendar of the Common Council at the present time. I don't know why the gentleman brought the order in here today when it is ready to be put on its passage in the Council.

On motion of Ald. LEARY it was voted to reconsider refusal to suspend the rule and to assign reconsideration to the next meeting of the Board.

MARINE PARK PIERHEAD.

On motion of Ald. BALDWIN, the Board took up special assignment:

29. Order of Councilman Sullivan, as amended by the Board of Aldermen April 22:

Ordered, That from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island the sum of \$8000, now available, be appropriated, to be expended by the Park Department for the completion of the pier head at Marine Park.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, I move to amend by inserting the figures "\$6000" in place of "\$8000." The matter was discussed at the last meeting and it was then understood that there was \$8000 left in this fund. I have since conferred with the auditor, who tells me that there are about \$6200 left. For that reason I move that the figures "\$6000" be inserted instead of "\$8000."

Ald. Baldwin's amendment was adopted and the order was passed, yeas 9, nays 3.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Clark, Curley, Draner, Flinnigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—9.

Nays—Bangs, Rattis, Berwin—3.

Ald. BALDWIN moved to reconsider; lost; sent down.

BATTERY ST. TRACKS.

Ald. DRAPER called up No. 31, special assignment, viz.:

31. Order granting to the West End Street Railway Company locations for tracks, as follows:

"A single track in Battery St., city proper, between Commercial St. and the North ferry, from and connecting with the southerly of the existing tracks on said Battery St., to land of the Boston

Elevated Railway Company situated on the southerly side of Battery St., together with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections," with the right to use the overhead single trolley electric system thereon.

Passed.

RECESS TAKEN.

On motion of Ald. CLARK, the Board voted, at 4:15 P. M., to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called together by Ald. BALDWIN, at 4:52 P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. BERWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

Reports on petitions recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1907, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:

Henry A. Franklin (referred today), to lay, maintain and use a 14-inch iron pipe with a screw cover attached under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 47 Dearborn St., Wd. 17.

Joseph Bornstein (referred today), to construct, maintain and use a coal hole opening not exceeding 18 inches in diameter, and with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 32 Emerald St., Wd. 9.

The White Company (referred April 12), to construct, maintain and use an area with sidewalk light covers and one bulkhead opening with an iron cover under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 341-343 Newbury St., Wd. 11, according to dimensions as shown on a plan dated April 9, 1907, on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

(2) Report on the petition of John Cavanagh & Son Building Moving Company (referred today) recommending the passage of an order—that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Cavanagh & Son Building Moving Company to move three wooden buildings, each flat roof, 50 feet in length, by 41 feet in width, by 35 feet in height, from their present locations on Longwood Ave., along and across said avenue and along Binney St., to foundations on said Binney St., Wd. 19, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Reports recommending reference to Committee on Finance of the following papers:

Mayor's message relative to foot bridge over Boston & Albany Railroad between Beacon and Blandford Sts. (referred April 29).

Mayor's message transmitting communication from Superintendent of Street Cleaning and Watering Department on cost of establishing branch of his department in Wd. 25 (referred March 4).

Reports accepted; said reference ordered.

(4) Report on the order (passed by the Common Council and referred to the committee in this Board April 29) for the appointment of a joint special committee in the matter of billboard advertising—recommending the passage of the same.

Report accepted; said order passed in concurrence.

(5) Reports recommending the passage of orders that the Supt. of Streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, and to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, with granite edgestone, the work to be done under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893, as follows:

Along both sides of Tibbetts Town-way, Wd. 5, in front of the estates bordering thereon, sidewalk to be built of gravel (order referred today).

Along both sides of Comins Terrace, Wd. 21, in front of estates bordering thereon, sidewalk to be built of gravel. (referred today).

Along George street, at Hampden street, Wd. 17, in front of estates bordering thereon, sidewalk to be built of brick (order referred April 22).

Along both sides of East Cottage St., between Town Meeting Sq. and Columbia road, Wd. 16, in front of estates bordering thereon, sidewalks to be built of gravel (referred today).

Along 338-338-400-402-404 Centre St., Wd. 22, in front of estates bordering thereon, sidewalks to be built of brick (order referred today).

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

Report recommending the passage of the order (referred April 29), that the Superintendent of Streets be requested to resurface the roadway on Fuller St., between Dorchester Ave. and Washington St., Wd. 24, and charge the expense to the appropriation for street improvements.

Report accepted; order passed.

(6) Report on petitions (referred today) recommending the passage of orders—that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, and to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, with granite edgestones, owners to furnish material, in front of the following estates:

Mrs. C. M. Smith, 46 Roundhill St., Wd. 22, brick.

Charles Karp and Joseph Goldberg, 314-318 Princeton St., Wd. 1, brick.

Patrick O'Hearn, 78-83 Olney St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

(7) Reports on petitions (recommitted today) for license to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

W. E. Leavitt, Morton St., corner River St., Wd. 24.

Coffin Valve Company, Tolman St., corner Norwood St., Wd 24.

Also report recommending that leave be granted on the petition of John J. Guthlin (referred April 12), for a renewal of license to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at 10 Richfield St., Wd. 20.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted under usual conditions.

(8) Report on order (referred today) authorizing the Mayor to execute an indenture with George A. Wilson for the laying out of a passageway 5 feet wide from Harvard Avenue, in the Brighton district, to the rear of the engine house lot, one-half of said passageway to be taken from said engine house lot and one-half from the adjoining land of said Wilson; said passageway to be used in common by the city and said Wilson, his heirs and assigns—Recommending the passage of the same.

Report accepted, said order passed. Sent down.

(9) Report on communication from the Police Commissioner (referred from last year) relative to danger from coasting in certain orders—Recommending that the same be placed on file.

Report accepted, said communication placed on file.

(10) Report on message of the Mayor (referred Jan. 14), vetoing order rescinding sidewalk assessment against estate of James J. Lanigan, 43 Woodward Ave., Wd. 17—recommending that the same be placed on file and that the veto be sustained.

The report was accepted, and the Board refused to pass the order over the Mayor's veto, yea 1, nays 11, Ald. FLANAGAN voting yea.

SIDEWALK HAMMETT STREET.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along both sides of Hammett street, Wd. 19, in front of the estate bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edgestone. Under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. BERWIN moved a general reconsideration of the action taken today on all motions, orders and resolutions, hoping the same would not prevail. The motion was lost.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. BERWIN, at 5 o'clock P. M., to meet on Monday, May 13, at 3 o'clock P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, May 9, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock, P. M., President BARRETT in the Chair.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT:

The President announced the appointment of Mr. Green of Wd. 24 on the

Committee on Market Department, in place of Mr. Clark of Wd. 24, who had resigned from the committee.

NEXT MEETING.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13, under a suspension of the rules, offered an order—That when the Council adjourns it be to meet on Thursday, May 23, at 7:45 o'clock P. M.

Passed.

Mr. McCARTHY of Wd. 8 raised the point of order that a quorum was not present. By direction of the President the members present arose and remained standing until counted.

The PRESIDENT—Eighteen members, or less than a quorum being present, the Chair will declare the Council adjourned until Thursday, May 23, at 7:45 o'clock P. M.

Adjourned.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, May 13, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Ald. BERWIN presiding.

On motion of Ald. FLANAGAN the Board dispensed with the reading of the records of the preceding meeting.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 514 of the Acts of 1894, as follows:

Twelve traverse, Superior Civil Court, fourth session, to appear May 22:

Thomas A. Russell, Wd. 4; Thomas Stock, Wd. 24; Waldo Chase, Wd. 20; Christian Fischer, Wd. 18; Thomas H. Lynch, Wd. 17; George W. Ross, Wd. 20; Alexander W. Longfellow, Wd. 8; George A. Doherty, Wd. 5; Patrick Murphy, Wd. 9; B. Frank Weed, Wd. 10; Frank Parodi, Wd. 6; Samuel Ascher, Wd. 12.

Six traverse jurors, fifth session, Superior Civil Court, to appear May 20:

Jonas Hoff, Wd. 6; William E. Cahill, Wd. 14; Charles A. Donovan, Wd. 6; John J. Stevens, Wd. 13; Richard Geary, Wd. 8; John A. McCarty, Wd. 21.

CONSTABLES RESIGNED.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 13, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

You are hereby notified that the following-named persons have resigned from the office of Constable of the city of Boston and their resignations have been accepted:

Carlan A. Brown, Thomas A. Crawford, Thomas J. Donnellon, Aaron A. Downs, Charles A. Downs, Charles H. Filisetti, Charles P. Harrington, Joseph M. Harrington, John J. Henry, Edward A. Kennedy, James M. Kilroy, James J. O'Brien, James A. O'Donnell, Charles J. Smith, Albert M. Taylor.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Placed on file.

SIDEWALK ORDER—VETO.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 9, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my approval order of your Board authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to make a sidewalk along both sides of East Cottage St., between Town Meeting Square and Columbia Rd., Wd. 16, for the reasons that the owners of property abutting upon this street have not requested that the work be done, that the Superintendent of Streets is of the opinion that the improvement is not necessary at this time, and that a lien record should not be placed against the property along this street unless the department can go forward with the work at once.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

TEAMING PRICES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 13, 1907.

To the City Council:—

I desire to call your attention to the fact that the teaming contractors of the city of Boston have declined to furnish teams to the city at the rate which has prevailed for many years, namely \$5 for double teams and \$3 for single teams, and have expressed a determination to refrain from furnishing teams to the city until the authorities accede to their demand that \$6 be paid for double teams and \$3.50 for single teams.

In making up the appropriations for the current financial year no provision was made for any such condition of affairs, as there was no knowledge on the part of the City Council that the teaming contractors intended to demand a higher rate of compensation. This matter should receive the immediate consideration of the City Council.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received, and were referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Department, Ald.

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc.:

F. J. McCarthy, an electric sign, 389 Columbus Ave., Wd. 10.

Wong Yin, electric sign, 19 Tremont St., Wd. 6.

Samuel Robinson, wooden sign, 229 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Edwin W. Lincoln, electric sign, 46 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Luigi Ensogna, a sign, at 9 Fleet St., Wd. 6.

Frank Di Dio, a sign, at 5A Harrison Ave., Wd. 7.

Gutlon & Sisonsky, an electric sign at 32 Hyde Park Ave., Wd. 23.

Claims.

Bessie Machott, for compensation for damage to personal property from flooding by the sewer in Morton St., Wd. 6.

Elizabeth B. Bearse, for compensation for personal injuries received from an alleged defect in Massachusetts Ave., on March 16, 1907.

Lotty A. McCabe, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in sidewalk at 46 Temple Pl., Wd. 7.

Annie L. Drew, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in sidewalk at 35 Pearl St., Charlestown.

Electric Wires.

Alexander C. Chisholm, for leave to stretch an electric wire across Elm Hill Park, from No. 550 to No. 556 Warren St., Wd. 21.

Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, for leave to erect and to remove two poles on Massachusetts Ave., near Shirley St., Wd. 17.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, for leave to erect and to remove one pole on Congress St., near A St., Wd. 13.

Same company, for leave to erect and to remove one pole on Adelaide St., near Spring Park Ave., Wd. 22.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

National League of Employees of Navy Yards, etc., for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of June 7.

Local 321, Industrial Workers of the World, for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of May 28.

Board of Health.

Margaret Rogers, for a license to maintain a lying-in hospital at 461 Washington St., Wd. 25.

Licenses.

Michael J. Scully, for leave to run passenger barges between Highland Station and Mt. Benedict Cemetery, and Corey and Centre Sts. and said cemetery on May 26, May 30 and June 2.

E. D. Smith, Mgr., for a permit for Doris Miller and Chester Dolan, children under 15, to appear at the Majestic Theatre on Sunday, May 12, 1907.

Memorial Day.

Peter Salem Garrison No. 16, A. & N. U., for an appropriation for Memorial Day.

Public Improvements.

George A. Carpenter, Lessee for leave to place a cover of artificial stone in place of the present Hyatt light cover, at No. 3 West St., Wd. 7.

Peter P. Porter et al., Executors, for leave to construct a bulkhead opening at 460-462 Commercial St., Wd. 6.

Italian St. Mary Society, for leave to discharge fireworks at the North End Park on the evening of July 1.

HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of George V. Wattendorf for leave to project six bay windows (two at each number) from buildings Nos. 694, 696, 698 Columbia Road, Wd. 16.

The petitioner was given leave to withdraw, not having advertised in accordance with law.

2. On petition of Clarence A. Cheever, for license to store gasoline at 1531 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 24.

No objection. Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

On petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, for leave to attach wires and fixtures to certain trees, viz.:

3. To two trees on Maverick St., between Liverpool and London Sts., and to one tree on Maverick St., corner of London St., Wd. 2.

Objections were entered by Ald. LEARY in reference to tree at corner of Maverick and London Sts., in behalf of Rev. T. P. McCarthy, and the matter was recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

4. To one tree on Bartlett St., near Walker St., Wd. 4.

Objections were entered by Elmer E. Meehan and P. J. Kyle. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing, on motion of Ald. WHELTON.

On petition of the same company for leave to erect poles for electric wires, viz.:

5. Two poles (and to remove one pole) on Orleans St., near Gove St., Wd. 2.

Objections were entered by Bernard Dockery, Paul Martino and Vito Lespasio, all residing on Orleans St. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

6. Three poles on Oak St., near Russell St., Wd. 4.

Objections were entered by P. J. Kyle, Elizabeth J. Dever, 22 Oak St.; Michael Bowen, 31 Oak St.; Mary O'Donohue, 23 Oak St., and many others. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing, on motion of Ald. WHELTON.

7. Three poles on Percival St., near Potosi St., Wd. 20.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

8. Three poles on Lothian road, between Chiswick and Strathmore roads, Wd. 25.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

9. Two poles on Hopedale St., between Seattle and Windom Sts., Wd. 25.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

10. Two poles on Faneuil St., from Market St., Wd. 25.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

11. Notice of the resignation of Mr. Clark of Wd. 24 and the appointment of Mr. Green in his place, as a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Market Department.

Placed on file.

RESIGNATION FROM MARKET COMMITTEE.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I rise at this time to ask the Chair to accept my resignation as a member of the Committee on Markets, which is to go away tomorrow. I had hoped that I might have the pleasure of going away with them, but I am not physically able to do so. I have been laid up for over a week, have been in bed five days, and my doctor says it would be absolutely foolish for me to go away with the committee. As I understand that one or more other members of the Board are in a position to go, and that one of them wants to go, I ask that my resignation be accepted so that he may take my place.

The CHAIR—The Chair accepts the resignation of the Alderman for the reason just stated and will designate in his stead Ald. Woods.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The City Treasurer, after having duly approved the same, submitted the following constables' bonds, viz.:

Jacob Barber, Frederick A. Breen, Sherman H. Calderwood, Daniel B. Carnody, Edward Cresswell, John J. Franey, James Graham, George E. Harrington, George M. Hosmer, Osborn A. Newton, Thomas J. O'Keefe, John J. Sullivan, Frank Yennaco.

Approved by the Board.

COAL AND COKE LICENSES.

Notices were received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth of the granting of various coal and coke licenses in the city of Boston.

Placed on file.

ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions for leave to project bay windows, viz.:

George V. Wattendorf, six, 694-696-698 Columbia Rd., Wd. 16.

Samuel Craddock, two, 413-415 Neponset Ave., Wd. 24.

Ellen F. Hurley, one, 109 Centre St., Wd. 19.

Orders of notice were passed for hearing on May 27, at three o'clock P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

WOODEN BUILDING.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department, submitted a

report (Coun. Willcutt dissenting) on the petition of the Franklin Building Association (referred March 19), for leave to build a wooden building on Ashmont St., Wd. 24—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the Franklin Building Association to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on south side of Ashmont St., Wd. 24, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied for mercantile purposes.

Report accepted, order passed. Sent down.

PROJECTION OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department, Ald., submitted the following:

(1) Reports on the following petitions for leave to project bay windows—recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

Frank Lovezzola (referred April 22), one bay window, 78 Leyden St., Wd. 1.

Marks Harris (referred May 6), one bay window from 214 Howard Ave., to project over Quincy St., Wd. 16.

Marks Harris (referred May 6), one bay window from 32 Fountain St., to project over Circuit St., Wd. 21.

Lewis Burnham (referred May 6), one bay window from 108-110 Trenton St., to project over Brooks St., Wd. 1.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of the Westminster Chambers Trust (referred April 22), for leave to project a permanent awning at 1 Trinity place, Wd. 10—Recommending that leave be granted (said awning to be suspended from building and not supported by posts, and the plans to be approved by and the construction to be under the supervision of the Building Commissioner).

Report accepted, leave granted on the conditions stated.

(3) Reports on petitions (severally referred May 6) for leave to project signs, etc.—recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

Myer & Franks, Proprietor's, an illuminated sign, at 11 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Joseph Palmbaum, an electric sign, at 33 Salem St., Wd. 6.

Frankel & Co., an illuminated sign, at North Centre St., rear of 85 Blackstone St., Wd. 6.

John O. Burque & Co., an illuminated sign, at 50 Summer St., Wd. 7.

Toxaway Tanning Co., a sign, at 205 South St., Wd. 7.

Maurice P. White, an electric sign, at 155 Elliot St., Wd. 7.

B. Bendleberg, an illuminated sign, at 1113 Washington St., Wd. 9.

B. Bendleberg, an illuminated sign, at 1033 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Mark H. Lyons, an illuminated sign, at 1103 Washington St., Wd. 9.

W. F. Abbott, an illuminated sign, at 354A Columbus Ave., Wd. 10.

James H. Deering, two signs, at 95 W. Cedar St., Wd. 11.

L. Segal, an illuminated sign, at 11 Green St., Wd. 8.

T. W. Norman & Co., a sign, 41 Bromfield St., Wd. 7.

Congress Lunch, an electric sign, 42 Howard St., Wd. 6.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for leave to project signs, etc.—Recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

Edwin W. Lincoln, electric sign, 46 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Samuel Robinson, wooden sign, 229 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Wong Yin, electric sign, 19 Tremont St., Wd. 6.

F. J. McCarthy, electric sign, 389 Columbus Ave., Wd. 10.

Luigi Ensogna, sign, 9 Fleet street, Wd. 6.

Gutlon & Sisonsky, electric sign, 32 Hyde Park Ave., Wd. 23.

Frank Di Dio, sign, 5A Harrison Ave., Wd. 7.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

ELECTRIC WIRES REPORTS.

Ald. CURLEY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston (recommitted May 6), for leave to erect poles—recommending that the petitioner have leave to withdraw, viz.:

Two poles on Roxbury St. and five on Zeigler St., Wds. 17 and 18.

One pole on Waldeck St., near Tona-wanda St., Wd. 20.

Accepted.

(2) Reports on petitions of the Fire Commissioner (recommitted May 6), for leave to erect a pole on Fisher Ave., Wd. 19, and a post for fire alarm box on Chandler St.—recommending the passage of the following:

a. Ordered, That permission be granted to the Fire Commissioner to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a white dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by J. M. McEwan; said pole to be located on Fisher Ave., Wd. 19; height and diameter not to exceed 50 feet by 15 inches; date of plan, Feb. 28, 1907.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue a permit for opening and occupying the street for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said pole to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

b. Ordered, That permission be granted to the Fire Commissioner to place and maintain a lamp-post for fire alarm box at a point designated by a white dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by J. M. McEwan; said post to be located on Chandler St., corner of Clarendon St., Wd. 10; width of sidewalk, 8 feet; date of plan, Feb. 20, 1907.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Reports severally accepted, orders passed.

(3) Report on the petition of Alexander C. Chisholm (referred today), for Hill Park—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to Alexander C. Chisholm to stretch an electric bell wire across Elm Hill Park, from building No. 550 Warren St. to building No. 556 Warren St., in such manner as may be approved by the Wire Commissioner.

Report accepted, order passed.

(4) Report on the petition of the Dodge Motor Vehicle Company (referred April 22), for leave to stretch a wire across Stanhope St.—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be hereby

granted to the Dodge Motor Vehicle Company to stretch an electric wire across Stanhope St., from building No. 219-223 Columbus Ave. to building rear of Na. 27 Stanhope St., in such manner as may be approved by the Wire Commissioner.

Report accepted, order passed.

(5) Reports on the following petitions for leave to erect poles—Recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings May 22, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:

Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston (referred April 22), one pole, Astor St., near Bickerstaff St., Wd. 10.

Same company (referred April 22), one pole, Albany St., near Hampden St., Wd. 17.

Same company (referred April 22), one pole, Dearborn St., corner Eustis St., Wd. 17.

Same company (referred May 6), three poles, Zeigler St., between Warren and Washington St., Wd. 17.

Boston Consolidated Gas Company (referred April 29), for leave to attach wires to telephone pole on Brighton Ave., opposite Allston St., Wd. 25.

Reports severally accepted, orders of notice passed.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Ald. BELL, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order for the payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the city of Boston for the month of May, 1907, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 79 of the Revised Laws.

Report accepted, order passed.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted reports on petitions (referred today) for the use of Faneuil Hall—Recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

Local No. 321, Industrial Workers of the World, evening of May 28.

National League of Employees of Navy Yards, etc., evening of June 7.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

LICENSE REPORTS.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 12 newsboys, 3 bootblacks and 3 vendors.

Reports accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of E. D. Smith, Mgr. (referred today), for a permit for Doris Miller and Chester Dolan, children under 15 years of age, to appear at the Majestic Theatre on Sunday evening, May 12, 1907—recommending that a permit be granted.

Report accepted, permit granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of Michael J. Scully (referred today) for leave to run passenger barges between Highland station and Mt. Benedict Cemetery, and between junction of Corey and Centre Sts. and said cemetery on May 26, May 30 and June 2.

Reports accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT.

The chair announced the appointment of the following members of the Board on the Joint Special Committee on Bill

Boards, viz.: Ald. Bangs, Curley, Baldwin, Bell, Draper, Battis, Woods and Flanagan.

Notice sent down.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

On motion of Ald. WHELTON, the Board proceeded to take up Nos. 12 and 13, unfinished business, viz.:

Action on appointments of the Mayor, viz.:

12. St. Clare H. Richardson and Frank Yennaco, to be Constables.

13. George A. Bachelder and George C. Webb, to be Weighers of Coal; all for the term ending April 30, 1908.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Ald. Whelton and Battis. Yes, 13, No, none, and the appointments were severally confirmed.

COTTAGE ST. PLAYGROUND.

On motion of Ald. LEARY, the Board proceeded to take up No. 14, special assignment, viz.:

14. Consideration of the motion of Alderman Leary to reconsider the vote whereby the Board refused to suspend the rules at the last meeting so that an order for a loan of \$5000 for a gymnasium and other improvements on the Cottage St. playground, Wd. 2, might be put upon its passage at said meeting.

Laid on the table on motion of Ald. LEARY.

SUNDAY CONCERTS—JAMAICA POND.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Music Trustees, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this Board to arrange to have the concerts at Jamaica Pond on Sunday evenings during the coming season, instead of Saturday afternoons as in former years.

Passed.

HUNTINGTON AVE. TRACKS.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be hereby requested to make some arrangement of tracks on Huntington Ave., such as spur tracks on Rogers Ave. or Ruggles St., to prevent the delaying of passengers during the baseball season.

Passed.

FIRE ALARM BOX, WD. 23.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this Board to locate and maintain a fire alarm box on Washington St., Wd. 23, between Heron and Cottage Sts.

Passed.

TEAMING PRICES.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the heads of departments employing teams be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to furnish this Board an estimate of the amount necessary to grant \$6 per day for double teams and \$3.50 per day for single teams employed by their departments, for the remainder of the financial year.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, we have had from the Mayor within a few minutes a communication advocating a change in the price paid for teams to contractors doing business for the city of Boston. It has been customary in the past, before the Teamsters' Union

was as strong possibly as it is now, to employ boys and irresponsible characters in many cases to drive teams that were employed by the city, the prevailing prices of \$5 a day for double teams and \$3 for single teams being paid. After deducting the wages of the men and boys employed and making allowance for the wear and tear on the animals and the teams, the compensation of the contractor is so small as to make it rather an unprofitable venture for him. Every member of this Board can appreciate the fact that if a man receives but \$3 a day for a single team in the employ of the city, the teams being usually employed in the paving division, where work can only be performed for about five months in the year, while it is necessary to feed the horses twelve months in the year, it is an impossibility for the contractor to pay the man who handles the teams \$2 a day, the lowest wage that should be paid to any man employed in that capacity, to stand the wear and tear on the animal, harness and team, to furnish the necessary feed and stabling, and still make anything. I believe that \$3.50 a day for a single team and \$6 a day for a double team is no more than fair, and that it should be granted; but I realize that no member of this Board, or possibly His Honor himself, is in a position to know just what amounts are required by the various departments where teams are employed to meet the proposed increase. If that information is furnished, this Board will be in a position to go ahead and meet the demands of the Teamsters' Union and of the men who are employed on this class of work. Their demands appear reasonable to me, and I believe they appear so to every member of this Board. I sincerely trust that that information will be in the possession of this Board at the next meeting, so that the Board may be able to go ahead and do something on this proposition.

The order was passed.

REMOVAL OF TREES, ETC.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two trees now standing in the sidewalk in front of No. 309 Bowdoin St., Wd. 20, the same being an obstruction to the said premises; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dwarfed tree now standing in the sidewalk on Anna-bel St., Wd. 20, in front of Nos. 22-24; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds have removed two trees in front of estate numbered 89 Bellevue St., Wd. 19; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of estate, 601 Broadway, South Boston; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

PROJECTION—136 COURT ST.

Ald. DRAPER offered an order—That permission be granted to Thomas G.

Washburn to project from building 136-138-140 Court St. ornamental columns and facade; such projections to be at least ten feet above the sidewalk and to project not more than two feet over the street; all shown on plan made by E. P. Morse, and deposited in the Building Department.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

REMOVAL OF POLES, CRAWFORD STREET.

Ald. DRAPER offered an order—That the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company be directed to remove forthwith 16 telephone poles now standing in the sidewalk along Crawford St., between Elm Hill Ave. and Warren St., Wd. 21; said poles being no longer needed on account of the underground conduit service at said location.

Passed.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, ST. JAMES ST.

Ald. DRAPER offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain an electric light at the southwest corner of St. James and Regent Sts.; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

IMPROVEMENT OF BLOOMFIELD ST.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to reset edgestones, relay brick sidewalks and regulate the gutters along both sides of Bloomfield St., from Greenbrier St., Wd. 20, for a distance of 390 feet, and charge the expense to the appropriation for street improvements.

Passed.

ACCEPTANCE OF PRESCOTT ST.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public highway Prescott St. from Chelsea St. to Wood Island Park.

Passed. Sent down.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS, EAST BOSTON.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to have resurfaced Meridon St. from Eutaw to Condor Ss.; also have repaved Bennington St. from Central Sq. to Prescott St.; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Street Department.

Passed.

Ald. BANGS in the Chair.

APPROPRIATION FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. BERWIN offered an order—That, to provide additional means to meet the current expenses payable during the financial year beginning with the first day of February, 1907, the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) be and is hereby appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Streets for "Street Department, Street Improvements"; that said sum be raised by taxation on the polls and estates taxable in the city of Boston, and that all or-

dens heretofore passed relating to taxes and the interest thereon apply to the taxes herein provided for.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I have offered the order which has just been read, not alone in view of the comments that have lately appeared in the public press concerning the necessity of additional money for the care of the streets, but having also in mind the fact that when the appropriation bill was under consideration by the Committee on Appropriations and when the matter was considered in Committee on Public Improvements, every member of the Board felt the necessity of appropriating more money for the Street Department, the only difference between the members, seemingly, being as to the method by which the money should be raised. Some members contended that, being an expense of a current nature, it should be raised by taxation; other members felt that work of the character contemplated should be paid for out of the borrowing capacity of the city, by loan. If that were the only question involved, I might hesitate to take sides upon the matter, because I consider it a question of a very debatable character. A similar question arises in other matters. For example, our existing building laws are of such a restricted character that frequently in the older sections of Boston men who otherwise might consider the erection of a completely new building have applied to our Building Department for a permit to remodel. Under that permit they are allowed to do things that perhaps they would be restricted from doing in a new building. It is also a fact that at times, for the purpose of retaining some rights or easements in the highways, the same methods are adopted. In the reconstruction of a building in the way I have suggested, under a so-called permit to remodel, what is practically a new building is erected, aside from portions permit to remodel, aside from portions of the wall and parts of the old timbers, which, by reason of their age, are in many instances better than new material that might be put in. New plumbing is added, new partitions are added, and the building is practically, according to the ideas of the man who builds it, a new building. The mortgagee who contemplates a loan upon that building also regards it as a new building, and the prospective buyer considers it a new building, yet, because of the peculiar construction of our laws and the interpretation placed upon them by the Building Department, if you went there for information regarding the building you would find that they regarded it as a remodeled building—in spite of the fact that the man building it, the man proposing to buy it and the mortgagee, all look on it as a new building. And in the same way this question of whether an expenditure is of a current nature or should be met by loan is, to my mind, in many cases a misnomer. I have offered this order this afternoon for the purpose of placing myself on record, not as an obstructionist, but merely to voice my own views as opposed to the borrowing of money upon general principles, where we can obtain the money in any other way. His Honor the Mayor frankly admits in his communication to the Committee on Appropriations that he did not use the entire amount permitted by law to be raised by taxation, simply and solely in order to keep down the tax rate of the city. He states so very frankly. I have had some figures given to me by the auditor which show what the results are, as a matter of general principle, when we borrow money. Here, for example, is \$500,000 borrowed for 15 years at 4 per

cent. The sinking fund requirements upon that loan would be \$46,050 a year, and at the expiration of the life of the loan the city would have been called upon to pay \$690,750. That means that on a loan of half a million dollars for 15 years we are paying for the use of the money, in the way of sinking fund and interest requirements, \$190,750. My contention is that, no matter what the character of the improvement may be, except in extraordinary cases, it is unsound and unwise financial business judgment to borrow money, where you can get it in any other way. I cannot be charged by any member of this Board with being an obstructionist. I merely advance these ideas, not for the purpose of delaying the conduct of the business of any department or embarrassing any member of the Board, because I am but one of 13 members of this body, but one of 88 members of the Government, but one citizen of Boston. I am merely giving to the Board my views upon the financial policy that has prevailed, not only under the present administration, but, I think, in many instances under preceding administrations. We are confronted with an immense debt, over \$100,000,000. True, a portion of that debt is to be charged up to the account of the subway, and that is a kind of improvement to which the city of Boston may safely loan its credit in the form of bonus, because the revenue derived from the leasing of that property takes care of the bonds at their maturity. So that is really an asset of the city, to which it merely lends its credit, and which ordinarily should not be charged up to the general debt of the city. But, excepting in cases of that peculiar kind, I really believe that the soundest policy for the city of Boston to pursue, until it obtains some new sources of revenue, is to pay as it goes. Today the only method which the city has of raising revenue, save in a few minor instances, is by direct taxation upon the estates of the city. A house, for example, is taxed for \$4000. Perhaps it may not be worth more than \$3000. The Board of Assessors comes along and, influenced by some hallucination or other, in the exercise of its own good judgment, marks the assessed value of the house up another thousand dollars. They find that the city needs more money and that there is an objection to raising the tax rate over that of the preceding year, and so they say that house is worth \$5000 instead of \$4000. That means that the taxpayer is expected to pay to the city about \$16 a year more. That house is really made \$1000 more valuable to the city, but not a cent more valuable to the citizen. The general proposition as to whether work contemplated is of such a nature that it should be termed a current expense or a permanent improvement has nothing whatever to do with this proposition. We have heard a great deal about the growing debt of the city of Boston. I have attended hearings. I have listened to arguments. I have read reports of experts; and I have come to this conclusion from long years of experience, that there is but one way to keep down the growing debt of the city of Boston—and that is, by not borrowing. You do not need any genius to tell you that. It is a common, everyday proposition. In leaving this subject I might say that I am pleasantly reminded of the immortal words of the poet, which I have paraphrased for the occasion:

“Ill fares the city to increasing loans a prey,

Where debts accumulate and economics decay.
 Mayors and aldermen may flourish or may fade,
 A vote can make them as a vote has made.
 But a sound financial policy—a city's pride—
 If continually abandoned will never be revived."

In the peace and quiet of my own home, removed from the bustle and strife of the world, I sometimes give serious thought to the comments and criticisms of the press upon the acts of men in the public service of the nation, the state and the city, and I am sometimes made to feel somewhat discouraged by the unjust comments, insinuations and reflections cast upon those who endeavor to give to the service of the community the best that within them lies. I have now in mind particularly, Mr. Chairman, the fact that frequently I have heard allusions made to my personal intimate social relations with the present chief magistrate of Boston. Let me say to this Board now, as I have said on another occasion and as I have said many times upon the public platforms of this city, that I am upon the most pleasant personal relations with the present Mayor of Boston. It is a friendship which has dated almost since boyhood and which I trust will ever continue. But, sir, if it is intended by such comments to convey the impression that I am influenced in my conduct in this government by the fact that I am upon social, friendly terms with the Mayor, let me say to my critics that they are dealing with one about whose character and whose judgment they have much to learn. I have never yet crossed the threshold of the Mayor's office save in the interests of the people and in conformity with my duty as a member of this government. The Mayor is the chief magistrate of this city, holds that responsible place in the affairs of the city; I am an Alderman, a director in the corporation, and when the business of the city, my public duty, demands that I go to the Mayor's office, I intend to do so. But, Mr. Chairman, I never intend, so long as I am able to control my own sentiments, to allow my political differences with any man to interfere with my social relations; nor do I ever intend, if I possibly can control myself, to allow my political differences to interfere with my public duty in the interests of the people. I am not unmindful of the fact, Mr. Chairman, that I am an adopted citizen of Boston; but in loyalty and love to this city I yield to no member of this Board, to no citizen of Boston, because I love the city of Boston. I am not ungrateful for all the people have done for me, and in return, in every condition of life, I have endeavored to do that which I believed to be just, fair and right. And, while I am on this topic—while perhaps it has no bearing on the matter before us—my mind wanders back to only last Saturday, and I am reminded of the fact that one of the great problems in this city arises because of the conditions existing between capital and labor. One of the largest manufacturing concerns in Massachusetts is watching with a great deal of interest and care the labor conditions in the city of Boston, and if it finds that conditions are of a character to warrant the introduction of new capital here and the building of a large factory that will give employment to thousands of people, it proposes to do so. The thought occurs to me at this moment that it might be well, in the effort to build up the industries of Boston, to give some serious thought to the adjustment of conditions that exist

between capital and labor, because if one suffers the other suffers; and it is time, in my judgment, that the brains of the community got together, those of the laboring men and of the capitalists, and adjusted conditions along lines that will be fair and just to everybody. I have talked at greater length than I intended to do; and in conclusion, as expressing my devotion to Boston, I can do no better than voice my sentiments in the words of another:

"Wert thou all that I wish thee, great,
 glorious and free,
 First flower of the earth and first gem
 of the sea,
 I might hail thee with prouder and happier
 brow,
 But, ah! could I love thee more dearly
 than now?"

I trust that the matter will lie over to the next meeting of the Board, so that every member can give it the consideration I think it deserves.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I would move, as a substitute motion, that the matter be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements. In moving that reference I want to say that, upon this particular proposition, I might quote the same sweet singer that the previous speaker has quoted—that great Irish scholar and poet, Oliver Goldsmith, in his beautiful story of "The Deserted Village":

"H! fares the land, to hastening ills
 a prey,
 Where wealth accumulates and men
 decay.

Princes and lords may flourish or may
 fade—

A breath can make them, as a breath
 has made;

But a bold peasantry, their country's
 pride,
 When once destroyed can never be supplied."

My reason for opposing Ald. Berwin's proposition is that I do not believe it is good policy to destroy the bold peasantry—in other words, the laborers—in the employ of the city of Boston. The chief executive of this city has promised that some time this year the wages of the laboring men—who can properly be termed the bold peasantry of our city; for they are the men who make and nominate the men in public office—who now receive \$2 a day, will be increased to \$2.25 a day. If this order offered by the Alderman is passed it means that the proposed increase in the wages of these men will be impossible this year. We know that there is in the vicinity of \$40,000 or \$50,000 available, but we know also that it will cost in the neighborhood of \$300,000 to grant this increase in wages. On the mooted question of what constitutes permanent improvement and what might constitute current expense, I have taken my position, and so has every other member of the Board. The gentleman talks about developing new sources of revenue. Rather, Mr. Chairman, it would be better for the city government of Boston to assist His Honor the Mayor in the most laudable task attempted by any man who ever held the office of chief executive—the task of establishing a bond of confidence and respect between the political and the business interests of our city. No man can deny the fact that the business men of Boston have looked askance upon the men who have served as their boards of directors in the city government. They have mistrusted the men in public office, they have had no confidence in them. For nearly a quarter of a century the Chamber of Commerce has been in a state of slumber, the business men's exchanges of Boston have been in a state of slumber, and they have only begun to take on renewed life and to show interest in the welfare and im-

provement of our city since the present Chief Executive has attempted to revive in them a regard for the future of our city. I maintain that the mistake in the government of Boston in the past has been that no attempt has been made to establish a bond of confidence and trust such as should exist between the business and the political interests. Another reason for the condition that confronts us is because of the attitude of the Legislature towards the city of Boston. We have only to look over the Auditor's report to be surprised at the conditions that exist. In 1900 the state tax and assessments on the city of Boston amounted to \$1,412,000. That was 1900, less than seven years ago. In 1906-07 the state tax and assessment amount to \$4,119,000—an increase of 300 per cent. in the short space of seven years. That is a condition that should not be permitted. We are obliged to pay over to the state of Massachusetts this year for state tax and assessments three times as much money as we were obliged to pay seven years ago. If the tax rate has increased, it has increased because the state tax and assessments have caused it to do so. I have here the tax rate for different years, showing how the tax is divided between the state, county and city. In 1901 the state tax was 70 cents on a thousand, the county tax 90 cents on a thousand, the city tax \$13.30 on a thousand—or a total tax of \$14.90. In 1906 the state tax had increased from 70 cents on a thousand, as it was in 1901, to \$1.73, in a period of six years—nearly 150 per cent. increase. In the same time the county tax had increased but 1 cent on a thousand—from 90 cents to 91 cents. The city tax in 1901 was \$13.30 on a thousand, while the city tax in 1906 was \$13.20 on a thousand—that is, a reduction of 10 cents, while in the same time the state tax had increased from 70 cents to \$1.73. Let us lay the blame where it properly belongs. It does not belong on the shoulders of the chief executive. It may be contended that the policy of issuing loans for the building of our streets is wrong, but, Mr. Chairman, what are we going to do? The state tax has increased 150 per cent in six years, and the Legislature during the current year will have passed a bill appropriating two and one-half million dollars, to be expended in a period of five years, \$500,000 a year for new state boulevards. The state of Massachusetts has saddled upon the city of Boston in the last 12 years an expense for state boulevard amounting to \$6,000,000, and not one single solitary foot of state boulevard within the limits of the city of Boston. Not only that, but Boston has paid in the last dozen years \$21,000,000 of the total \$25,000,000 for metropolitan parks, metropolitan park construction acquisition of lands for and maintenance of metropolitan parks. More than 80 per cent of the total cost has been saddled on the city of Boston. And still the good work goes on. Do the men in the Legislature hold up their hands in horror about the future of the city of Boston and about the safety of Boston—men of the party of my good friend on the right (Ald. Berwin), who have had control in the Legislature since the Legislature was established, but who, perhaps, will not control it indefinitely? Do they raise up their hands and say, "Poor Boston!" when the question of issuing a loan that is to be saddled upon the people is under consideration? Oh, no. They think of the country districts that are to be benefited. They think of the political capital that is to be created by the furtherance of such legislation, and, as a result, when we travel over the great state of Massachusetts, when we go up

into the Berkshire hills, through Greenfield, Deerfield, North Adams and Pittsfield, we find the finest highways of which any state in the Union can boast, hewn out of the solid rock, and 82 per cent of the total cost has been paid for by the poor people down here in Boston. That is a condition that is unfair. I maintain that the corporation counsel should at the request of his Honor the Mayor draft an ordinance, if necessary, to cause the Corporation Counsel to appear before the Legislature in favor of the enactment of a law which would require the Superintendent of Streets to see that corporations, after permits have been granted for street work, shall place the streets back in the condition that they were previous to being ripped up, the cost of the same to be charged to the corporation. Go to the best streets in our city, the streets that have been repaved and resurfaced during the last five years, and the only places where you will find depressions, bad spots, are places where corporations have come in, laid their conduits or wires, and failed to put the streets back into proper condition. I don't know whether it is because incompetent men have done their work or what the reason is, but I do know that the same law that has been applied in other States of the Union, where this problem has been met and in a measure solved, should be applied here. No corporation should be permitted to dig up our streets in order to put in pipes or conduits without first undertaking to put the streets back in their former condition, the work to be done under the charge of the Superintendent of Streets and the cost of the same to be assessed on the corporation desiring to bury the conduits or wires. If that were done we would have better streets. At a previous meeting, in discussing this question, I produced a report of the municipal societies of America as to the evil that results from this system of permitting corporations to indiscriminately dig up the streets of the city. It was shown in that report that in the city of Chicago the men employed by the public service corporations in laying wires and conduits in the streets destroyed in the vicinity of \$10,000 to \$150,000 worth of city streets. The city gets no revenue from that sort of thing, and the corporation does not do the work as it should be done. If it did, the cost of replacing the streets would be from 50 to 75 per cent. greater than it is at the present time. They simply throw back the earth, don't puddle the job, don't put back the base or the concrete properly, do not grout the road carefully and properly, and the result is that the streets are left in an infinitely worse condition than that in which they were found. The critics maintain that the Street Department of Boston costs a tremendous sum of money to maintain and that the Superintendent is not giving satisfaction. I believe that is an unfair criticism, in view of the fact that no superintendent of streets in the entire United States—I care not of what college he may be a graduate—has solved the proposition of constructing streets to meet the new requirements, streets that will withstand the wear and tear of swiftly moving automobiles, with their great suction and great ripping-out power. The Park Department came in this year and asked for twice as much money for maintenance of the department as it asked two years ago, and the Superintendent of the department admitted that it was almost an impossibility to make good the wear and tear caused on the park roads by swiftly moving automobiles. They rip out a macadamized street as though it were tissue paper, a Telford street the same way,

and the wear and tear on asphalt roads is as evident. In fact, I believe the only road that will stand the wear and tear of automobiles is the kind that they do not care to travel over. It costs a great deal of money to maintain the street department, and I believe the different cities of Massachusetts should appoint a commission consisting of the most competent and capable men that can be gotten together, to sit down and try to solve the proposition of building a street surface that will stand the wear and tear created by the new engine of destruction known as the automobile. Until such a time we are going to have this proposition confront us. I intended at some time, at this or a later meeting, to introduce an order asking that the Mayor appoint a commission consisting of experts from the different colleges to consider the proposition of a surface for highways in the city or the state that would withstand the wear and tear of automobiles. I do not know of anything that will do so. I have talked with competent engineers, and they have admitted that they don't know of any surface that will withstand such wear and tear. If that is the situation, why throw the blame on the Superintendent of Streets? That situation has been in evidence for the last 10 years. But the real damage done to streets has been done largely by the corporations. Go down Congress St., one of the best built streets in the city of Boston, built in 1901, under the administration of Thomas N. Hart, with a solid concrete base about two feet thick and with an upper surface of granite blocks 12 to 18 inches in thickness, well grouted with cement and making what might properly be termed a solid stone slab from curb to curb. Corporations have come in there and laid their wires, and in order to do so have torn up, wrenched up the streets, broken them, and have not even attempted to put the surface back in the condition that it was before. They have simply thrown the broken material back in, have not grouted it properly, have not even made an effort to replace things as they were, and as a result in two or three weeks the surface sinks down three, four or five inches, and some newspaper commences to comment in regard to the surface. I maintain that it would be far better for the newspapers and the public interested in this proposition to come in and consider the possibility of adopting an ordinance or law that will compel the corporations to have the work done by the Superintendent of Streets, by the men in the direct employ of the city, having the bills for the same charged up to the corporations requiring the work done. Upon this particular proposition that the alderman offers, I want to say a word further. I believe the advance in the cost of the necessities of life warrants the payment to city laborers of \$2.25 a day. I am one of those who have enough good sense to know that if the order offered by the Alderman on my right passes it will be impossible to get the money to grant the men \$2.25 a day. My friend, on the right knows that the men should receive \$2.25 a day. I believe he would honestly like to see them get it; but he must know that it is an impossibility for them to get it if his order passes here today. His Honor the Mayor has made a proposition that these laborers in the employ of the city who now receive \$2 a day shall some time this year have their pay increased to \$2.25—an increase that is warranted, that is fair. The men who receive \$2 a day are the men who have large families, the men who are the backbone of this country. It is

not the man with the high collar and a dudish air, who receives \$5 a day, who contributes to the prosperity of the country. It is the laboring man who raises a family, who makes sacrifices, not only for his own family, but for the country; and, considering the increase in the cost of living in Boston today as compared with ten years ago, the fact that no tenement property is now being constructed in the centre of the city, and the fact that there has been a great advance in the price of all necessities and commodities required for the maintenance of the family, I certainly believe \$2.25 a day should be granted to the laborers. I believe the Mayor is honest in his purpose and intention to give the laborers \$2.25 a day, and I do not believe we should place stumbling blocks in his way. I do not think we are justified in doing it, and I sincerely trust the order will be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements and will remain there.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I shall vote for reference of the order to the Committee on Public Improvements, as suggested by the honorable Alderman, but not for the same purpose. He has undertaken to inject into this discussion matters that have absolutely no bearing on the subject, as I interpret them. I offer the order in accordance with my ideas of what constitutes sound financial business judgment. If the honorable Alderman believes it is better judgment for the city of Boston to raise by loan out of the borrowing capacity of the city, a half million dollars, paying in 15 years \$190,750 simply for the use of that money, he and I differ upon a matter in regard to which I consider that no differences should exist. When the honorable Alderman attempts to appeal to the working people of Boston and to tell about his feelings of loyalty and love for them, let me say to him now what I did not intend to say, that but a short time ago I was honored by an invitation to a banquet given by the Paving Division of Boston. I was present and heard His Honor the Mayor say that he intended in the near future to give the laboring men an increase of wage—in other words, to make the minimum wage \$2.25 a day. I said, when I was called upon at that banquet, that I should give the matter the most serious consideration, that I believed the laborer was worthy of his hire, but that the great misfortune in the city of Boston today is not in connection with the man who labors, but that we have too many foremen and inspectors who do not render an equivalent for what they receive from the city. I want to say now that I am against, and that I want the open enmity of, every foreman on the pay rolls of the city of Boston who is not earning what he gets from the city of Boston. That is the trouble. The laboring man is all right, and if he is not earning the day's pay he should earn I have more sympathy for him than for other men in the service of the city. But the main point of my argument has been lost sight of by the Alderman. That is, the wisdom of borrowing money when you can get it directly out of the tax levy of the city. I think I made my position in that respect clear to the minds of the members of this Board. It is not a matter of politics. I have no desire to embarrass the Mayor or the administration. I believe that on questions of finance there should be no difference between the Mayor and members of the government. I am partisan enough to admit this fact, that to the victors belong the spoils; but that should never involve a sacrifice of the public service or the placing of a load on the public

treasury. I believe that when Democrats are in possession in the city of Boston, they are entitled to all they can get honorably, because in my judgment, according to my political way of thinking, the offices then belong to them—although I should hesitate, if I were ever honored by election to the position of chief magistrate of this city, to get rid of a great many of the men now on the payrolls of the city. I do say, however, that if ever that time came and I entered into a contract to clean out from the departments the men who were not earning their pay, I would not hesitate for a moment to do so. I am prepared at the proper time to give the laboring men \$2.25 a day. I think most of the men working for the city are entitled to it.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Alderman a question.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I can almost anticipate the question, and I would prefer that the honorable Alderman submit his question to me in writing, because I shall cease speaking in a moment. Mr. Chairman, I do not arrogate to myself all the brains in the government and I may at times be in error, but I have presented this order with the most sincere motives. If my judgment is wrong, if a majority of the members think I am wrong, I yield my judgment to theirs. But I tell you—and I have tried to carefully consider the conditions of the city of Boston as I have said before—that until we derive some new sources of revenue, other than assessments upon the taxpayers, we ought to go slow and ought to raise what money we can directly by taxation. The honorable Alderman asks me, "How can they get the increase, if your order passes?" Pass the order, Mr. Chairman, and we will take up one subject at a time. Perhaps by a thorough investigation of the affairs of the city we might discover some methods of economy whereby the additional amount required to give the laboring men \$2.25 a day might be provided. I would say at this point that we made a mistake when we disposed of the money obtained from a sale of a portion of Deer island in the way we did. I voted for it, as I frequently have voted for orders in this Board which have perhaps laid me open at the time to criticism. We should not have spent a dollar of the money received from the sale of a part of Deer island, but should have turned it into the sinking fund, to be applied to reduction of the city's debt. We had disposed of an asset of the city of Boston, and we should not have frittered the money received for it away on these little local improvements. The result is, however, that the city of Boston has not a dollar of that money left, that it is all disposed of. It was not a proper thing to do, but we did it. There might perhaps be an argument for spending that money in such a way as has been suggested here, raising the pay of the laborers, perhaps making an exception to the rule. But I think no further argument along this line is necessary, as the members understand my position clearly. I have introduced this order for \$400,000 for the Street Department, because I believe, and I think I am not misstating the position of the other members when I say they believe, that more money is needed for the streets of Boston. We all agree on that point. Some of us may think it is wise to get the money in one way and some in another. But I have eliminated that difference of opinion from my argument and have simply approached the subject in the spirit of keeping down the

growing debt of the city of Boston. That is my only motive. Unless some man like Carnegie or Rockefeller will leave money to Boston to be applied to the liquidation of its public debt, I see no way of keeping down the debt of the city, unless we refuse to borrow more money.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, it is rather amusing to hear the gentleman say that we may discover some new source of revenue which may make it possible for us to increase the pay of the city laborers, and yet fail to inform this Board of any possible new source of revenue that he may have in mind. The question I asked him was based on the logical conclusion that any man must draw from a simple proposition in mathematics. If two is taken away from two, there is nothing left. Everybody will admit that. If it takes \$350,000 or \$300,000 to pay the city laborers \$2.25 a day, and we have \$400,000 and we expend \$400,000, how are the city laborers going to get the increase? If you take away the money that is necessary to grant them the increase, how are they going to get it? As I have said before, I confess that I do not know the solution of the problem of reducing, or even keeping down within reasonable bounds, the state taxes and assessments on the city of Boston. I have here a report of the Metropolitan Park assessments. Boston's share has been 50 per cent. since 1900. In 1900 the total assessment was \$517,000; Boston's share was \$258,000, or 50 per cent. Yet there is only 6 per cent. of the Metropolitan Park system within the limits of the city of Boston, and we have a park system of our own that we feel is the equal of that possessed by any city in the entire world, a park system that costs us for maintenance, taking the Park and Public Grounds Departments, in the vicinity of \$400,000 a year. Yet we are obliged to pay nearly \$300,000 to the state of Massachusetts for the maintenance of a park system only 6 per cent. of which is within the limits of the city of Boston. Boston's share of the metropolitan sewer assessment in 1892 was \$12,625; Boston's share in 1905, a period of 13 years, was \$254,745. It had increased in the vicinity of 2000 per cent. in a period of less than 15 years. Boston's share of the metropolitan water assessment in 1898, the total assessment being \$335,000, was \$285,000, or 85 per cent.; Boston's share in 1905 had increased from \$285,000 in 1898 to \$1,758,635, or an increase of 800 per cent., in a period of about eight years. I believe, Mr. Chairman, that it would be good policy for the gentleman whose boom has been launched here today for Mayor to impress upon the members of his own party in the State Legislature the necessity of dealing more fairly with the city of Boston. I believe he could accomplish some good work in that direction, that he could unearth new sources of revenue, that he could at least reduce the constantly increasing debt that Boston has to shoulder as a result of the carelessness or the political policy of the party in control at the State House. But the proposition here before us is as simple as that 2 and 2 make 4. If we appropriate the \$400,000 possible for us to raise by taxation for street improvements, it will be an impossibility to expend \$300,000 in the granting of an increase in wage from \$2 to \$2.25 a day.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I want to apologize to the Board for taking up so much time, but the idea has just occurred to me that in the Mayor's communication to the Committee on Appropriations—if I am mistaken the records will correct me—he stated that

his purpose in not consuming the entire amount which could be raised by taxation was to keep down the tax rate of the city. Now, this idea of the increase of pay being provided for by the use of that money is a new proposition. I was never aware of it until this time. However, I do not want to have the honorable Alderman misquote or misunderstand my statement. If I stated otherwise, I want to have the stenographer correct it. I said that we might, by new methods of economy, provide the money necessary to make up the additional amount required to raise the pay of the laborers. I can well understand that if it is intended to consume the money left over out of the tax levy in that way, that is a different thing. If that is the intention and purpose, it should be brought before this government for consideration. Now, I do not blame the Legislature so much for legislation affecting the city of Boston. I think the bulk of the legislation in the Massachusetts Legislature relating to the city has been inspired by mayors of Boston. They are responsible for a good deal of the legislation affecting the interests of the city. They have continually gone to the Legislature for authority to borrow money, and that cannot be charged up entirely to Republican administrations of the city. If you will look up the history of many of our sewer loans and other propositions, consuming a good deal of the money borrowed by the city, you will find that these measures have been inspired by Democratic mayors and yielded to by Republican Legislatures. From my little experience—I have never been a member of the Legislature—I don't think there is a class of men in the Commonwealth that has at heart more sincerely the welfare of the whole state than the man who comes from the country. I look upon him in the same way that I do upon the man working on the streets of Boston. I am sincere when I say I have more regard for the man earning his bread by the sweat of his brow than for the man on the pay roll of the city who is only interested in pay day, when he comes to draw his pay. I am against that type of man, and, as I said before, I invite the open enmity of every man on the pay rolls of the city who is not earning what he gets from the city.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I have no desire to question the honesty of the legislators from the country districts, but I do know the basis of the legislation at the State House, and I do know that it bears heavily on the city of Boston and is no burden on the country districts. I do know that every man who comes to the Legislature, whether from a city or a country district, has at heart the interests of the particular class of people he represents, and if he can get some improvement for his own particular district, for which the burden is not going to bear heavily on his own district, he does not care how heavily it bears on somebody else.

Ald. BERWIN having withdrawn his motion to assign for one week the order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

NEW BRIDGE, MT. WASHINGTON AVE.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) be appropriated, to be expended by the City Engineer for the reconstruction of the Mt. Washington Ave. bridge, and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on

the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.
Referred to the Committee on Finance.

ENLARGEMENT OF STATION 6.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to provide in the first loan bill a sum of \$10,000 to be used for the purchase of land for the enlargement of the Police Station No. 6, South Boston.
Referred to the Committee on Finance.

CATCH BASIN, BROADWAY.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this Board to locate a catch-basin on the northerly side of Broadway, at Q St.
Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

SIDEWALK, MONKS ST.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along both sides of Monks St., between East Sixth and East Seventh Sts., Wd. 14, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edgestone. Under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.
Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

RECESS TAKEN.

On motion of Ald. WOODS, the Board voted, at 4:49 P. M., to take a recess, subject to the call of the chair.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber at 5:00 P. M., and were called to order by the Chair.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. BERWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition of Italian St. Mary Society (referred today), for leave to discharge fireworks at the North End Park on the evening of July 1—Recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the order (referred May 6), authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to make a sidewalk on Hammett St., Wd. 19—That the order ought to pass.

Report accepted, order passed.

(3) Report on the order (referred today), authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to make a sidewalk on Monks St., Wd. 14—That the order ought to pass.

Report accepted, order passed.

(4) Report on the petition of Peter P. Porter et al., executors (referred today), for leave to construct a bulkhead at 460-462 Commercial St., Wd. 6—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Peter P. Porter et al., executors, to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening, 4 feet by 3 feet 6 inches, with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate Nos. 460-462 Commercial St., Wd. 6, the work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1907, according to the

terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(5) Report on the petition of George A. Carpenter, lessee (referred today), for leave to construct an artificial stone cover at 3 West St., Wd. 7.—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to George A. Carpenter, lessee, to place, maintain and use a cover of artificial stone over the area at present existing under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 3 West St., Wd. 7; the present Hyatt light cover to be removed; the work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1907, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

RAILROAD REPORTS.

Ald. DRAPER, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company (re-committed April 29) for leave to lay tracks on Congress, State and Devonshire streets.—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted to the West End Street Railway Company for locations for tracks in the streets of the city of Boston, said company shall have the right to construct, maintain and use an alteration of its existing tracks in Congress, State and Devonshire S. s., city proper; together with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections; to take the place of existing tracks; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated April 1, 1907, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

And the consent of the Board of Aldermen is granted to said company to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said location, and to erect, maintain and use iron poles, not less than 20 feet in height, at places indicated by red dots or circles on the aforesaid plan, or at such other places, to be shown by blue dots or circles on said plan, as may be approved by the Superintendent of Streets, and to place on said poles such wires and other appliances as the Commissioner of Wires shall approve.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, and the kind and locations of poles, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order, and shall file such acceptance with the City Clerk in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 399 of the Acts of 1902; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work authorized to be done under the provisions of this order shall

be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

(2) Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company (re-committed April 29) for leave to lay tracks on Washington St., Haymarket Sq. and Canal St.—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted to the West End Street Railway Company for locations for tracks in the streets of the city of Boston, said company shall have the right to construct, maintain and use an alteration of its existing tracks in Washington St., Haymarket Sq. and Canal St., city proper, to take the place of existing tracks; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated March 30, 1907, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets. And the consent of the Board of Aldermen is granted to said company to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said location, and to erect, maintain and use iron poles, not less than twenty feet in height, at places indicated by red dots or circles on the aforesaid plan, or at such other places, to be shown by blue dots or circles on said plan, as may be approved by the Superintendent of Streets, and to place on said poles such wires and other appliances as the Commissioner of Wires shall approve. The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, and the kind and location of poles, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order, and shall file such acceptance with the City Clerk in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 399 of the Acts of 1902; otherwise it shall be null and void. The whole work authorized to be done under the provisions of this order shall be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under a suspension of the rules.

NEXT MEETING.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That when this Board adjourns, it be to meet on Wednesday, May 22, at 3 o'clock P. M., and that hearings under orders of notice assigned to a prior date be postponed accordingly.

Passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. CLARK moved to reconsider the action taken today on all motions, orders and resolutions, hoping the same would not prevail; lost.

Adjourned, at 5.08 P. M., on motion of Ald. BANGS, to meet on Wednesday, May 22, at 3 o'clock P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Wednesday, May 22, 1907.

Adjourned meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Ald. BERWIN presiding, and all the members present.

On motion of Ald. WOODS, the Board voted to dispense with the reading of the records of the previous meeting.

JURORS DRAWN.

Forty-one traverse jurors, for the Superior Criminal Court, to appear June 3, were drawn in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 514 of the Acts of 1894, viz.:

Joseph E. Farrar, Wd. 10; James J. Kelley, Wd. 5; Daniel Mullaly, Wd. 8; John J. Hall, Wd. 25; William E. Hawkins, Wd. 10; Joseph W. Estabrook, Wd. 24; John J. Moynihan, Wd. 13; Michael J. Duffy, Wd. 9; Thomas C. Conroy, Wd. 7; Franklin T. Pfaelzer, Wd. 11; Charles P. Dearborn, Wd. 24; John W. Nolan, Wd. 17; George S. Jones, Wd. 12; Joseph L. Daisy, Wd. 3; Patrick D. Callahan, Wd. 11; Charles H. Nichols, Wd. 23; Daniel Shea, Wd. 22; Eugene N. Fischer, Wd. 23; Charles F. Blanchard, Wd. 22; Robert Hyland, Wd. 19; Harrie G. Richardson, Wd. 12; Robert I. Sherrard, Wd. 15; S. Reed Anthony, Wd. 11; Charles B. Sherman, Wd. 14; John H. McDevitt, Wd. 18; Frank J. O'Toole, Wd. 18; Philip A. Carroll, Wd. 24; William Drummond, Wd. 24; James McNulty, Wd. 6; William Hurwitch, Wd. 20; Andrew Haxton, Wd. 22; Isaac McKenzie, Wd. 6; Patrick Cummings, Wd. 8; John Marno, Wd. 1; Augustine J. Keaton, Wd. 18; Lyman Spaulding, Wd. 20; John Livingston, Wd. 1; Charles S. Shute, Wd. 11; John Vickery, Wd. 4; Frederick E. Nickels, Wd. 21; William Swanton, Wd. 23.

APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 20, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

You are hereby notified that Christopher M. Mallen has requested that he not be reappointed a Director of the Workingmen's Loan Association, and that I have this day appointed Freeman O. Emerson (111 Pembroke St., Wd. 12.) to be a Director in said association for the term ending April 30, 1908, under Section 4 of Chapter 103 of the Acts of 1888.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Placed on file.

RELEASE OF EASEMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 22, 1907.

To the City Council:—

Enclosed is a communication from the Superintendent of Sewers and a notice from that official to your bodies, to the effect that land and easement taken for sewerage purposes by the Board of Street Commissioners Nov. 11, 1898, between Blue Hill Ave. and Mor-

ton St., are no longer required for the public purpose for which the taking was made, and I recommend that the accompanying preambles and order abandoning the easement be passed.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Sewer Department,
Boston, Mass., May 22, 1907.

To the Mayor:

Sir:—In accordance with Chapter 25, Section 50 of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts, enacted Nov. 21, 1901, I respectfully enclose herewith a notice to the City Council that land and easement taken for sewerage purposes by the Board of Street Commissioners Nov. 11, 1898, between Blue Hill Ave. and Morton St., Dorchester and West Roxbury Districts, and now in my charge, is, in my opinion, no longer required for the public purpose for which it was taken. Respectfully,

John J. Leahy,

Superintendent of Sewers.

City of Boston,
Sewer Department,
Boston, Mass., May 22, 1907.

To the City Council:—

The Superintendent of Sewers, now having charge of an easement in a strip of land thirty feet in width, between Blue Hill Ave. and Harvard St., and in a strip of land forty feet in width, between Harvard and Morton Sts., taken for sewerage purposes by the Board of Street Commissioners, Nov. 11, 1898, hereby notifies your honorable body that, in his opinion, said land and easement is no longer required for the public purpose for which it was taken.

Respectfully,

John J. Leahy,

Superintendent of Streets.

Whereas, The Board of Street Commissioners, by an order passed Nov. 11, 1898, took a strip of land 30 feet in width for sewerage purposes between Blue Hill Ave. and Harvard St., Dorchester district, from the heirs of Joel Seaverns, and a strip of land, 40 feet in width, for sewerage purposes, between Harvard and Morton Sts., West Roxbury district, from the city of Boston, Austin Farm; and Sewers, now having charge of said land and easement, has notified the City Council that said land and easement so taken is no longer required for public purposes; it is hereby

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized, in the name and behalf of the city, and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 25, Section 50, of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts, to declare the right and easement so taken to be abandoned, such declaration of abandonment to be made for a nominal consideration.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

DUMP—CHARLESTOWN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 22, 1907.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Street Cleaning and Watering, requesting the appropriation of \$8000 for the construction of a tidewater dump at the Charlestown side of Charles River Ave. As you will note from the text of the Superintendent's request, the work of the department is seriously obstructed by the lack of dumping facilities, and the construction of this tidewater dump would result in a more efficient and, ultimately, more economical conditions.

I therefore recommend the immediate passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Street Cleaning and Watering Department,

May 22, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Dear Sir:—The lack of available dumping ground within the city limits in the Charlestown District had become a hardship to this department in our work in that district, necessitating long hauls to the Everett and Somerville lines, thereby decreasing immensely the number of loads carted per day and increasing the cost per load.

The Engineering Department has drawn plans for an approach, etc., for a tide water dump at the Charlestown side of Charles River Ave. at an estimated cost of \$8000. If this approach is built it would greatly facilitate the work of this department in the Charlestown District. Also, considerable relief would be given to the North and West End districts in work performed in the lower end of that district. Yours respectfully,

Matthew Cummings,
Superintendent.

Ordered, That the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8000) be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Superintendent of Street Cleaning and Watering for the construction of a tide-water dump at the Charlestown side of Charles River Ave.; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

REPAIR MERIDIAN ST. BRIDGE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 22, 1907.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith communications received from the Superintendent of Bridges relative to the strengthening of the Meridian St. Bridge to accommodate the heavy cars now using the same. The reports of the City Engineer, together with estimates of the cost of making the necessary repairs, are also transmitted herewith. It is very essential from the standpoint of public safety, and for the accommodation of traffic that this matter be attended to at once.

I therefore recommend the immediate passage of the accompanying loan order.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Bridge Department, May 21, 1907.

To the Mayor:—

I beg to call your attention to letter sent by this department to the Boston Elevated Railway Company today, copy of which I enclose. It is necessary that some action be taken immediately in relation to properly strengthening the Meridian street bridge to accommodate the heavy cars now using it. It will be necessary to close the bridge to car traffic until it is properly strengthened.

Respectfully yours,
Patrick F. McDonald,
Superintendent.

Ordered, That the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Superintendent of Bridges for the improvement of the Meridian-St. Bridge;

and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

The CHAIR—The matter will be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. BATTIS—Mr. Chairman, I trust that this order will be put upon its passage today. I object to its being referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, because this is an actual necessity, as the Superintendent of Bridges tells us that he has been ordered to close the bridge. This bridge is one of our main thoroughfares to Chelsea, and there is a great deal of teaming that goes over it. I am not speaking now for the benefit of Chelsea people, but for the benefit of the people of Boston. I believe this should be done, and done at once. Delay means a great injury to the people of East Boston, if this bridge is not attended to at once. It has been hanging fire now five or six months, to my knowledge. The Superintendent of Bridges has tried to get the money. I certainly hope the members will not refer this back to the Committee on Public Improvements, because I believe it ought to be passed at once, so that the Superintendent can attend to that bridge and put it in proper condition.

The matter was declared referred to the Committee on Public Improvements. Ald. BATTIS doubted the vote, a rising vote was taken and reference to the Committee on Public Improvements prevailed, six members in favor, five against.

VETOES ON SIDEWALK ORDERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 22, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my approval order of your board authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to make a sidewalk along both sides of Hammett St., Wd. 19, for the reason that the Superintendent of Streets is of the opinion that the improvement is not needed and that a lien record should not be placed against the property along this street unless the work can be proceeded with at once. Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 22, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my approval order of your Board authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to make a sidewalk along both sides of Monks St., between East Sixth St. and East Seventh St., Wd. 14, for the reason that the Superintendent of Streets is of opinion that the improvement is not necessary at this time and that a lien record should not be placed against the property along this street unless the work can be proceeded with at once.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received, and were referred to the committees named, viz:

Building Department, Ald.

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:

John J. Fallon, a hoisting beam, at 221 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 6.

M. A. Slobodkin, an electric sign, at 57 Salem St., Wd. 6.

Columbus Associates, an illuminated sign, at 124 North St., Wd. 6.
 Elia Della Sala, an illuminated sign, at 391½ Hanover St., Wd. 6.
 Spinelli Caprone & Co., an electric sign, at 460 Commercial St., Wd. 6.
 Frankel & Co., an illuminated sign, at 85 Blackstone St., Wd. 6.
 Jerome Remick Company, two electric signs, at 17 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.
 Joseph Repucci, a sign, at 101 Milk St., Wd. 7.
 The Sample Shoe Shop Company, an electric sign, at 493 Washington St., Wd. 7.
 W. S. Moody, an illuminated sign, at 144A Tremont St., Wd. 7.
 Robert T. Carey, a sign, at 364 Washington St., Wd. 7.
 Hartshorn & Damiano, two illuminated signs, at 17-21 Boylston St., Wd. 7.
 J. Maffei, an electric sign, at 276½ Friend St., Wd. 8.
 Ira G. Hersey, a frame for printing blue prints, at 69 Wareham St., Wd. 9.
 Charlie Wong, a wooden sign, at 60 Ruggles St., Wd. 18.
 Frank Bertino, a wooden sign, at 1063 Tremont St., Wd. 18.
 Klein's Pharmacy, 3 arc lamps, at 187 Tremont St., Wd. 7.
 Charles H. Belledeu, sign, 35-39 Wareham St., Wd. 9.
 T. G. Plant, wooden sign, Centre St., Wd. 22.
 William J. Hoar, electric sign, 28 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 17.
 John H. Cauley, electric sign, 124 Bedford St., Wd. 7.

Claims.

Johannah A. Tracey, for compensation for damages caused by the overflow of a sewer at 6 Grimes St., South Boston.
 Ida Gottlieb, for compensation for injuries caused by her falling into a coal hole at 32 Oswego St.
 Anna H. Waters, for compensation for personal injuries caused by an alleged defect in Market St.

Electric Wires.

Boston Consolidated Gas Company, for leave to attach wires to two poles of the New England Telegraph & Telephone Company of Massachusetts on Sutherland Rd., east of Kinross Rd., Wd. 25.
 Petitions of the New England Telegraph & Telephone Company of Massachusetts, viz.:
 For leave to erect and to remove eight poles on Chiswick Rd., Wd. 25.
 For leave to erect and to remove two poles on New Heath St., Wd. 19.

Licenses.

Arthur W. Crane, for license to run two passenger barges between the corner of Walk Hill St. and Blue Hill Ave. and Mt. Hope Cemetery.
 Petitions for permits for children under 15 years of age to appear in public places of amusement, as follows:
 Charles J. Rich, Manager, for Helen Pullman and Edith Speare, at the Hollis-St. Theatre, during the run of "The Prince Chap."
 Madame Liptzin, for Annie and Fannie Goldstein, at the Grand Opera House, on May 20.
 Charles Miller, for Oscar Johnson, at the Park Theatre, on May 18 and during the week beginning May 20.
 Michael Freeman, for Sara Shoolman and others, at Huntington Chambers, June 12, 1907.

Police, Aid.

Ogden & Thompson, to be paid for the loss of fowls killed by dogs.

Railroads.

West End Street Railway Company, for a location for a second track in

Saratoga St., East Boston, from Bremen St. to a point east of the Boston & Albany Railroad bridge, with the right to use the overhead single trolley electric system thereon.

Public Improvements.

Italian Society of St. Mary of Anzana, for leave to suspend decorations over Prince St., Wd. 6, on May 19.
 Italian St. Mary Society, for leave to discharge fireworks on the North End Park on July 8.
 Eggleston Square Hardware and Plumbing Co., for license to store and keep for sale naphtha, at 3105 Washington St., Wd. 22.
 Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:
 Israel Shapira, 365 Washington St., cor. Market St., Wd. 25.
 G. O. Goudy, 79-83 Van Winkle St., Wd. 24.
 Boyd & Berry, 58-62 Norton St., Wd. 20.
 Wm. H. Crosby, 3 Topliff St., Wd. 20.
 James F. Flaherty, 25-27-45, 47 Wolcott St., Wd. 20.
 H. L. Ray, 383 Geneva Ave., Wd. 20.
 Mary Downey, 19-21 Buttonwood St., Wd. 16.
 W. A. & H. A. Root, 89-97 Massachusetts Ave., cor. Newbury St., Wd. 11.
 J. G. Cooper, 1 Albion St., cor. 14 Dover St., Wd. 9.
 Samuel Greenblatt, 190-192 Bremen St., Wd. 2.
 A. C. Whitney, 86 Bellevue St., Wd. 19.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

On petitions for leave to project bay windows, viz.:

1. Albert E. Butterfield, two at 41 Orleans St., Wd. 2.

Joseph T. Zottoli, of 27 Tremont Row, appeared for Madalina Scaramella, wife of Raffel Scaramella, of 39 Orleans St., and objected to the projection of the bay windows on the ground that they would interfere with light and air.

No further objections. Recommended to the Committee on Building Department (Ald.) on motion of Ald. LEARY, with instructions to give a public hearing.

2. Samuel Craddock, two (one at each number) at 417-421 Neponset Ave., Wd. 24.

The petitioner was given leave to withdraw, not having advertised according to law.

On petitions for licenses to store and keep gasoline, viz.:

3. Henry E. Wright & Sons, Wales Pl., Wd. 20.

No objections. Referred to Committee on Public Improvements.

4. John H. Gavin, M.D., in rear of 345 Dudley St., Wd. 17.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

On petitions of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, for leave to erect poles, viz.:

5. One each on Eustis, Kemble, Shirley and Langdon Sts., Wd. 17.

Mrs. Frances P. Tripp objected as to Eustis St., representing the property 252-263 Eustis St.

James H. Baxter, of 8 Shirley St., objected as to Shirley St.

Referred to the Committee on Electric Wires with instructions to give a public hearing, on motion of Ald. CURLEY.

6. Five on Dorr St., between Highland St. and Lambert Ave., Wd. 21.

James E. Monahan, for the estate of Elizabeth J. Monahan, 32 Dorr St., objected to the erection of the poles.

No other objections. Recommended to Committee on Electric Wires, on motion of Ald. Draper, with instructions to give a public hearing.

7. Seven on Morrison St. and five on Gardner St., Wd. 23.

No objections. Recommended to Committee on Electric Wires, on motion of Ald. FINIGAN, with instructions to give a public hearing.

8. Eleven on Chestnut Ave., Wd. 22. Robert W. Morville, Jr., of 221 Chestnut Ave.; Robert Sturm, of 115 Chestnut Ave.; Ella Bradley, of 374 Marlboro St.; G. W. Fowle, of 214 Chestnut St.; Patrick McLaughlin, of 113 Paul Gore St.; Mrs. Ione Schirmer, of 58 Boylston St., Wd. 22, and Edward O. Steubi, of 143 Chestnut Ave., representing the German Reformed Church, severally appeared and objected to the granting of the petition.

No further objections. Recommended, on motion of Ald. FINIGAN, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

9. Eleven on Newbury St., from Belgrade Ave. to Cornell St., Wd. 23.

George B. Tebbetts, Gustave P. Wiksell, E. C. Sager, Michael J. Casey, Edith F. Taylor, Lewis B. Taylor, Mary F. and Charles L. Hamilton, William Roberts, S. F. Crowell for George Tebbetts, and Edward P. Blodgett, property owners on the street, severally appeared and objected to the erection of the proposed poles. No further objections, on motion of Ald. FINIGAN, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

10. On petition of the Boston Consolidated Gas Company, for leave to attach wires to one pole of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, on the northerly side of Brighton Ave., opposite Allston St., Wd. 25.

On motion of Ald. WOODS, further consideration of No. 10 was assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

On petitions of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston for leave to erect poles, viz.:

11. One on Astor St., near Bickerstaff St., Wd. 10.

F. T. Fuller, an adjoining property owner, appeared and objected to the granting of the petition.

Recommended, on motion of Ald. CLARK, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

12. One on Albany St., near Hampden St., Wd. 17.

Recommended, on motion of Ald. CURLEY, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

CONSTABLES' BONDS APPROVED.

The City Treasurer, after having duly approved the same, submitted the bonds of the following constables, viz.:

Thomas A. Dunn, Thomas Fee, Joseph W. Ferris, St. Clare H. Richardson, Henry J. Shine, William L. Simmons, James H. Waugh.

Approved by the Board.

HARBOR AND LAND HEARING.

A notice was received from the Harbor and Land Commissioners of a hearing on May 22, at 11 A. M., on the application of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, for a license to lay electric cables across Fort Point Channel at the Summer-St. bridge.

Placed on file.

HEARING NOTICES.

On the following petitions for licenses to store and keep for sale products of petroleum, viz.:

Quincy Market Cold Storage & Warehouse Company, at 69 Eastern Ave.

Goodrich Motor Vehicle Company, at 98 Brighton Ave., Wd. 25.

George H. Wood Company, at 431 Medford St., Wd. 4.

Orders of notice were passed for hearing on Monday, June 10, at three o'clock P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS PAYROLL.

A communication was received from William T. A. Fitzgerald, Register of Deeds, certifying to the employees in his office and the amounts paid them. Approved and ordered paid.

LYING-IN HOSPITAL.

On the petition of Margaret Rogers for a license to maintain a lying-in hospital at 461 Washington St., Wd. 25, the Board of Health having duly certified as to the suitability of the petitioner and the premises for such purpose, it was voted that a license be granted on the usual conditions.

WOODEN BUILDING.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department, submitted a report on the petition of the estate of P. O'Riordan (referred March 25), for leave to build a wooden building on Maudlin St., corner of Wapping St., Wd. 5—that no further action is necessary.

Report accepted. Sent down.

PROJECTION OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted reports recommending that leave be granted, on the following petitions (severally referred today) for leave to project signs, viz.:

John H. Cauley, electric sign, 124 Bedford St., Wd. 7.

Charles H. Belledeu, sign, 35-39 Wareham St., Wd. 9.

T. G. Plant, sign, Centre St., corner Bickford St., Wd. 22.

William J Hoar, electric sign, 28 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 17.

Columbus Associates, illuminated sign, 124 North St., Wd. 6.

Spinelli, Caprone & Co., electric sign, 460 Commercial St., Wd. 6.

Ira G. Hersey, printing frame, 59 Wareham St., Wd. 9.

Frankel & Co., illuminated sign, 85 Blackstone St., Wd. 6.

Elia Della Sala, illuminated sign, 314½ Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Jerome Remick Company, two electric signs, 12 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Charlie Wong, wooden sign, 60 Rugles St., Wd. 18.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

LYING-IN HOSPITAL.

Ald. WOODS, for the Committee on Health (Ald.), submitted a report on the petition of Elizabeth A. Riley, M. D. (referred March 25), for a renewal of license to maintain a lying-in hospital at 310 Bay State Road, Wd. 11—recommending that a license be granted.

Report accepted, license granted on the usual conditions.

CLAIMS REPORTS.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Claims, submitted reports on the following petitions, recommending that

the petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz.:-

Peter F. Tague (referred April 29) for compensation for injury to horse caused by an alleged defect in Bunker Hill St.

Nettie Goldberg (referred 1906), for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Harrison Ave. (suit).
Jeremiah Sullivan (referred Feb. 25), for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Columbus Ave. (suit).

Rachel I. Trainor (referred Feb. 25), for compensation for injuries caused by defect in Springfield St. (suit).

Reports severally accepted. Sent down.

RAILROAD REPORTS.

Ald. DRAPER, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted reports on the following petitions, recommending the passage of orders of notice of hearings on June 10 at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:

West End Street Railway Company (referred today), for a location for a second track in Saratoga St., East Boston.

Cunningham Iron Company (referred April 29), for leave to relocate and use a spur railroad track across B st., Wd. 13, to connect with the tracks of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.

Reports severally accepted, orders of notice passed.

LICENSE REPORTS.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 10 newsboys, 6 bootblacks and 5 vendors.

Reports accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of Arthur W. Crane (referred today), for a license to run two passenger barges between corner of Walk Hill St. and Blue Hill Ave. and Mt. Hope Cemetery—Recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for permits for children under 15 years of age to appear at various places of amusement—Recommending that permits be granted, viz.:-

Charles Miller, for Oscar Johnson, to appear at the Park Theatre May 18 and week of May 20.

Madame Liptzin, for Annie and Fannie Goldstein, to appear at the Grand Opera House on May 20.

Charles J. Rich, for a permit for Helen Pullman and Edith Speare to appear at the Hollis Street Theatre during the run of "The Prince Chap."

Mitchell Freeman, for Sara Shoolman and others to appear at Huntington Chambers on June 12, 1907.

Reports accepted, permits granted on the usual conditions.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. CURLEY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company (referred April 29) for leave to remove three poles from Kingsdale St., Wd. 20—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove from Kingsdale St., Wd. 20, three poles shown on a plan

dated April 20, 1907, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

Report accepted, order passed.

(2) Report on the petition of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston (referred May 13) for leave to relocate two poles on Massachusetts Ave.—Recommending the passage of the following:-

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. A. Fuller; said poles to be located as follows:

Massachusetts Ave., near Shirley St., Wd. 17; number of poles, 2; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 50 feet by 15 inches; width of sidewalk, 12 feet; date of plan, May 11, 1907.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Massachusetts Ave. two poles shown by white dots on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, orders passed, under a suspension of the rules.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove four trees now standing in the sidewalk in front of Nos. 193-197 Howard Ave., Wd. 16, the same being dangerous to public travel; the expense attending same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.
Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of 49 Armandine St., and trim a tree standing on Eustis St., near Hampden St.; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS, EAST BOSTON.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be hereby requested by this Board to make the following street improvements in East Boston, viz.:

Put Bayswater and Boardman Sts. in proper condition for public travel.

Reset edgestones and pave gutters on Chelsea St., from West Eagle St. to Chelsea bridge.

Reset edgestones and pave gutters on Trenton St., from Prescott St. to East Eagle St.

Reset edgestones and pave gutters on East Eagle St., from Putnam St. to Glendon St.

Widen Gladstone St. to its proper width and construct said street according to its proper line and grade.

Reset edgestones on both sides of Brooks St., from Lexington St. to Saratoga St.

Reset edgestones and pave gutters on Marion St., from Lexington St. to White St.

Construct dish gutters on Saratoga St., from B., R. E. & L. R. R. to Winthrop bridge.
Passed.

SEWER, BAYSWATER ST.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Sewers, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this Board to construct catch basins and a surface sewer on Bayswater St., East Boston.
Passed.

STONE WALL, DORCHESTER CEMETERY.

Ald. CLARK offered an order—That the Cemetery Trustees, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this Board to construct a suitable stone wall at the Old Dorchester Cemetery, on Stoughton St. and Columbia Road; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Cemetery Department.
Passed.

APPROVAL OF MEMORIALS, ETC.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Art Commission, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this Board to designate some one member of the commission who may be accessible to the public to approve designs for tablets or memorials in the intervals between the meetings of the commission.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, the secretary of the Art Commission, Mr. J. Templeman Coolidge, is in Europe, and numerous people out in Brighton interested in the placing of tablets for the benefit of visitors during Old Home week do not know where to go to get the tablets approved. I have introduced the order so that the people who desire to place tablets can have them approved by some proper person.
The order was passed.

SPEED OF AUTOMOBILES.

Ald. BELL offered the following
An Ordinance.

Concerning the Use of Streets.
Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 32 of Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, as amended by Chapter 5 of the Ordinances of 1903, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "hour" in the seventh line of said section the following: No person operating an automobile or motor cycle on any public or private way laid out under the authority of law shall run it at a greater rate of speed than eight miles an hour.

The CHAIR—The ordinance will take its second reading at the next meeting.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, the reason why I have introduced this ordinance is because I believe something must be done by the city authorities to regulate the speed of automobiles. I fully realize that there are many owners of automobiles who are gentlemen in every sense of the word, who try to keep within the strict letter of the law, and who meet with no serious accidents; but I also know that there are many people who are using and running automobiles through the streets of Boston in violation of the law and of all principles of human honor. It was only last Saturday night that an automobile killed a lady on the next street to where I live. The driver of that automobile knew that he struck that lady, and struck her hard enough to know that he had seriously injured if not killed her. Yet he did not have honor enough to stop and

see what damage he did, but drove away as rapidly as possible, and the lady was picked up dead. It is just such devils as that who are ruining automobile driving for men of respectability. The law as to the rate that automobiles can go is on the books, but there doesn't seem to be much enforcement of it. I realize that perhaps we are weak in not having that law enforced, but it seems to me that the City Council must take drastic measures to prevent just such serious accidents happening from day to day. While I realize that to limit the speed of automobiles to eight miles an hour is narrowing it down somewhat, I believe it is a step in the direction of accomplishing the desired end, and I trust that this ordinance will be given consideration, and that, if this is not just the proper one to pass, something will be done, because I believe the lives of the people of Boston are to be considered in advance of the wishes of some of these dare-devil automobilists.

The CHAIR—The ordinance will take its second reading at the next meeting.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I think the ordinance is a little narrow—eight miles an hour for an automobile. Why, the gentleman himself could walk 10 and not feel it, but we are not all as tall as he is. You might as well do away with automobiles as restrict them to eight miles an hour. I have occasion to drive one occasionally, and if I should drive it eight miles an hour, I would feel as though I was out behind pushing it. It can go 30 miles an hour if I desire. But if the ordinance can be amended—

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, how many miles did the Alderman say it could go?

Ald. WOODS—It could go 30 miles an hour, but I run my automobile at an average rate of 12 miles an hour. I go along very carefully. There is no question but what there is need of some ordinance because there are reckless, dare-devil riders. Last night at quarter past one, returning home this morning, I saw an automobile that went by the corner of Massachusetts Ave. and Boylston St. Some of our friends here were in it.

The CHAIR—The Chair will remind the honorable Alderman that the ordinance is not under discussion, because under the rules it has been assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

Ald. WOODS—I don't know whether I want it assigned to the next meeting of the Board, Mr. Chairman. I think it can be killed here or amended. If I am wrong, I stand ready to be corrected.

The CHAIR—Under the rules the Chair must rule again that the ordinance has been assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

SIDEWALK ORDER.

Ald. CLARK offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along the westerly side of Walk Hill St., between Blue Hill Ave. and Harvard St., Wd. 24, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of gravel, with granite edgestone, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Passed.

SALE OF LAND.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be authorized to sell at public auction or otherwise, with the approval of the Mayor, a lot of land in West Roxbury

on the northwesterly side of Poplar St., between Florence and Sycamore Sts., with the wooden building thereon, said lot containing about 780 square feet.

Ald. WHELTON moved assignment of the order to the next meeting.

The CHAIR—The matter will go over to the next meeting of the Board, under the rules.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I would move, as a substitute motion, that it be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. WHELTON withdrew his motion to assign, and the order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. CURLEY.

PRINTING CLOSING PROCEEDINGS.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the expenses incurred by the Superintendent of Printing in preparing and publishing the closing proceedings of the Board of Aldermen of 1905, be charged to the appropriation for contingent expenses, Board of Aldermen.
Passed.

CLOSING OF SYCAMORE ST.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Sycamore St., between Ashland and Hawthorn Sts., Wd. 23, during the time necessary for the completion of improvements by the Sewer Department, now in progress.
Passed.

ICE FOR DRINKING FOUNTAINS.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Water Commissioner be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5000) for the purpose of maintaining and furnishing ice for the public drinking fountains during the present season, said sum to be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, at this time I move a suspension of the rule, that the order may be placed on its passage. It is the customary order presented every year, to provide \$5000 for ice for drinking fountains. If the matter should be delayed a week or two it will delay the distribution of ice water so much longer.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule. Sent down.

HOLIDAY FOR PICNIC.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Superintendent of Public Grounds to grant a holiday without loss of pay, in part compensation for services rendered, to all employees of the Public Grounds Department, to attend the union picnic, A. F. of L., on Wednesday, July 24, 1907.
Passed. Sent down.

CLOSING OF STREETS.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Police Commissioner be authorized to close to travel by vehicles, except fire, police, mail and hospital wagons, the following streets for the formation and parade of the Boston Work Horse Parade Association, on May 30, 1907, between the hours of 8 A. M. and 12 noon, viz.: For the formation—Sherborn, Deerfield, Granby, Raleigh, Kenmore, Ashby and Chilmark Sts., Bay State Rd., Newbury St., between Charlesgate West and Brookline Ave., Brookline

Ave., between Newbury and Beacon Sts., and Beacon St., from Charlesgate West to Commonwealth Ave.

For the parade—Massachusetts Ave., from Commonwealth Ave. to Beacon St., and Beacon St., from Massachusetts Ave. to Charles St.
Passed.

ADDITIONAL DEPUTY SEALERS.

Ald. BALDWIN offered the following: An ordinance to amend Chapters 2 and 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898. Be it ordained, etc.

Section 1. Chapter 2 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in Section 1 by striking out the word "ten" in the line relating to the sealer and deputy sealers of weights and measures and inserting the word "eighteen" in place thereof.

Section 2. Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in Section 5, in the clause establishing the salaries of the sealer and deputy sealers of weights and measures by striking out the word "ten" and inserting the word "eighteen" in place thereof.

The ordinance was read once and went over to the next meeting for its second reading.

FELLOWS-ST. PLAYGROUND. HAND-BALL COURT.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this Board to locate the hand-ball court in the Fellow-St. Playground in the center of said playground.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, the purpose of this order is that the Park Commission, through its Superintendent, has seen fit to begin the construction of the Hand Ball Court, for which this city government voted an appropriation of \$2500, in a section of the Fellows Street Playground where it will be difficult to furnish light and where it will be impossible to provide the necessary room for persons to play hand ball, should they feel so disposed. The proper place to erect the court is in the centre of the playground. It should be in a portion of the playground where it is possible to furnish the necessary light to play in the evening and where it will not encroach upon the part of the playground generally used by the children. I realize that the Park Commissioners and their Superintendent are wise and judicious gentlemen, but I trust that they will select a more suitable site than the one they have settled upon.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I move reference of the order to the Committee on Finance.

Ald. CURLEY—You might just as well move to refer it to the Committee on Foreign Relations, because it does not call for any expenditure of money. (The order was read by the clerk.)

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I withdraw my motion.
The order was passed.

REPLY TO GOOD GOVERNMENT'S ASSOCIATION.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I arise at this time, perhaps not to a question of privilege, but to reply to a letter received from the Good Government Association. I received a letter from the Good Government Association, and I have no doubt all the members have. I don't know whether theirs reads like mine or not, but I will ask the indulgence of the Board so that I can read mine:

"The enclosed circular letter and postal card were sent out by this Association on Thursday of this week, to those members of the Chamber of Commerce, Merchants' Association, Associated Board of Trade, Bar Association and Real Estate Exchange, who on a somewhat hasty examination appeared to be citizens of Boston. The returns so far have been as follows: SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THREE of the members of these various organizations have indicated that in their opinion the money needed for repairing and reconstructing the streets should be raised by taxation. FIFTY-SEVEN have expressed the opinion that it should be raised by a loan, and fifteen of the replies cannot be tabulated without qualification, which it would take too long to state. We submit these figures to you as indicating the views of a large number of representative citizens on an important question of public policy.

"The signed cards are open to your inspection at this office.

"Yours faithfully,
"Edmund Billings, Secretary."

I did intend to go up and carefully peruse those cards, to see how many of the men referred to are citizens of Boston, how many of them are tax payers of Boston. But I claim that the circular they sent out is also misleading and is not what it should be. If they want the position of citizens upon the financial policy of the city they should go about it in the right way and should make it plain. Their circular reads as follows:

"We desire to call your attention to an important question of financial policy now pending before the Board of Aldermen. The members of the Board are agreed that \$500,000 should be appropriated for repaving and reconstructing streets. They are nearly evenly divided upon the question of whether the money to meet this constantly recurring expense should be borrowed for a term of years or raised by taxation. The occasion seems ripe for an expression of public opinion on this concrete proposition for further increasing the debt of the city, and we ask each member of the Association to indicate his opinion on the enclosed postal card and mail it to the Association. The sum proposed is equivalent to about 40c. on each \$1000 of the city's valuation."

As I say, that circular in itself is misleading. It says that the money is to be for repaving and reconstructing streets. The money that is asked for is requested for permanent improvements, and not for repairing streets. In the other letter it says that the money needed for repairing and reconstructing the streets should be raised by taxation. We agree that the money for repairing streets should be raised by taxation. But if they want a fair consensus of opinion of the taxpayers, they should state in the letter they send out that the money is to be used for the building of new streets, the laying of new water mains, and so forth. I want to say that I think the Good Government means to be all right, but, like all large bodies, they are liable to make mistakes. They say they have sent this letter and card to 653 members of various organizations. I suggest to them that they send out 653 more letters to the common taxpayers of Boston, to the working man, the man who owns his house, and ask him, putting it plainly, whether he wants to pay 40 cents a thousand additional on his taxes this year, or two cents per thousand on a 20-year loan. Let them do that, and then let them send us the answers they get, and I think we can get a fair opinion. I want to say

that, of course, the Good Government is in this work, and I don't want to mix in with it; but, if they are unable to pay the expense of sending out that second circular, as I suggest, I will help them out. If they will send the bill to me, I will pay it. Let me suggest to the representatives of the Good Government Association that when they send out the next statement they should make it plain. There are 110,000 voters in Boston, and 653 is not a fair representation. An expression of opinion should be taken from the common taxpayers, not the Chamber of Commerce, members of which live in Quincy and other parts outside of Boston, as is the case with different other associations. I say, come down to Boston people, if you want to find out the sentiment in regard to matters before this Board, because they will give you the facts and will not mislead you as you are apt to be misled by people living in other cities. I thank you kindly.

RECESS.

The Board voted at 4:03 P. M., on motion of Ald. BANGS, to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

The members re-assembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by Ald. BERWIN at 5:20 P. M.

SANITARY DEPARTMENT ORDINANCE.

Ald. DRAPER offered the following:

An Ordinance Concerning the Sanitary Department. Be it ordained, etc.

Chapter 1 of the Ordinances of 1906 concerning the Street Department is hereby amended in Section 1 of the chapter relating to the Sanitary Department by striking therefrom the words "and who shall remove the same" and inserting instead the words "and shall remove the house offal, house dirt and such ashes as are the product of burning materials for heating habitations, cooking and other domestic purposes," so that said section shall read as follows:

Section 1. The Sanitary Department shall be under the charge of the Superintendent of Sanitary Department, who shall have the care and maintenance of the city teams and stables and of all the appliances and apparatus now or hereinafter in use in connection with the removal of ashes, house dirt and house offal, and shall remove the house offal, house dirt and such ashes as are the product of burning materials for heating habitations, cooking and other domestic purposes, and all other noxious and refuse substances from yards and areas when so placed as to be easily removed; and shall, when requested by the Superintendent of Streets or the Board of Health, render to said Superintendent or Board in the discharge of his or its duties concerning the sanitary condition of the city, all the assistance that can be given by himself or his department.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, as it seems to be the pleasure of the members of the Board that the matter be not acted upon at the present time, I move that it be read by its title only.

The ordinance was read by its title only. The CHAIR—Under the rules, the matter will lie over to the next meeting of the Board.

PENSION FOR JAMES H. DODGE.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 338 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1907, James H. Dodge, City

Auditor of this city for nearly twenty-five years, be and hereby is placed upon the pension roll of the city and be allowed and paid a pension of one hundred dollars per month; said sum so paid to be charged to the appropriation for Reserve Fund.

Passed. Sent down.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. BERWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the message from the Mayor (referred today), to the effect that land and easement taken for sewerage purposes by the Board of Street Commissioners, Nov. 11, 1898, between Blue Hill Ave. and Morton St., are no longer required for the public purpose for which the taking was made, and recommending that accompanying preambles and order abandoning the easement be passed—Recommending the passage of said preambles and order.

Report accepted; preambles and order passed, yeas 13.

(2) Report on order (referred Feb. 25) revoking the order adopted Dec. 28, 1906, and approved by the Mayor Jan. 4, 1907, relating to the muzzling and restraining of dogs for a period of three months—that no further action is necessary.

Report accepted.

(3) Reports on petitions referred today, recommending the passage of orders—that the Superintendent of Street make sidewalks to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining and to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, with granite edgestones, owner to furnish material, in front of the following estates:

A. J. Whitney, 86 Bellevue St., Wd. 19, artificial stone.

Samuel Greenblastt, 190-192 Brennen St., Wd. 2, brick.

J. G. Cooper, 1 Albion St., corner of Dover St., Wd. 9, artificial stone.

W. A. & H. A. Root, 89-97 Massachusetts Ave., corner Newbury St., Wd. 11, artificial stone.

Mary Downey, 19-21 Buttonwood St., Wd. 16, brick.

Israel Shapira, 365 Washington St., corner Market St., Wd. 25, artificial stone.

H. L. Ray, 383 Geneva Ave., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

James F. Flaherty, 25-27, 45-47 Wolcott St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

William H. Crosby, 3 Topliff St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Boyd & Berry, 658-62 Norton St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

G. O. Goudy, 79 and 83 Van Winkle St., Wd. 24, artificial stone.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

(4) Report on the petition of the Italian Society of St. Mary of Anzana (referred today), for leave to suspend decorations over Prince street, Wd. 6, recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted under usual conditions.

(5) Report on the petition of the petition of the Italian St. Mary Society (referred today) for leave to discharge

fireworks at the North End Park July 8—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on usual conditions.

(6) Report on the petition of the Egleston Square Hardware and Plumbing Co. (referred today) for license to store and keep for sale naphtha at 3105 Washington St., Wd. 22—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted under usual conditions.

(7) Report on order (referred April 22), requesting the Commissioner of Wires to take steps for the removal of all telegraph and telephone poles on the Bennington St. Boulevard, from Day Sq. to Winthrop Junction—recommending that the same be referred to the Committee on Electric Wires.

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

(8) Reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions:

Henry E. Wright & Sons (referred today), for a license to store and keep for use oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at Wales Pl., Wd. 20.

John H. Gavin, M. D. (referred today), for a license to store and keep oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at rear of 346 Dudley St., Wd. 17.

Clarence A. Cheever (referred May 13), for a license to store oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at 1531 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 24.

Reports accepted, leave granted on the several petitions.

COST OF TEAMING.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I rise for information. I desire to ask the City Clerk, through the Chair, if any reply has been received from any of the heads of departments giving any figures in regard to the probable increase in the cost of teams to the city, if the proposition which has been suggested is adopted?

The CHAIR—The Clerk informs the Chair that he is not in receipt of any information bearing upon the subject matter.

Ald. CURLEY—I will say that I consulted the Mayor today relative to the proposition. I introduced an order at the last meeting of the Board asking information from the various heads of departments as to the cost of the proposed increase, and anticipated that a reply would be received by this Board today. I consulted the Mayor on the matter today, and he informs me that an agreement has been arrived at between His Honor and the various contractors doing business with the city whereby the new scale shall go into effect on July 1st.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. BELL, the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. WOODS, at 5:30 P. M. to meet on Monday, May 27, at 3 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, May 23, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P. M., President BARRETT in the chair.

CONVENIENCE STATION, COLUMBUS AVE. PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, May 9, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Park Department in answer to your order requesting that a public convenience station be provided on the Columbus avenue playground, Wd. 18.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Park Department, May 6, 1907.

Honorable John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, City Hall.

Dear Sir:—The Board has received and duly considered the enclosed order of the Common Council requesting us to provide a public convenience station on the Columbus Ave. playground.

We regret that our funds will not permit us to comply with this request without a special appropriation. Temporary provisions for sanitary needs could be furnished on one of the old buildings now on the grounds at a cost of about \$1200.

A new building for sanitary convenience should be considered with reference to spray bath facilities and locker room, all of which would require a building costing about \$16,000.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

Placed on file.

SHOWER BATHS, BILLINGS FIELD.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, May 9, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Park Department in answer to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of installing shower baths in the old police station building on the Billings Field Playground, Wd. 23.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Park Department, May 6, 1907.

Honorable John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, City Hall.

Dear Sir:—The Board has received and duly considered the enclosed order of the Common Council requesting us to submit an estimate of the cost of installing shower baths in the old police station building on the Billings Field Playground.

It is the opinion of the Board that when shower baths are placed in the old police station there should also be provided a public convenience station. The shower baths would probably cost about \$1800 and the convenience station \$800, making a total of \$2600.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

Placed on file.

BOAT SERVICE—MARINE PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, May 9, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Park Department in answer to your order requesting certain information in regard to the awarding of a contract for the Marine Park boat service.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston, Park Department,

April 30, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, City Hall.

Dear Sir:—We have received the enclosed order from the Common Council, and in accordance with its request we state that we have awarded the contract for Marine Park boat service to Frank J. Gethro, whose bid was for a term of five years.

For the year of 1907	\$396
For the year of 1908	300
For the year of 1909	390
For the year of 1910	400
For the year of 1911	400

which was the highest bid.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

Placed on file.

NEW SCHOOL, ADAMS DISTRICT.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, May 9, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Schoolhouse Department in answer to your order requesting the erection of a new schoolhouse on land owned by the city adjacent to the Plummer School, Adams District, East Boston.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Schoolhouse Department, May 6, 1907.

Honorable John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:—Acting for the Board of Schoolhouse Commissioners, I desire to acknowledge the receipt of an order of the Common Council, namely:

"That the Schoolhouse Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to erect a new schoolhouse on land owned by the city adjacent to the Plummer school, Adams district, East Boston."

I would state that the Board of Schoolhouse Commissioners have now under consideration the erection of a schoolhouse on the land referred to in the above order. I am

Very respectfully yours,

H. E. Fisher, Secretary.

Placed on file.

REMOVING WASTE—DORCHESTER.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, May 9, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Sanitary Department, in answer to your order requesting a statement of the cost of removing ashes and offal from Wds. 16, 20 and 24 during the year 1906.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Sanitary Department.

May 6, 1907.

Hon. John Fitzgerald, Mayor, City of Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:—In reply to the order passed by the Common Council, April

25, 1907, requesting the Superintendent of the Sanitary Department to submit to it "the cost for the year 1906 of removing the ashes from Wds. 16, 20 and 24. Same report on offal," I beg leave to submit the following statement:—

Dorchester District, 1906.

Foremen	\$1,092.00
Sub-foremen and Inspectors....	4,610.04
Miscellaneous expenses	809.80
Ash contract	18,112.22
Offal contract	9,142.83

Total\$33,774.89

Respectfully yours,
Daniel H. Gillespie,
Superintendent Sanitary Department.
Placed on file.

CURB BROKERS' PERMITS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 9, 1907.
To the Common Council:—
I transmit herewith a communication from the Street Department in answer to your order requesting information as to the streets upon which "curbstone brokers" are permitted to conduct their business. Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Street Department,
City Hall,
Boston, May 6th, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.
Dear Sir:—I have received and duly considered enclosed order of the Common Council requesting information as to the streets upon which permission is given to curb brokers, so-called, to conduct business.

I would state that on Dec. 22, 1905, permission was granted the Boston Curb Market by the then Superintendent of Streets to occupy two feet of the street and sidewalk by the building in length at 20 Exchange St., for one year. On Dec. 31, 1906, I granted a like permit to the same parties for the term of one year from Jan. 1, 1907.

Yours respectfully,
James H. Doyle,
Superintendent of Streets.
Placed on file.

CONDITION OF STEAMER.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 9, 1907.
To the Common Council:—
I transmit herewith a communication from the Health Department in answer to your order requesting that the steamer "Zealandia" be examined as to its sanitary condition, and that a report be submitted in regard to its condition. Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Health Department, May 9, 1907.
Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:—The Board of Health has received from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, a request for a report upon the sanitary condition of the steamer "Zealandia," lying at dock in South Boston.

The Board begs to state in reply that it has inspected said steamer and finds it good in construction and equipment for housing and feeding the people on board, and not overcrowded. The means for light and ventilation, and the lavatories and latines are ample. At the time of the visit, insufficient attention was being given to the openings for ventilation (on account of the rain and washing decks at the time), and one

set of water-closets were unclean and offensive. Immediate attention was given to the ventilation, and promised for the closets, all of which will be required by the Board of Health.

Yours very truly,
Samuel H. Durgin, Chairman.
Placed on file.

POINT OF ORDER.

Mr. HARDING of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I raise to a point of order that a quorum is not present.

By direction of the President the members stood in their places and were counted.

The PRESIDENT—The count showing thirty-five members in the chamber, and more than enough to make a quorum being in the ante-room, the Chair will declare the point of order not well taken.

MUNICIPAL BAND MEMBERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 9, 1907.
To the Common Council:—
I transmit herewith a communication from the Music Department in answer to your order requesting the names and residences of the members of the Municipal Band, appointed for the season of 1907. Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Music Department, May 7, 1907.
Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:—Replying to an order passed at a meeting of the Common Council, April 25, to the effect "that the Music Trustees, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform this body, at its next meeting, the name and address of each member of the Municipal Band, appointed for the season of 1907," I beg leave to inclose the information desired, in the form of a complete list of the conductors and members of the band, with their legal residences May 1st, 1907, furnished by each man individually as a part and condition of his contract with this department. All the addresses are within the city limits.

Respectfully yours,
Edwin A. Franklin, Chairman.
(Annexed was a list of musicians referred to above.)

The communication was ordered printed as a city document and placed on file, on motion of Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13.

EXTENSION OF STREETS, WD. 16.

The following was received:—

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 23, 1907.
To the Common Council:—
I transmit herewith a communication from the Street Laying-Out Department in answer to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of extending and laying out certain streets in Wd. 16 to the Strandway. Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Street Laying Out Department,
May 20, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.
Dear Sir:—Replying to the enclosed order of the Common Council requesting an estimate of the cost of extending Harvest, Locust, Bellflower, Howell, Washburn, Rawson, Kemp and Hyde Sts, Wd. 16, to Columbia Rd., the Board submits the following:

Because of the relocation of the Old Colony Railroad the direct extension of these streets would be impracticable. The Board of Survey filed a system of streets covering the territory bounded by Dorchester Ave., Mt. Vernon St., Columbia Rd. and Hyde St. The extensions proposed in the order of the Common Council mean practically a development of the territory named.

To lay out the streets in this territory according to the plans filed by the Board of Survey would involve an expenditure of about \$450,000, exclusive of sewerage works.

Very respectfully,
J. J. O'Callaghan,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

RIGHTS OF STRIKE-BREAKERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 23, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith communications from the Police Commissioner and the Corporation Counsel in answer to your order requesting that "all strike-breakers be searched for concealed weapons before leaving their quarters."

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Police Department.

May 4, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Dear Sir:—I beg to acknowledge receipt, through you, of an order passed by the City Council "that the Police Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have all strikebreakers searched for concealed weapons before leaving their quarters."

I am advised that the police have no authority under the law to seize and search any person for such a purpose, and it is especially important that the police should commit no act of lawlessness. If you have or if you obtain an opinion from the Corporation Counsel or any other responsible legal authority that the police have the right so to seize and search, and will communicate the fact to me, I shall be glad to give further consideration to the subject.

Respectfully,

Stephen O'Meara,
Police Commissioner for the City of Boston.

City of Boston,
Law Department.

May 10, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, City Hall, Boston.

Dear Sir:—I return herewith communication of Commissioner O'Meara in regard to a certain order of the Common Council. The immunity from search of his person or premises by the police without a warrant is one of the rights guaranteed to citizens by the Constitution both of the United States and of the state of Massachusetts. The fourth article of the amendment to the Constitution of the United States and the fourteenth article of the Constitution of Massachusetts are the ones which secure subjects from unreasonable searches and seizures of their persons, their houses and their papers in their possession and seemingly require before a person is searched by the police that he should be complained of and a warrant issued for that purpose.

Yours respectfully,
Thomas M. Babson,
Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

BATH-HOUSE, MARINE PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, May 23, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Corporation Counsel in answer to your order requesting information as to whether an act of the General Court or a change in the ordinances is necessary to cause the control of the bath-house at Marine Park head-house to pass from the Park Commissioners to the Bath Trustees.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston, Law Department,
May 14, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, City Hall, Boston.

Dear Sir:—The following order introduced in the Common Council May 2, 1907, was referred to me by you:

"That the Corporation Counsel, in view of his opinion, submitted to the Board of Aldermen on March 12, 1906, be requested to inform the Common Council whether an act of the General Court or a change in the ordinances of the city of Boston, is necessary to cause the control of the bath-house at Marine Park Headhouse to pass from the Park Commissioners to the Bath Trustees."

In reply I would state that the opinion referred to was given by Hon. Andrew J. Bailey and not by myself. I fully concur in that opinion. The care, custody and control of the Marine Park and the buildings thereon is placed by statute in the Park Commissioners of the city of Boston, and can only be transferred from them by an act of the Legislature.

Yours respectfully,

Thomas M. Babson,
Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

VETO—MARCELLA ST. PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 17, 1907.

To the City Council:

I return herewith without my approval your order passed May 26 appropriating the sum of \$4500, to be expended for the completion of lavatory building, including showers and lockers, and for grading, drainage and fencing at the Marcella St. Playground, Wd. 22.

For many years it has been the practice to consider the requests of the various departments for loans for purposes deemed absolutely necessary, and, after due consideration, for the Chief Executive to make recommendations to the City Government. To pass loan orders for local improvements without first providing for urgent necessities would be a bad financial policy, and would bring about undesirable results. In accordance with the prevailing custom, I will submit certain recommendations to the City Council, and until they shall have been considered I respectfully ask that the consideration of local improvements be postponed.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

The question came on the passage of the order, notwithstanding the objections of the Mayor.

The order failed of passage, Yeas 28, Nays 37.

Yeas—Anderson, Eramball, Brown, Carruth, Clark (20), Clark (24), Cose, Costello, Davidson, Ferguson, Green, Hackett, Hanrahan, Harding, Hatton, McLennan, Montague, Morgan, Murphy, O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Pen-

shorn, Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—28.

Nays—Barrett, Buckley, Colpoys, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, McCabe, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, Noonan, Noyes, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), Pierce, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sheenan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5)—37.

Absent or not voting—Bagley, Ducey, Foley, George, Madden, McCarthy, McGregor, Roberts, Santosuosso, Wharton—10.

VETO—WORDSWORTH ST. BRIDGE.

The following was received:—
City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, May 8, 1907.

To the City Council:—

I return herewith without my approval an order appropriating by loan \$1200, "to be expended by the Superintendent of Streets for a footbridge to cross the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad on Wordsworth St., Wd. 1," for the following reasons:

1. The Superintendent of Streets is not the official charged with the duty of caring for bridges, the care of bridges being placed by ordinance upon the Superintendent of Bridges.

2. Wordsworth St. is not an accepted street, and it is therefore not possible for the city authorities to do any work thereon.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

The order was indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. SORENSON of Wd. 1.

RELIEF OF TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

The following was received:—
City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, May 23, 1907.

To the City Council:—

Upon my petition the present Legislature has passed an act (Chapter 247) which provides that the Boston Transit Commission shall investigate the congestion and delay of teaming traffic and the movement of freight within the city of Boston; shall consider whether such congestion and delay can be relieved by the construction of subways for the transfer of freight, and shall report its conclusions and recommendations to the General Court not later than Jan. 10, 1908, when an appropriation sufficient to meet the expenses of such an investigation has been made by the City Government. In order to permit the Commission to enter upon the investigation outlined above, I recommend the passage of the accompanying order authorizing the transfer of \$5000 for the purpose.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Ordered, That the City Auditor be authorized to transfer from the Reserve Fund to an appropriation for the investigation of congestion of traffic in the streets of Boston the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5000), to be expended by the Boston Transit Commission under the provisions of Chapter 247 of the Acts of 1907.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11—Mr. President and members of the Council, I understand that this order—a most excellent one—will include the investigation of the East Boston ferry service. I have spoken once or twice before on that particular thing, and I have had a conference in regard to it in the Mayor's office. I was delighted to find on inquiry at the office of the Transit Commission that the Mayor had petitioned

the Legislature for the act which has now become a law, and I have further heard from the Commission that they have declared an intention of undertaking such investigation of transit facilities if the city appropriates \$5000. I hope the rules will be suspended to-night in order that the money may be appropriated. I think that we all know that the East Boston ferry service is rotten. Now, I am objecting particularly to the position of this administration in that matter. This administration is not responsible for that situation any more than others that have preceded it. But for several years that particular branch of the service, which might at least have been self-supporting, has been a constant drain. You may call it mismanagement, shiftlessness, carelessness indifference or graft. Graft is an ugly word, and I don't like to call it that. But, however, there is a great chance for improvement over there, and with all the tremendous expenditure there is not good service. I understand that there are five or six ferry boats, but not all of them are in commission. Perhaps some of the gentlemen from the East Boston wards will tell me just how many are in commission, but I know several are not. As I said when I opposed the appropriation bill, the figures of the Auditor—not then published—showed that the deficit of the department for 1906-07 was \$204,705.73. The year before that it was \$182,157.18. The year before that it was \$98,847.25. The year before that it was \$135,306.43. And so it goes back, until there was one star year when there was a surplus—a poor little surplus—of \$93.88. But it was a surplus. Apparently that department is overloaded with employees. Perhaps some members cannot understand why I should have the temerity to get up and oppose the method of doing things in that department. They would say to me: "Don't do it! Think of the votes, the votes, the votes!" Very well, here goes. We built the East Boston tunnel, and that will be in a year or two self-supporting. Of course I am not saying a word in opposition to proper ferry service to and from that section of the city. I simply say the city should act as a thrifty business man would act, and if it will do so, we can give the same service, for passengers, teams and trucks, at less expense. Of course we all realize that it is absolutely necessary that proper service should be given, because Boston is developing, that is an integral part of Boston, factories are being built, the business of the city is being developed, and the community must be properly accommodated. But I say that we can give better service and pay less for it, and competent engineers have said the same thing. I don't know whether any of you have taken the trouble to read over the list of employees of the ferry division, and I don't know how many of you have been aboard. But, certainly, from my recollection of trips on the trans-Atlantic steamers, these splendid old craft on the ferries have a bigger list of employees than the White Star steamers. There are a chief clerk, clerk and cashier. Those are all right, perhaps. Then there are eleven captains. Fine! Twelve quartermasters—fine for these splendid old ferry-boats! Ten engineers, four oilers—as a matter of fact, all the taxpayers of Boston are the "oilers." One electrician. Well and good. Three electrical engineers; twenty-five firemen—must be very busy putting on coal there! Ten toll men; fifteen gate men; one gate watchman; several laborers; several janitresses; two more gate men; three boat watchmen; two lamp-lighters; twenty-three deck hands; one chief engineer—these

are sort of scattered; three foremen; one stock-keeper; four boiler-makers; one rigger; one tank man—ah! that appeals, Mr. President, one tank man. Three painters; three joiners; one pipe fitter—ah! again, a pipe fitter! Two steamfitters' helpers—there are two there, now, for the year 1906. That seems to be a new job, a new occupation—steamfitters' helper. Then there are ten janitors, two ship's carpenters, one carpenter's helper, and one snip carpenter's helper. I suppose the carpenter's helper works on shore and the ship carpenter's helper works on the boats! Then there is one blacksmith—fine on a ferry-boat; one weigher, and one adjuster of lifesaving apparatus—that is all right. Isn't it ridiculous? I suppose next they will have manicures and barber shops. Why not? The Transcript, in a very excellent editorial entitled "Mourning Ferry Expenses," said: "Some way to reduce their annual charge upon the city should be devised."

The Boston Herald recently contained quite a story in regard to the ferries, referring to an interview with one Joseph R. Worcester, consulting engineer and an authority on bridge and tunnel construction. It said:

"Joseph R. Worcester, consulting engineer and an authority on bridge and tunnel construction—most of the plans for the East Boston tunnel of the Boston Elevated Railway were drawn in his office—said to a Herald reporter last week:

"The annual deficit of the East Boston ferries will, in time, as the population of East Boston finds local avenues of employment, be more than it is now. Two or three years from now it is liable to be nearer \$225,000. This amount would hire a sum of money for bridge or tunnel construction approximating \$7,000,000."

He says that a tunnel will cost less than a suspension bridge. Mind you, in all this I am not saying anything against proper service. I say, give the best service that can be attained, using for it the money that is now thrown away on all these superfluous workmen. He said also:

"Such a tunnel as contemplated could be constructed from a point either north or south of the present tunnel at a very moderate cost. Exits could be secured on both the Boston and East Boston sides which would be convenient and easily accessible. On the Boston side an entrance could be secured at a point sufficiently removed from the water front to make the grade of approach easy for loaded vehicles of any size. And it would also be convenient for possible connection with electric railways of the future, being situated at no great distance from the Washington St. subway. I have such location directly in mind at the present moment.

"To estimate the cost of such a work, we have the cost of the present tunnel to aid us. And, in passing, I will say that it is my impression that the Transit Commission believe that, with one experience to aid it, a second tunnel could be constructed at a cost proportionately much less than the first.

"In the present tunnel, the section under the harbor between Atlantic Ave. and Marginal St. in East Boston cost \$1,075,000. The whole work completed, between Scollay Sq. and Maverick Sq. in East Boston, cost, approximately, \$2,750,000. It will be noted at once that the cost of the land approaches on both sides was much larger than the cost of the work under water.

"The bed of Boston harbor is composed wholly of blue clay, easiest and most satisfactory of all soils for tunnelling purposes. A bore can be driven

in any direction, practically, with equal facility. The great factor in the cost of Boston submarine tunnels is the approaches for either side. In this it differs greatly from New York harbor, where the preponderance of silt makes the work of tunnel construction at once costly and dangerous."

The gist of the whole matter is that excellent tunnels can be built under the river to East Boston, giving an opportunity for wagons to go all the time, not being held up at either end, and costing the city less year by year than the ferry. I do hope this order will be passed unanimously, and I think it will be one of the worthiest things that this Council or any Council of which I have had the honor to be a member has done.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2—I wish to say, Mr. President and members of the Council, that I heartily agree with the last statement which was made by our distinguished colleague, in this division. He says that he thought this order should pass, and that an investigation at this time should take place. But I do not agree with him in his remarks pertaining to the ferry service to East Boston. He speaks about tunnels. Well, tunnels are all right in their way. We appreciate the one which we have, and will gladly welcome any further additional tunnels that the people of Boston may see fit to give us; but it seems to me it would be highly impracticable to construct a tunnel to East Boston for the use of the passenger service and of the teaming traffic. It would necessitate an entrance to the tunnel, in order to make one at a proper grade, somewhere in the vicinity of the Back Bay or Brighton, and an entrance at the other end somewhere at the extreme end of East Boston. That would be necessary in order to provide a grade so that a team of horses could go down into the tunnel and pull a load up from it. That fact does away, it seems to me, with any idea of the practicability of a tunnel for teaming purposes. The gentleman says a great deal about the number of men who are employed there, and in regard to the cost of the ferry service. We in East Boston, Mr. President, do not feel that the ferry service is any great handicap upon the city. We believe that is what we are paying taxes for. We in East Boston look upon the ferries as nothing but a highway—a portable highway, a means of transportation from one highway on the land to the other; and we cannot find any other means whereby we can make a connection with the city proper other than that which we already possess, in the way of ferry service. It is impossible to build a bridge across there, owing to the fact that the navy yard is further up the harbor, and the War Department will not permit a bridge to be constructed. I understand, for the reason that the navy yard is above the proposed location. As far as the employees of the ferry division are concerned, I know each and every man who is listed upon the pay roll of the ferry service, and I can explain to the gentleman the duties which are performed by the men given any one of the numerous designations which he has read. Those employees are paid no more than the men in a similar line of work in any other branch of the city service. The ferry employees, I think, work harder in proportion to the wages received by them than almost any other branch of similar service in the city. We feel that the Ferry Department has a right to be maintained by the city irrespective of cost. We feel that the city of Boston should not charge the citizens of that portion of Boston known as East Boston anything

for ferry service, either in the tunnel or on the ferry boat, for we believe that the ferry service should be no more self-supporting than the bridges which connect the other sections of Boston with the city proper. It costs a person nothing to cross the bridge to Charlestown, or to cross the bridge to South Boston. The bridge is but a highway connecting the lands on each side of the water. We in East Boston consider that we should have free ferry service, regardless of the cost to the city, and that the ferry service should not be expected to be self-supporting, any more than the bridge service of the city of Boston is.

Mr. HANRAHAN of Wd. 2 raised the point of order that there was not a quorum present, and the president directed the members present to rise and remain standing until counted.

Thirty-six members arose, and the president said:

Thirty-six members being present in the chamber, and more than enough being in the ante-room to make a quorum, the Chair will declare that there is more than a quorum present.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I cannot agree with the two previous speakers, who seem to feel that it would be a grand idea to take \$5000 away from the reserve fund and place it in charge of the Transit Commission. The Transit Commission are paid fairly well, I believe, to do any extra work, such as looking up a matter in regard to the congestion of the streets in Boston. The gentleman from East Boston refers to the Ferry Department, and says that the ferries should take the people to and from East Boston for nothing. Perhaps they should—but it seems to me that the condition of the city treasury at this time does not warrant the city in carrying passengers to and from East Boston free of cost. But, Mr. President, to come to the point, I have heard so much during the past three weeks about the poor financial condition of this city that I was beginning to think that we did not have one cent in our treasury, let alone \$5000 to transfer from the reserve fund to the Boston Transit Commission. The Mayor of Boston should take into the consideration the fact that we are nearing the completion of a subway extending through Washington street, and should also take into consideration that the Boston Elevated Railway Company have been granted the right to construct an elevated structure through the West End. That subway and the elevated structure through the West End should relieve a great deal of the congestion which is liable to exist in the streets of Boston. We are also connected with Cambridge by one of the grandest bridges in this part of the country. Now I cannot for the life of me see why the Mayor of Boston sends a communication such as that to this body. He knows very well that he will need that money later on to fix up our streets with, or to do something with. He could use it very well now in fixing up the streets, which are in a deplorable condition. I am satisfied that there is just one member of the Boston Transit Commission who is responsible for that message from the Mayor. I feel satisfied that ex-Mayor Josiah Quincy feels that it would be very nice for the Transit Commission to be allowed to expend \$5000 of our money; but if the members of the Council are wise, they will not vote to transfer that money tonight. The Boston Elevated Railway Company have been granted a franchise, which, I believe, any other business concern would pay millions of money to receive. Since they have been granted that franchise they surely should relieve

some of the congestion in the streets of the city, and thereby the Boston Transit Commission would not feel the necessity for expending this money. That same Boston Elevated Railway Company tells the city officials in charge of the Bridge Department that they will refuse to run their cars across that bridge until the bridge is put into a safe condition. Why, the Boston Elevated Railway Company should keep that bridge in repair all the time—all parts of it—in return for the permission which they have of crossing it with their heavy cars. The idea of saying that they will fix one part of it, and that the city must fix the rest—but perhaps it was due to the negligence of somebody who drew up that contract with the Boston Elevated Railway Company. Mr. President, I hope that this money will not be transferred tonight from the reserve fund to the Transit Commission.

Mr. NOYES—Mr. President, I wish to say a few words in reply to the member in this division (Mr. Doherty). I think he rather missed the gist of my remarks. My object is not to cripple the service between Boston, so-called, and East Boston. It is to better that service that I urge the passage of this order. My object is to have the Transit Commission decide which is the best way. Of course, we here cannot decide that. We can only conjecture what results may come from their investigation of that matter. I am sure I do not know what the results will be. The gentleman in this division from East Boston (Mr. Doherty), said he thought it would not be practicable to construct a tunnel under the harbor; but one of the best consulting engineers in this part of the world says it is. Well, we have his opinion against that of Mr. Doherty. Of course, it would be practicable; and, as this engineer says, it would not be, comparatively speaking, expensive. I am not saying that the Transit Commission might not recommend providing some sort of a better ferry service. As to that, I do not know; but I do know that I have figures in my hands in regard to the teams that are held up there now, with all this expenditure of the city's money. I do know, also, that years ago Mayor Collins talked to me about this very thing, and said that they could not change the ferry expenditures because the teams were always held up; but I could not see why the teams were held up, when the number of municipal employees had actually been increased. Now, I do not say that the department may or may not need an increase in the number of its employees. I do say that, as a business organization, the city of Boston should find out whether that ferry service is the best service that can be given. Anybody who says it is knows that he is saying what is not right. Remember that I am not speaking about the employees, but in reference to what is the best service that can be given. I say that the present service is not the best service that can be given. If this order is passed, the Transit Commission will look into the whole matter, and it may be that they will submit a report saying: "Gentlemen, we are sorry, but bad as it is, this is the best service possible." I do not think they will; but I do believe that they will look into it in a very fair and square manner.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, do I understand that a motion has been made to suspend the rules?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair understood Mr. Noyes to say that he hoped the rules would be suspended.

Mr. NOYES—I intended to move a suspension of the rules, in order that the

order accompanying the Mayor's message might go upon its passage; and I so move.

The motion to suspend the rules was declared carried. Mr. HANRAHAN doubted the vote and asked for a verification by a rising vote, which was taken, and the motion to suspend the rules was declared carried, thirty members having voted in the affirmative and five in the negative.

Mr. HANRAHAN further doubted the vote and asked for a verification by roll call. The yeas and nays were ordered, and the motion to suspend the rule was carried—yeas 51, nays 17.

Yeas—Anderson, Barrett, Brown, Buckley, Carruth, Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Ducey, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Green, Hackett, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, Montague, Morgan, Noonan, Noyes, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Peshorn, Pierce, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sheenan, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wharton, Woodside—51.

Nays—Clark (24), Driscoll, Ferguson, Hanrahan, Harding, Hatton, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McGregor, McLennan, Murphy, O'Brien (14), Wentworth, Willcutt, Zetterman—17.

Absent or not voting—Bagley, Bramhall, Clark (20), George, Roberts, Santosuosso, Sorenson—7.

The order was passed—yeas 54, nays 14:

Yeas—Anderson, Barrett, Brown, Buckley, Carruth, Clark (20), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Green, Hackett, Harding, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, McCabe, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McGregor, Mealey, Montague, Morgan, Noonan, Noyes, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), Pendergast, Pierce, Rachkowsky, Sacks, Sheenan, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wharton, Woodside—54.

Nays—Clark (24), Hanrahan, Hatton, Lill, Madden, McCarthy, McLennan, Murphy, O'Brien (14), Peshorn, Purcell, Wentworth, Willcutt, Zetterman—14.

Absent or not voting—Bagley, Bramhall, George, Roberts, Rosenberg, Santosuosso, Sorenson—7.

Mr. NOYES moved to reconsider, hoping that the motion would not prevail.

Mr. MURPHY moved that reconsideration be assigned to the next meeting of the body.

Mr. MURPHY—Mr. President, my reason for making that motion is that perhaps some of the members will in the meantime get a little more information on this than they have got tonight. This matter was brought in here for the first time tonight, and it looks to me rather hasty to try to rush it through here tonight, without giving it a little more consideration. For myself, I cannot see how some of these members who are always objecting to voting money for something which is necessary, can tonight agree to vote away \$5000 to the Transit Commission to spend on something which is not necessary at this time. This is for something which can wait, and I feel that it is bad policy and bad business for this body to vote away that money tonight to the Transit Commission. I hope, Mr. President, that this matter will be assigned to the next meeting.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I hope that assignment will not prevail. It seems to me that the gentleman from Wd. 19 has given this body about

all the information that it desires, and I hope that assignment will not prevail.

Mr. MURPHY—I have not given the body all the information, Mr. President, that the body desires. I want to say to the members of the body that there may be a whole lot under cover that I do not know about, and that possibly you do not know about, and that it might pay to have this matter assigned for a week. I am sure that the Transit Commission could get along without the \$5000 until the next meeting, and if there is nothing under cover which might be brought to light in the meantime, I see no reason why they should object to the delay. I differ with my friend in the statement which he made, and I hope that the matter will be assigned until the next meeting.

The motion to assign was declared lost. Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19 doubted the vote, and asked for a verification by a rising vote, which was taken, and the motion was declared lost, 16 members having voted in the affirmative and 29 in the negative.

Mr. MURPHY further doubted the vote and asked for a verification by the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the motion to assign was lost, the vote being yeas 20, nays 41:

Yeas—Clark (24), Costello, Driscoll, Ducey, Foley, Hanrahan, Hatton, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McLennan, Murphy, O'Brien (14), Peshorn, Purcell, Sacks, Wentworth, Willcutt, Zetterman—20.

Nays—Anderson, Barrett, Brown, Buckley, Carruth, Colpoys, Cose, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Green, Hackett, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, Montague, Morgan, Noyes, O'Brien (18), Pendergast, Pierce, Rachkowsky, Sheenan, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wharton, Woodside—41.

Absent or not voting—Bagley, Bramhall, Clark (20), Davidson, George, Harding, Leonard, McGregor, Noonan, O'Brien (5), Roberts, Rosenberg, Santosuosso, Sorenson—14.

The motion to reconsider was lost. Sent up.

NORFOLK STREET WIDENING.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Street Laying-out Department.

May 6, 1907.

To the Honorable the Common Council, Gentlemen:—

Replying to the enclosed order of February 28 last, requesting "an estimate of the cost of widening Norfolk St. to sixty feet, from Washington St. to Blue Hill Av.; also the valuation of property bordering the line of widening," the Board submits the following:

Land grade and building damages	\$135,000 00
Construction	125,000 00
Total	\$260,000 00

The assessed valuation of all property abutting on the line of the proposed widening is \$848,900.00.

Very respectfully,

J. J. O'Callaghan,

Secretary.

Placed on file.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Notice of announcement of appointment of Aldermen Bangs, Baldwin, Draper, Woods, Curley, Bell, Batis and Flanagan on the committee to

investigate the subject of bill-board advertising.

The notice was placed on file.

In connection with the notice Mr. Pierce of Wd. 11 offered an order—That the order heretofore passed by the City Council providing for the appointment of a joint special committee on the subject of bill-board advertising be amended so that the number of the committee on the part of the Common Council shall be increased to twelve members.

The order was passed. Sent up.

The President announced the appointment of members of the Council on the committee as follows:

Messrs. McGivern of Wd. 16, Kennedy of Wd. 7, Pierce of Wd. 11, Clark of Wd. 20, McCullough of Wd. 13, Cose of Wd. 25, McCarthy of Wd. 8, Joyce of Wd. 17, Zetterman of Wd. 25, Foley of Wd. 7, Leonard of Wd. 9 and Doherty of Wd. 2.

2. The order passed by the Common Council April 11, appropriating \$11,000 from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, to be expended by the Park Department for the completion of the pier head at Marine Park, comes down passed in concurrence, with an amendment making the amount of the appropriation \$6000 instead of \$11,000.

The amendment was concurred in, yeas 64, nays 0.

Yeas—Anderson, Barrett, Brown, Buckley, Carruth, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin Daly (17), Daly (12), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Green, Hackett, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McGregor, McLennan, Mealey, Montague, Morgan, Murphy, Noonan, Noyes, O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Peshorn, Pierce, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sheenan, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—64.

Nays—0.

Absent or not voting—Bagley, Bramhall, Davidson, George, Hanrahan, Harding, O'Brien (5), Purcell, Roberts, Santosuosso, Sorenson—11.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 14 moved to reconsider; lost.

3. Report of Committee on Building Department, on petition of the Franklin Building Association, referred March 19, recommending the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the Franklin Building Association to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on south side of Ashmont St., Wd. 24, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied for mercantile purposes.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24

4. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public highway Prospect St. from Chelsea St. to Wood Island Pk.

Passed in concurrence.

5. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be, and hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the city to execute an indenture with George A. Wilson for the 'laying out' of a passageway five feet wide from Harvard Ave., in the Brighton district, to the rear of the engine-house lot, one-half of said passageway to be taken from said engine-house lot and one-half from the

adjoining land of said Wilson; said passageway to be used in common by the city and said Wilson, his heirs and assigns.

Passed in concurrence.

6. Mayor's message enclosing a communication from the Superintendent of Sewer, and a notice from that official that in his opinion certain land and easement taken for sewerage purposes by the Board of Street Commissioners, Nov. 11, 1898, are no longer required for the public purpose for which they were taken.

The passage of the following preambles and order is recommended in said message:

Whereas, The Board of Street Commissioners, by an order passed Nov. 11, 1898, took a strip of land thirty feet in width for sewerage purposes between Blue Hill Ave. and Harvard St., Dorchester district, from the heirs of Joel Seaverns, and a strip of land, forty feet in width, for sewerage purposes, between Harvard and Morton Sts., West Robury district, from the city of Boston, Austin farm; and

Whereas, The Superintendent of Sewers, now having charge of said land and easement, has notified the City Council that said land and easement so taken is no longer required for public purposes; it is hereby

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be, and he is hereby, authorized, in the name and behalf of the city, and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 25, Section 50, of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts, to declare the right and easement so taken to be abandoned, such declaration of abandonment to be made for a nominal consideration.

The message was placed on file, and the order was passed in concurrence, Yeas 59, Nays 0:

Yeas—Anderson, Barrett, Brown, Buckley, Carruth, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hackett, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McGregor, McLennan, Mealey, Montague, Morgan, Murphy, Noonan, Noyes, O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Peshorn, Pierce, Roberts, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sheenan, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wharton, Zetterman—59.

Nays—0.

Absent or not voting—Bagley, Bramhall, Costello, Davidson, George, Green, Hanrahan, Harding, O'Brien (5), Purcell, Rachkowsky, Santosuosso, Sorenson, Wentworth, Willcutt, Woodside—16.

The Council voted, on motion of Mr. MCGIVERN of Wd. 16, to consider Nos. 7 to 11, inclusive, together, viz:

7. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of Nettie Goldberg, referred Nov. 26, 1906, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Harrison Ave.—leave to withdraw, suit having been brought against the city.

8. Report of same committee, on petition of Jeremiah Sullivan, referred Feb. 25, 1907, for compensation for injuries, caused by an alleged defect in Columbus avenue—leave to withdraw, suit having been brought against the city.

9. Report of same committee, on petition of Rachel I. Trainor, referred Feb. 25, 1907, for compensation for injuries received from an alleged defect in polling booth on Springfield St.—leave to withdraw, suit having been brought against the city.

10. Report of same committee, on petition of Peter F. Tague, referred April

29, 1907, for compensation for injuries to horse caused by an alleged defect in Bunker Hill St.—leave to withdraw.

11. Report of Committee on Building Department on petition of estate of P. O'Riordan, referred March 25, 1907, for leave to build a wooden building on Mauldin St., corner of Wapping St., Wd. 5. No further action necessary.

Severally accepted in concurrence.

12. Ordered, That the Water Commissioner be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5000), for the purpose of maintaining and furnishing ice for the public drinking fountains during the present season, said sum to be charged to the reserve fund.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. SHEENAN of Wd. 17, and the order was passed in concurrence. Mr. SHEENAN moved to reconsider; lost.

13. Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 388 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1907, James H. Dodge, City Auditor of this city for nearly twenty-five years, be, and hereby is, placed upon the pension roll of the city and be allowed and paid a pension of one hundred dollars per month, said sum so paid to be charged to the appropriation for reserve fund.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2 moved to amend by inserting "fifty" in place of "one hundred."

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the question will first come on the larger amount.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, I move assignment of the order to the next meeting. My reasons for opposing the granting of a pension to Mr. Dodge, who was formerly City Auditor of this city, is that it seems to me that in granting it the City Council of Boston would not be acting properly. We will be doing a very fair thing by the gentleman if we give him \$50 a month, instead of \$100 a month. According to the calendar we have before us, the order passed by the Board of Aldermen reads that this amount of money shall be paid to "James H. Dodge, City Auditor of this city for nearly 25 years." I don't know what Mr. Dodge's circumstances are. If they are poor, I heartily sympathize with him and would like to help him out in every way possible. But during his term of office he has been paid at the rate of \$7500 a year, and if he has been paid that sum of money for nearly 25 years, he has had ample opportunity to provide for the so-called "rainy day" that might come into his existence. While I feel for him if he is in need of assistance, I think that a man who has received for his services the remuneration that he has received has been amply repaid. While I deeply sympathize with him in his troubles—if he has troubles, financial or otherwise—I believe the city in giving him \$50 a month is doing a pretty fair thing by him; and I would call the attention of the members to the fact that there is no provision made for the poor old laborer, who is paid about \$600 per year for his services, who works as long as he can work or is allowed to do so, and who dies in the harness, or who, when he is old, becomes feeble, is unfitted to perform the services required of him by the city, and is dropped from the service in a manner that is not at all complimentary to his employer. For him there is no help, unless he has provided for his old age by saving the little he can out of the remuneration he receives. As there is no provision for taking care of our poor old laborer in his rainy day, I don't think the city should go on record at this time as in favor of granting a man \$100 per month, or \$1200

per annum, so that he may live in very comfortable circumstances for the remainder of his days. I think we are doing a very fair thing by him in granting him \$50 a month, and I think \$50 a month under present conditions will amply provide for the maintenance and care of any old gentleman until such time as his Maker sees fit to call him from this earth.

Mr. MCGIVERN of Wd. 16—Mr. President, I sincerely hope the motion of the gentleman in the fourth division (Mr. Doherty) will not prevail. The Board of Aldermen yesterday passed this order unanimously. There was a petition sent to the legislature that the city of Boston be given permission to grant this pension. While Mr. Dodge was in the employ of the city for 25 years, I understand that at the present time his circumstances are not very good. While I heartily agree with the gentleman in the fourth division in regard to pensioning laborers of the city of Boston who give good work for the money they receive, and would be as strongly in favor of such a proposition as is the gentleman, I hope the motion to assign this order will not prevail, but that we will pass it unanimously in concurrence with the action of the Board yesterday.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I hope the motion to assign will prevail. Why should we care if the Board of Aldermen did pass this order unanimously yesterday? What difference does that make to this body? We have a right to look into the matter and to differ with the able men of the Board of Aldermen. I do not like to appear against anything that Ald. Finigan is in favor of, because he is an associate of mine, I know him very well and I hate to oppose anything he favors. But why should the city do a thing of this sort when, on the other hand, it is preaching that it has not enough money to look out for the streets or to raise the laborers' pay from \$2 to \$2.25 per day? The city has money for nothing except for such purposes as raising the salary of a man who never received more than \$2000 a year in outside business to \$7500 a year when he works for the city of Boston. I speak of the city collector. They give him \$7500, and he never received more than \$2000 in any one year outside. It is also proposed to give to a man who, as I understand it, received from the city \$7500 a year for 25 years, \$25 a week, under this order, as a pension. That is a lot of money to give away for nothing—\$25 a week to a man who is giving nothing to the city at present, and who, with the salary he was receiving, should have provided for the future. I do not feel that Mr. Dodge is in terribly bad circumstances. It seems to me a shame, when they preach no funds, no money to do this or that, that they will raise the salaries of men who are already receiving good money working for the city of Boston and also pass over money to a man who is now doing nothing for the city. It would not seem so bad, were it not for the fact, as Mr. Doherty has said, that the poor man who really works hard for the city receives nothing when he becomes too old to work. I hope this matter will be assigned to the next meeting, so that we can look into it.

Mr. McLENNAN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I am not acquainted with the gentleman named, know nothing about the merits of the order, and don't know whether I should vote for the \$1200 pension or not. But if the facts presented by my colleagues are true, I do not believe we should vote in favor of such an order. I believe it would be advisable at this time to assign the order and look into it further, because one

of my colleagues here has stated such facts that, if they are true, I do not think the gentleman referred to should have the sum named. I hope the order will be assigned.

Mr. MORGAN of Wd. 22.—Mr. President, I don't know that I am opposed to the order, especially as it was presented by the Alderman from my district; but if Mr. Dodge, the gentleman named in the order, is the one I have in mind, I hardly think I should vote to give him \$100 a month. I think \$50 would be plenty. If he is the gentleman I have in mind I know he has grown-up sons who are able to take care of him for a while at least, if he is in unfortunate circumstances. However, I should like to see the order assigned until I can at least have an interview with the Alderman from my district and determine whether he is the gentleman or not.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, I did not intend to start any unfavorable comment or abuse of Mr. Dodge, who will be the beneficiary under this order or to attack him in any way. As I said before, I heartily sympathize with him. But, judging from what I know of his case, if his situation is not what it should be, it is his own fault. When we were children and had our pie, we were taught that if we ate it we would have no more pie; that having once eaten our pie there was no more pie for us, but that we must abide by the circumstances. I would like to ask the gentleman from Wd. 16 (Mr. McGivern) if he knows whether or not the act of the Legislature called for a stipulated sum of money, a stipulated sum to the amount of \$100 per month, or \$1200 per annum?

Mr. MCGIVERN.—Mr. President, in reply to the gentleman in the fourth division I will say yes, that that was the amount.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that a copy of the act accompanies the order.

At request of the President, the Clerk read the act, as follows:

"An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to Grant a Pension to James H. Dodge.

"Section 1. For the purpose of promoting the spirit of loyalty and patriotism, and in recognition of the sacrifice made both for the Commonwealth and for the United States, and as a testimonial for meritorious service such as the Commonwealth may rightly give and such as her sons may honorably accept and receive, and in consideration of faithful services rendered to the city of Boston, the said city is hereby authorized by vote of its City Council, approved in writing by the Mayor, to place James H. Dodge, a veteran of the civil war and late city auditor of the city of Boston, upon the pension roll of the city at a pension not exceeding one hundred dollars per month.

"Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

The question came on assignment.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13.—Mr. President, I am opposed to assignment. There are but two propositions before us. One is, whether or not we will accept this act and place ourselves on record as favoring pensions? The other is, as to the amount of money that will be allowed, if we vote to accept the act? It is not a question of dirty streets. It is not a question of knowing the man. I don't want a week to go and find a man, to know whether I will give him \$50 or \$100. There are two propositions here. One is, whether we believe in establishing a precedent whereby the sentiments expressed in that act and the resolutions should be acted upon favorably by this body.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19.—Mr. Presi-

dent, the gentleman from Wd. 19 says it is not a question of dirty streets, that it is not a question of knowing the man. It may not be a question of dirty streets, but it ought to be a question of knowing whether the man is now in pretty fair circumstances or not. It does not seem to me that we should pass this simply because an act or law was passed in the Legislature enabling us to do it. They do a lot of things in the Legislature. If they started rightly, with an act to pension some city laborers or some one who was not receiving a large salary, it might be all right. The gentleman says it is a question of whether we shall establish a system of pensioning. It seems rather peculiar that the system should be established by picking out a man who received a large sum of money every year of the 25 years that he gave in the city's service. I think that this Council should assign the matter to the next meeting. Let us find out the circumstances of this man. I have no objections to giving the man money if he is in poor circumstances, but I am perfectly satisfied now that the members of this body should know more about the case before they agree to give any man \$25 a week. I am satisfied that there are members of this body working pretty hard, not only for themselves, but for the city, who, when their salaries are totalled up, do not receive \$25 in any one week. It is a lot of money. It is too much money to give to any one man who is not working for the city at present. We must stop this matter of passing out the city's money right and left for perhaps political purposes. We should pay more attention to the business of the city, more attention to looking out for its interests, and keep the money we have here in the treasury so that it can do some good for our city. There is too much of this raising of salaries and passing money out to men who do nothing for the city.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3.—Mr. President, I don't know that I am opposed to this order, but I am in favor of assignment. I believe the order does involve two propositions, as stated by the member from Wd. 13—first, whether the body should put itself on record as favoring pensions; and, second, what amount we are going to grant to this man as a pension. The second proposition cannot be determined until the first one is determined. It seems to me that the first is the more important one, and that this body should first put itself on record on the question of whether it is in favor of pensions before deciding whether this particular case is a worthy one, and that should not be done hastily. I believe, as a matter of fact, that no member is prepared to say tonight that this case is an absolutely worthy one. It seems to me the only proper action for us to take is to assign the matter for one week, and then, after having time to consider the question of pensions, to determine the amount to be granted to this man. I hope the order will be assigned to the next meeting.

Mr. WENTWORTH of Wd. 22.—Mr. President, as I am a member who introduced that order in regard to Mr. Dodge, for the satisfaction of the members of this body, having myself learned of things in connection with that I did not know when I introduced the order, I hope the order will be assigned, so that the members of the body may become better acquainted with the facts regarding the pensioning of Mr. Dodge.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, the further we go into this matter, the

deeper we get. I now withdraw my motion to assign. Let the question of the passing of the order come before us, and let us defeat it. Here is special legislation created at the State House for the benefit of one of our members, which becomes mandatory, you might say, upon the citizens of Boston. If we accept the act it enables one person, one of our citizens, to receive a pension. While I believe it is the custom to petition for legislation of this kind, and that we cannot take such action unless we have a special act, still I think this act is so broad that the members of the City Government will be justified in refusing to accept it, in view of the fact, as I say, that it makes mandatory upon us the sum to be paid. If that clause were not in there, I believe I should be perfectly willing to vote for the passage of the order, in order to allow the gentleman to receive some recompense or some form of pension. The resolutions which come from the State House have embodied in them beautiful sentiments, expressed very beautifully and in a very flowery way by the gentleman who drew them up. But they hide the real situation of affairs, in bringing out the fact that the gentleman was at one time a soldier, a veteran of the civil war. We are all friends of the veterans of the civil war. All of us who went to school were taught the history of the civil war, the glories of it. We all appreciate what the man of that period in the history of this country did for us. At the same time we know that there is no state in the Union that has done more for its old soldiers than the state of Massachusetts. This gentleman undoubtedly is a pensioner of the United States government. If not, and if he is at the present time incapacitated and not fit to perform labor and support himself, he is entitled to a pension from the United States government. He is also entitled to state aid from the state of Massachusetts. And now are we going to add to those sums the munificent sum of \$100 per month? Why enable a man to live in luxury, let alone living decently? I believe now, from what I know of the case—I don't want to be harsh, I don't want to be unkind to old age, but I personally know the causes which led up to the severance of Mr. Dodge's connection with the city of Boston, but I will not relate them, not wishing to be unkind, in view of the gentleman's past record as a faithful servant of the city of Boston—I believe now, from what I know of the case, that we are proposing to give too large an amount. As I said before, a man who has been paid a salary of \$7500 a year for 25 years certainly ought to have saved from that amount a sum sufficient to provide for his old age. I now withdraw my motion to assign, and ask the members of this body to reject the order as being unwarranted, unfair and unnecessary legislation.

The PRESIDENT—Is there any objection to the withdrawal of the motion.

Mr. McLENNAN—Mr. President, I object to the withdrawal. I think the gentleman from Wd. 2 misunderstood the language of the act. As I understand it it is permissive, simply stating that the sum shall not exceed \$100 a month.

The CLERK—Yes, that is the way it reads—"not exceeding \$100 per month."

Mr. DOHERTY—Is my motion in order, Mr. President?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the order calls for \$100 per month, and the larger amount takes precedence.

Mr. DOHERTY—Then, if we defeat the order for \$100, my amendment will be in order?

The PRESIDENT—Yes.

Mr. DOHERTY—Then, if the motion to assign is to be voted upon, I think we should defeat it, that we should then defeat the order allowing \$100 per month and my amendment will then be in order.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 14—Mr. President, Councilman Murphy has said that he is a friend of Ald. Finigan. I also have that honor. But, irrespective of friendship and knowledge of the man, I think a man who has in 25 years got \$187,500 from the city of Boston, no matter what kind of a life he has lived, or what his circumstances are at the present time, cannot expect to have an order of this kind passed in his behalf, and I don't see how any man can conscientiously vote to give to such a man a pension of \$100 a month, or \$1200 a year. I think no man can honestly vote for such an order, unless facts are presented before the next meeting which will put a different face on the matter. I hope assignment will prevail for that reason.

The motion to assign the matter to the next meeting was carried.

14. Ordered. That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Superintendent of Public Grounds to grant a holiday without loss of pay, in part compensation for services rendered, to all employees of the Public Grounds Department, to attend the union picnic, A. F. of L., on Wednesday, July 24, 1907.

Passed in concurrence.

WARD 13 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. DOYLE of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to replace edgestones and repair the gutters and sidewalks on West Fifth St., from C St. to Dorchester Ave., Wd. 13.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. Doyle offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to replace C St., from Baxter to First Sts., Wd. 13.

Referred to the Mayor.

BELMONT SQ. IMPROVEMENT.

Mr. PENDERGAST of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to replace the settees in Belmont Sq. Park.

Referred to the Mayor.

CLEANING STREETS. SOUTH BOSTON.

Mr. TROY of Wd. 14—offered an order—That the Superintendent of Street Cleaning and Watering be requested to restore men employed in his department to the duty of cleaning the streets in the daytime, instead of at night, in the South Boston District.

Passed. Sent up.

WARD 14 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. TROY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to repair and put in proper condition for public travel Acadia St., Wd. 14.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. TROY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place

a gas lamp in front of house 81 O St., Wd. 14.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. TROY offered an order—That the Water Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to submit to the Common Council an estimate of the expense of locating a drinking fountain in Flood Sq., Wd. 14.

Referred to the Mayor.

OFFICE HOURS, ELECTION BOARD.

Mr. FERGUSON of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Mayor be and hereby is requested to order the Board of Election Commissioners of the city of Boston to open their office for a limited number of evening sessions to allow voters who wish to change their political party enrollment to do so without being obliged to lose a part of their working day; such sessions to be on such evenings and during such hours as meet the approval of the Mayor and Board of Election Commissioners.

Passed. Sent up.

PUBLIC BATHING.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3 offered the following:

An ordinance to amend Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances of 1893.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

That Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances of 1893 be and the same hereby is amended by striking out Section 59.

Mr. FITZGERALD—Mr. President, in explanation of that ordinance I wish to state, for the information of the body, that Section 59 reads as follows:

Section 59. No person shall, except in accordance with the regulations established by the Bath Department or the Park Department, and approved by the Mayor, swim or bathe in any of the waters surrounding or within the city so as to be visible from any dwelling house, wharf and street."

I was approached by some young men who belong to a club which has a clubhouse on the water front on Medford St., in Charlestown. These young men asked me to get permission for them to bathe on the little beach behind their clubhouse. I looked up the ordinances, and found this provision, and told them that we would have to get the permission of the Bath Trustees. I wrote to the Bath Trustees, and also went before them at one of their meetings. They consulted the Corporation Counsel, and the Corporation Counsel informed them that they had no right to give permission to anyone to swim or bathe in any place—that their jurisdiction simply extended to those places over which they had control as Bath Trustees. He also expressed the opinion, as I was told by the Clerk of the Bath Trustees, that this provision of the ordinances which was called to the attention of the Trustees amounted to nothing. Well, if it amounts to nothing, it should be stricken out; but my interpretation of it is that if the Bath Trustees refuse to take any jurisdiction in the matter, and refuse to give any permits except for those places over which they have control, then that means that this section is an absolute prohibition from bathing or swimming in any places in the city except those places which are under control of the Bath Trustees. I think that is something which no one desires. I know that there are various places throughout the city where boys swim without annoying anyone. In this place which I speak of in particular, they could bathe there, using bathing suits, and not annoy anybody, and it certainly

would be a considerable convenience to them. The city has spent a great deal of money for the purpose of providing beaches and all-the-year-round bath houses, etc., for the convenience of the public, and it seems to me that where there is an opportunity to bathe in some place where there is no necessity for the expenditure of any money by the city, it is simply absurd to prohibit bathing in such a place. As the summer bathing season is now almost open, I ask to have action taken upon this matter at the present time. Ordinarily, I would ask to have it assigned, but as the difficulty of having meetings at this season of the year is well known, I feel that the only safe thing to do is to ask for a vote upon this matter at the present time; and I therefore move that the rules be suspended, that the ordinance may go upon its passage.

The rules were suspended, and the ordinance was passed.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3 moved to reconsider: lost. Sent up.

Mr. COSTELLO of Wd. 16 offered an order, which was delivered to the Clerk.

Mr. DRISCOLL of Wd. 9—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that there is not a quorum present.

By direction of the Chair, the members present rose and remained standing until they were counted, and 33 members besides the President arose.

The PRESIDENT—Thirty-four members being present, and more than enough others being present in the anteroom to make up a quorum, the Chair will declare that there is a quorum present.

PAVING BLUE HILL AVE.

Mr. COSTELLO of Wd. 16 offered an order—that the Superintendent of Streets be requested to repave Blue Hill Ave., from West Cottage St. to Quincy St., Wd. 16.

Referred to the Mayor.

WD. 15 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. MEALEY of Wd. 15 offered an order—that the Music Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to give band concerts during the summer months at the corner of Dorchester and Telegraph Sts., and at the corner of I St. and Columbia road, Wd. 15.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. MEALEY offered an order—That the Water Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a drinking fountain so it can be fed at the corner of Dorchester and Vale Sts., Wd. 15.

Mr. MEALEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place an additional gas lamp on Fourth St., between Atlantic and Pacific Sts., Wd. 15.

Mr. MEALEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to resurface H St., from East Sixth to East Eighth Sts., Wd. 15.

Referred to the Mayor.

LAMPS, WARD 10.

Mr. WHARTON of Wd. 10 offered an order—that the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a gaslight on the north side of West Newton St., between Carlton and St. Botolph St., Wd. 10.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. WHARTON offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps,

through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a gaslight at the junction of private alley and 270 West Newton St., Wd. 10.

Referred to the Mayor.

SUNDAY OPENING—GYMNASIUM.

Mr. NOONAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island, the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200) be appropriated to be expended by the Bath Trustees to defray the cost of keeping the D St. gymnasium open on Sundays.

The rules were suspended on motion of Mr. NOONAN and the order was passed. Mr. NOONAN moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

NEWSPAPERS AT BRANCH LIBRARY.

Mr. NOONAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Library Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause all Boston daily newspapers to be kept on file at the South Boston Branch Public Library.

Referred to the Mayor.

INVESTIGATION OF SOAP FACTORY.

Mr. NOONAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Board of Health be requested through His Honor the Mayor to investigate soap factory located on Dorchester Ave., Wd. 13, Prec. 7.

Referred to the Mayor.

IMPROVEMENTS, WD. 23.

Mr. BROWN of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested through His Honor the Mayor to reset the edge stone on Conway St., Wd. 23.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. BROWN of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Sewers be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to construct a sanitary sewer and surface drainage on Mendum St., Wd. 23.

Referred to the Mayor.

STREET CLEANING, CHARLESTOWN.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Street Cleaning and Watering Department be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a street cleaning patrol wagon in Hayes Square, Wd. 3, one in Sullivan Square, Wd. 4, and one between Thompson and Hancock Squares on Main St. in Charlestown.

Referred to the Mayor.

NEXT MEETING.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3 offered an order—That when this Council adjourns it be to meet again on Thursday, June 6, at 7:45 o'clock P. M.

Passed.

REPAIRS OF STREETS.

Mr. MADDEN of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to repair some of the streets in Precinct 2, Wd. 19, as they need it very badly.

Referred to the Mayor.

TAPPERS AT BRIDGES.

Mr. DRISCOLL of Wd. 9 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place fire tappers at Congress St. and Summer St. bridges.

Referred to the Mayor.

NUMBERS ON AUTOMOBILES.

Mr. DRISCOLL of Wd. 9 offered an order—That the Highway Commission be requested to cause an illuminated number to be placed on the back of all automobiles.

Referred to the Mayor.

NEW BRIMMER SCHOOL.

Mr. DRISCOLL of Wd. 9 offered an order—That the Schoolhouse Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to consider the expediency of purchasing the site of the Berkeley Temple at the junction of Berkeley St., Warren Ave. and Gray St., and of erecting thereon a new building for the Brimmer school; also to consider the expediency of remodeling the old Brimmer school building so as to take the place of the old Winthrop school building.

Referred to the Mayor.

TRIMMING TREE.

Mr. PENSCHORN of Wd. 22 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to trim the now dangerous elm tree at the corner of School and Amory Sts., Wd. 22.

Referred to the Mayor.

LAMP, WD. 22.

Mr. PENSCHORN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place and maintain a gas lamp on Washington St., opposite the Franklin Bussey building, Wd. 22.

Referred to the Mayor.

WD. 8 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. McCARTHY of Wd. 8 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to require the Barber Asphalt Company to place in repair, according to their contract, the following streets in Wd. 8: Chambers St., Poplar St., Spring St. and Brighton St.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. McCARTHY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a gas lamp in Cushman Ave., Wd. 8.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. McCARTHY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a gas lamp in Marston Pl., in the rear of 95 Chambers St., Wd. 8.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. McCARTHY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a gas lamp in the rear of No. 39 Chambers St., Wd. 8.

Referred to the Mayor.

GRADE OF CLIFF ST.

Mr. HACKETT of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor,

be instructed to reduce the grade of Cliff St., at the junction of Glenwood St., Wd. 21.

Referred to the Mayor.

SAND GARDENS.

Mr. HACKETT offered an order—That the School Committee be requested to establish in all the school yards of Wd. 21, sand gardens for children.

The order was referred to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. HACKETT—Mr. President, I think that order should be passed. I think a similar order was passed at the last meeting.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the Council has no power to instruct the School Department whatever. The Chair, therefore, referred the order to His Honor the Mayor.

HOLIDAY, MEMORIAL DAY.

Mr. HACKETT offered an order—That the Police Commissioner and the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to allow all Sons of Veterans a holiday on Memorial Day without loss of pay, as part compensation for services rendered.

Referred to the Mayor.

BENCHES, BELMONT SQUARE.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2 submitted a petition signed by John J. Corrigan and others, and in connection with the same offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds through the Clerk of this body, be requested to place benches in park at Belmont Sq., Wd. 2.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, WARD 19.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place an electric light at the corner of Highland St. and Fort Av, Wd. 19.

Referred to the Mayor.

LEASE OF HEAD-HOUSE.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the Common Council at its next meeting the terms of the present contract for the lease of the head-house at Marine Park, how long said lease will run, and whether a call for bids for said contract was advertised.

Referred to the Mayor.

MARINE PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Water Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause a bubble drinking fountain to be placed in Marine Park, between the first and second ponds adjoining the tennis court.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. O'BRIEN offered an order—That the Water Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause a pipe to be laid in connection with the pier at Marine Park, so that yachtsmen may secure water at the public float.

Referred to the Mayor.

WARD 7 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. KENNEDY of Wd. 7 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a drinking fountain near the corner of Charles and Boylston Sts.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. KENNEDY offered an order—That the Schoolhouse Commission be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to report to the Common Council the cost of enlarging the yard of the Quincy Schoolhouse by the purchasing of the estates 85 and 87 Hudson St., Wd. 7.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. KENNEDY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a bracket gas lamp on building corner of Broadway extension and Curve St., so same will show a light over foot passage of the Boston & Albany Railroad bridge.

Referred to the Mayor.

DRINKING FOUNTAIN, CHARLESTOWN PLAYGROUND.

Mr. HATTON of Wd. 4 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to erect a drinking fountain on Sullivan Sq. playground.

Referred to the Mayor.

DEWEY BEACH IMPROVEMENT.

Mr. HATTON offered an order—That the sum of \$2000 be appropriated to be expended by the Bath Commissioners for the rebuilding of Dewey Beach, Wd. 4; and that to meet such appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

Assigned to the next meeting.

LAMP, Wd. 14.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place and maintain a gas lamp at 100 Emerson St., Wd. 14.

Referred to the Mayor.

NAMING OF SQUARE.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the open space in Wd. 25 now known as and called Barry's Corner be hereafter known as and called Stadium Square.

Mr. McCARTHY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, what name is that to be called?

The CLERK—Stadium Sq.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair believes that on such an important matter as this a rather full attendance of the members of the Council is desirable.

Mr. McCARTHY—Mr. President, I move that the matter be assigned to the next meeting.

Mr. ZETTERMAN—Mr. President, I do not see any reason for assigning that order. I do not know as there is any objection to it.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that there really could not be a very large objection made to it at the present time, in view of the limited number of members present; but there might be some develop. The Chair thinks it would be well to assign the matter to the next meeting.

Mr. McCARTHY—Mr. President, my reason for wishing to have that assigned is that that place has been known as "Barry's Corner" for a great many years, and the residents in that district may object to having the name

changed. I do not think we should vote to change it just because the gentleman comes in here tonight and asks to have it changed. I think the people in that section of the city should have something to say in reference to this thing. That is my reason for requesting an assignment of the matter. Give them a week or so, and perhaps we will get a little information in regard to it.

Mr. ZETTERMAN—Mr. President, I will say that it is upon the request of the people residing in that section that I put in this order. It is not my own personal idea to change the name. It

is the persons who reside in that section who have come to me and urged me to put in this order, as they think that the name—

Mr. ROSENBERG of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. There is not a quorum present, and I do not see how we can transact any business.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule that there is evidently not a quorum present, and will declare the Council adjourned, to meet on Thursday, June 6, at 7:45 P. M.
Adjourned, at 10:27 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, May 27, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at three o'clock P. M., Ald. BERWIN presiding.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. WHELTON, to dispense with the reading of the records of the previous meeting.

BAY-WINDOW VETO.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 23, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return without my approval a vote of your Board giving permission to Marks Harris to project a bay-window a distance of 2½ feet from the building on Circuit St., corner 32 Fountain St., Wd. 21.

I am informed that there are at present no bay-windows projecting over the line of either Fountain St., or Circuit St., and the granting of this permission is therefore directly contrary to the provisions of the Revised Regulations.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

WEIGHER OF COAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 27, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint Julius Stepat (12 Hendry St., Wd. 20), to be a weigher of coal for the term ending April 30, 1908.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

COLLINS MEMORIAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 27, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from Mr. Jerome Jones, Chairman of the Collins Memorial Committee, requesting that the city "make provision for the construction of the foundation and for such changes in the triangle as in the opinion of the Art Commission and the Board of Park Commissioners may be desirable."

The expense involved, estimated at \$1500, may be charged to the income of the Phillips Street Fund. Among the purposes for which the income from this fund has been expended in the past are the following:

Statue of Josiah Quincy, John Winthrop, Samuel Adams; the curbing and fencing of the enclosure of the Emancipation Group, the basin and foundation of the Lief Ericson monument, the pedestal and foundation for the Attucks monument, the pedestal and base for the John Boyle O'Reilly monument, the statue of Col. Cass, and the approaches and curbing for the statue of Gen. Joseph Warren.

It would seem most fitting and appropriate, therefore, that the present

available income from this fund should be dedicated to the purposes of the Collins Memorial Committee, as a tribute to the eminent public service and honorable life of the late Mayor, Patrick A. Collins.

I therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Collins Memorial Committee,
Office of the Chairman, 33 Franklin St., Boston.

May 22, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of the City of Boston.

Dear Sir:—The Collins Memorial Committee, which was appointed to procure a suitable memorial to the late Mayor Collins, to be paid for from the fund so generously contributed by our fellow citizens for that purpose, signed some months ago a contract with Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Kitson, the design submitted by them having been selected by the committee as the most satisfactory of those submitted to it.

It was the intention of the committee that the memorial should be placed in the triangle between Commonwealth Ave. and the Back Bay Fens, and bounded on the one side by Commonwealth Ave and on the other two by Charlesgate West. The committee understands that this proposed site meets with your approval, and it is also approved by the Art Commission, the Park Commission and the friends of the late Mayor Collins.

The contract with the sculptors provides, we think, for every expense in connection with the furnishing and erecting of the memorial, other than the constructing of the necessary foundation and the making of whatever changes may be considered advisable in the triangle. Work upon the memorial has been prosecuted vigorously, and the committee expects that the pedestal and at least some of the other portions of the memorial will be erected this year in the late fall or winter.

On behalf of the committee I have the honor to request that the city make provision for the construction of the foundation and for such changes in the triangle as in the opinion of the Art Commission and the Park Commission may be desirable. From estimates made by the City Engineer and the Park and Art Commissions fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) would seem to be sufficient to meet these expenses, and the Committee understands that it is possible to procure this amount from the Phillips Street Fund. Yours respectfully,

Jerome Jones,

Chairman, Collins Memorial Committee.

M. P. Curran, Secretary.

Ordered, That the Board of Art Commissioners be authorized to expend not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) in making alterations in the Triangle, Commonwealth Ave. and Charlesgate West, and for constructing the foundation for the Collins Memorial said amount to be charged to the income of the Phillips St. fund.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

RESTORATION OF OLD STATE HOUSE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 27, 1907.

To the City Council:—

The Legislature has passed an act, a copy of which is hereto attached, providing for the preservation as an historic and patriotic memorial of the Old Provincial State House. The act also provides that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the city of Boston at

their joint expense, under the direction of the Governor and the Mayor, are authorized and required to restore the Old State House as near as possible to its provincial condition and to preserve and maintain it as a patriotic memorial.

The sum of \$7500 is appropriated, to be expended out of the treasury of the Commonwealth, provided that the city of Boston appropriates an equal sum for the same purpose. As the seat of the Provincial Government and one of the most historic sites in the city of Boston, it is essentially dear to us, and I believe that every citizen of Boston will look with favor upon any measure tending towards its preservation.

In order that the act may become operative and the contemplated work started at the earliest possible moment, I recommend the passage of the accompanying loan order appropriating the sum of \$7500 for the purposes above set forth. Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.
Ordered, That the sum of seventy-five hundred dollars (\$7500) be appropriated, to be expended by His Honor the Mayor to meet the city's portion of the expense of restoring the Old Provincial State House in the city of Boston, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 385 of the Acts of the Massachusetts Legislature of 1907; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to the said amount.

Assigned to the next meeting.

SAND GARDENS, NORCROSS SCHOOL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
In School Committee, May 20, 1907.
The following communication was received:

May 20, 1907.

To the School Committee:—
In response to your reference to me of the order of the City Council, that the School Committee be requested to establish sand gardens for children in the yard of the Norcross School, South Boston, I have respectfully to report that the yard of the Norcross School is one of those in which it is proposed to maintain sand gardens for children during the coming summer.

Yours very respectfully,
Stratton D. Brooks,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

Placed on file, and a copy ordered to be sent to the City Council.

A true copy.
Attest:
Thornton D. Apollonio,
Secretary.
Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received, and were referred to the committees named, viz:—

Building Department, Ald.
Commonwealth Trust Company, for leave to excavate basement of proposed building northwest corner of Summer and Devonshire Sts., Wd. 7, to grade 2.50.
Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:

John P. Conroy, Mgr., an illuminated sign, at 218 Washington St., Wd. 6.
F. C. Bacon & Co., an electric sign, at 50 Hanover St., Wd. 6.
Garner Plating Co., an electric sign, at 493 Washington St., Wd. 7.
Amadeo Marino, a wooden sign, at 1234A Washington St., Wd. 9.
Yee Ling, a sign, at 149 Northampton St., Wd. 12.

Clogher & Mulrenin, an illuminated sign, at 604 Columbus Ave., Wd. 12.
E. L. Stockemer, an electric sign, at 2370 Washington St., Wd. 18.

Claims.

James Brown for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Castle St. Bridge.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Massachusetts Real Estate Exchange, for the use of Faneuil Hall, on June 6, from 1 until 5 P. M.

Licenses.

John P. Manning, for a permit for Mary Bemish et als., under 15 years of age, to appear at Mechanics building on May 30, 1907.

Public Improvements.

Devotees of St. Antonio, for leave to discharge fireworks at the North End Park on the evening of July 29, instead of Aug. 5, as heretofore granted.

Commonwealth Trust Company, to extend rearers under sidewalk at Summer and Devonshire Sts., Wd. 7.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz:
Joseph Green, 203 Hemenway St. and 414 Ruggles St.

F. W. Thayer, 18 Brimmer St., Wd. 10.
C. D. Beach, 6 Glendon St., Wd. 1.
John J. Crosby, 353 Seaver St., Wd. 20.
Riley G. Crosby, 147 Bowdoin St., Wd. 20.

Joseph D. Greenberg, 55, 63, 65 Hollander St. and 147 Harold St.
A. Theisinger et als., at Nos. 12, 13, 14, 22, 40, 58, 72, 89, 94, 98, 109 and 117 Hewlett St., Wd. 23.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

On petitions for leave to project bay windows, viz:

1. George V. Wattendorf, six (two at each number), from buildings 694-696-698 Columbia Road, Wd. 16.

Objections were entered by Raymond Delano, Bowdoin St., and Mrs. M. E. Cullane, owner of adjoining property.

Referred to the Committee on Building Department (Ald.) with instructions to give a hearing.

2. Ellen F. Hurley, one over Cedar St. from building 109 Centre St., corner of Cedar St., Wd. 19.

3. Samuel Craddock, two (one at each number), from buildings 413-415 Neponset Ave., Wd. 24.

No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Building Department (Ald.).

On petitions for licenses to store oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, viz:

4. W. E. Barnes, in rear of 432 Columbia Road, Wd. 16.

No objections. Ald. WOODS moved reference of the matter to the Committee on Licenses.

The question was put on reference to the Committee on Licenses, and the Chair, being in doubt, ordered a rising vote. The Board stood divided, three in favor, five against, and the motion to refer was lost.

Ald. FLANAGAN moved reconsideration of the vote and assignment to the next meeting.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I rise for personal information on the question. I would like to know if it is intended to be the policy of the Board to refer all these matters to the Committee on Licenses? If so, I am in favor of it. But if it is simply intended to pick out one here and there and so refer it, I am against it. If, however, it is the policy of the Board to have all these matters go to the Committee on Licenses instead of to the Committee on Public Improvements, I would like to have it so stated.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, it was my purpose when I moved to refer this to the Committee on Licenses that all these matters should be referred to the Committee on Licenses. We have been giving out licenses for the use of petroleum and gasoline in different parts of the city without any investigation, and I think it is time that it should stop. Something should certainly be done about it. I have had several cases in my own district, and others in the tenement districts, which have been brought to my attention, where licenses have been given without any investigation whatsoever. The petitions are referred to the Committee on Public Improvements and favorable reports are brought in without investigation. I think it is time to stop that sort of thing, that the public should be taken care of and that these gasoline privileges should not be given right and left without any investigation. When I made the motion to refer this to the Committee on Licenses I did it for the purpose of having all these matters referred to the Committee on Licenses and properly investigated before we grant any licenses to anybody.

The CHAIR—The Chair will say for the information of the Board that all licenses, although referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, must meet with the approval of the Board of Underwriters and the District Fire Chief; and, therefore, the Chair will say for the information of the Board, investigation of these various matters is had in advance of any action by the Board. The question is now on Ald. Flanagan's motion.

Ald. FLANAGAN—Mr. Chairman, I made this motion after having for many weeks deferred making the same motion. I agree with Ald. Wood when he says that gasoline licenses have been given out with too much freedom; and, while I believe that all these matters should go to the larger committee, the Committee on Public Improvements, ultimately, if it is deemed necessary for further investigation, I believe they should go in the first place to the Committee on Licenses. It might be all well enough for them to go simply to the Committee on Public Improvements if that committee would handle them as they should be handled. But in the Committee on Public Improvements there is little interest taken in these matters. Nobody has apparently made any investigation in connection with the granting of these licenses. A license has been granted in one particular place I have in mind where men go around smoking pipes and cigars within three or four feet of the tank containing the gasoline. If there should be an explosion in that particular place there would be somebody to blame, and it would not be the Board of Underwriters or the Fire Commissioner. It would be the Board of Aldermen. If the Committee on Public Improvements would handle these things as they should be handled, I would favor that committee handling them; but the Committee on Public Improvements have not thus far handled them in what I think is a proper manner. I ask that these things be referred to the Committee on Licenses, or, if you gentlemen see fit, to some other committee. But some particular committee of this Board should handle this question.

The CHAIR—The Chair will interpret the motion of the honorable Alderman to assign further consideration of the matter to the next meeting of the Board.

The motion was lost.

The matter was declared referred to the Committee on Public Improvements. Ald. Leary doubted the vote. A rising vote was taken, and the mat-

ter was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, 6 members in favor, 4 against.

5. Burbank & Ryder Varnish Company at 62 Alford St., Wd. 4.

No objections. Ald. WOODS moved reference to the Committee on Licenses.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I move as a substitute motion that the matter be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements. I believe there is a feeling on the part of certain members of the Board that the Committee on Licenses should handle these matters, since they relate to the granting of licenses; and personally I believe they should be discussed, as Ald. Flanagan has said, in the larger Committee on Public Improvements, and then referred back to this Board with a recommendation that they be referred to the Committee on Licenses. I believe that is the proper procedure—send them to the Committee on Public Improvements, there have them discussed by the entire Board, and then let that committee report back recommending reference to the Committee on Licenses for action.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I think the better plan would be to refer them to the Committee on Licenses, let them investigate, let them report back to the Board, and then have the Board refer the matters to the Committee on Public Improvements. But the way it is now, we go into the Committee on Public Improvements and nobody knows anything about the matter. All you have is the Fire Underwriters' opinion. I think the Committee on Licenses should investigate these matters, then report to this Board, and that we should then refer to the Committee on Public Improvements for thorough investigation. In that way we will have the facts before us and will know something about the matters with which we are dealing.

Ald. LEARY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Ald. Curley if he will agree with the rest of the members of the Board that all matters pertaining to conduits, wires and railroads shall go to the Committee on Public Improvements first and then be investigated by the committees appointed to deal with the different subjects afterwards.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, if the question asked by the gentleman had any bearing on the matter under discussion, I should feel called upon to answer it.

The question came on reference to the Committee on Public Improvements. The Chair being in doubt, a rising vote was taken, and the matter was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, 7 in favor, 4 against.

6. City of Boston, Public Grounds Department, Massachusetts Ave., corner of Shirley St., Wd. 16.

No objections. Ald. FLANAGAN moved reference of the matter to the Committee on Licenses.

Ald. BAITIS—Mr. Chairman, I move, as a substitute motion, that it be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. FLANAGAN—Mr. Chairman, this is a matter relating to the Public Grounds Department. They ask to store gasoline on their grounds on East Cottage St. The city of Boston in asking to store gasoline is no better than anybody else. The committee should investigate whether the city of Boston has a proper place there in which to store that gasoline. There is much property of value in the neighborhood and there are people living in the vicinity, and when the Committee on Licenses investigates the matter they should do so without bias. The Committee on Public Improvements as a

whole would never go out there and no particular member would be able to give them any information. We don't know whether they want one gallon or a dozen gallons out there. I sincerely trust that this will be referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Ald. BATTIS—Mr. Chairman, I believe the whole Board are interested in this, as well as the Committee on Licenses. I believe the members of the Board will take interest enough in the matter to find out how much gasoline it is necessary to keep, where it is proposed to keep it, and all about it. I believe we can vote as intelligently in the matter after the members of this Board have visited the place as we could after the members of the Committee on Licenses have visited it, and I certainly hope we will do as we always have done in the past. All these measures have been referred to the Committee on Public Improvements and threshed out there. I don't believe they should be passed upon the very day they are referred to the committee by any one. I believe they should be put in there and should lie certainly a week or two weeks to give the Board a chance to look up the different items. I certainly hope these matters will go to the committee they have always gone to.

Ald. FLANAGAN—Mr. Chairman, in asking that this matter go to the Committee on Licenses, I do not for a moment say that I am not in favor of sending it to the Committee on Public Improvements. I am always in favor of sending any matter to the larger committee. But the larger committee has failed to do that which is right in these matters. They have failed to investigate, and, as a consequence, since licenses have been granted we have heard of men smoking cigars and pipes within three feet of these gasoline tanks, with the gasoline tanks open, in certain places. Certainly, if this Board is responsible, some committee of the Board should be given power over these matters.

Ald. BATTIS' motion to refer the matter to the Committee on Public Improvements was carried.

7. Pilgrim Laundry Company, 3355-3365 Washington St., Wd. 23.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

On petitions for licenses to store and keep for sale such oils or fluids, viz.:

8. Franklin Square Auto Company, 51-55 Mystic St., Wd. 12.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

9. H. Gavel (Reservoir Garage), at 1939 Beacon St., Wd. 25.

No objections.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, as this is out in a section that I am pretty well acquainted with, and as there are a lot of low wooden buildings around there, as it appears to be the wisdom of the Board that these matters should go to the Committee on Public Improvements I will ask that this be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, with instructions to give a public hearing.

The matter was referred to the Committee on Public Improvement, with instructions to give a public hearing.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

10. Message of the Mayor recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the City Auditor be authorized to transfer from the Reserve Fund to an appropriation for the investigation of congestion of traffic in the streets of Boston the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5000), to be expended

by the Boston Transit Commission under the provisions of Chapter 247 of the Acts of 1907.

The message was placed on file. The order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. FINIGAN.

11. Ordered, That the order heretofore passed by the City Council providing for the appointment of a joint special committee on the subject of billboard advertising be amended so that the number of the committee on the part of the Common Council shall be increased to twelve members.

Passed in concurrence.
12. Notice of the appointment on the part of the Common Council of Messrs. McGivern, Kennedy, Pierce, Clark of Wd. 20, McCullough, Cose, McCarthy, Joyce, Zetterman, Foley, Leonard and Doherty on the committee to investigate the subject of billboard advertising.
Placed on file.

13. Ordered, That the Mayor be, and hereby is, requested to order the Board of Election Commissioners of the city of Boston to open their office for a limited number of evening sessions to allow voters who wish to change their political party enrollment to do so without being obliged to lose a part of their working day. Such sessions to be on such evenings and during such hours as meet the approval of the Mayor and Board of Election Commissioners.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I move that this matter be referred to the Committee on Election Department (Ald.).

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, as a substitute motion, I move that it be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. WOODS' substitute motion was declared carried. Ald. CURLEY doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote. The Board stood divided, and Ald. Woods' substitute motion was declared carried, 6 members in favor, 5 against.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I doubt the vote and call for the yeas and nays.

Ald. Woods' substitute motion prevailed, yeas 7, nays 6.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Battis, Berwin, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—7.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Clark, Curley, Draper, Finigan—5.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, at this time I rise to move a reconsideration of the vote just taken. I would say that I have been chairman on the Committee on Election Department for three years, that that committee up to the present time has not had one meeting in the three years, and that this is the first time to my knowledge in three years that any business has been transacted in this Board that might properly go to the Committee on Election Department. As chairman of the Committee on Election Department, I would like to have the honor of acting on some proposition before I retire from this Board. I should like to feel that the committee had some powers, that it was appointed for some particular specific purpose, and that the committee did do something within a period of three years. I sincerely trust that reconsideration will prevail, and that the matter shall be referred to that committee.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I hope the matter will not be reconsidered. As far as Ald. Curley is concerned, he will have no voice in this if it is referred to the Committee on Election Department, as he is not a member of that committee. Ald. Flanagan is chairman of that committee, and the other members are Ald. Woods, Whelton, Bell and Draper. I believe this is a matter for the whole Board, something that everybody should be interested in, and that

is why I wanted it placed before the Committee on Public Improvements. Everybody has an interest in his own district in regard to having the voters register, and that is why I thought that reference should prevail. Certainly the Alderman not being on the Committee on Election Department, I see no force in his argument in favor of reconsideration on that ground.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I am very much pleased to be enlightened as to the Committee on Election Department. I presumed I was on the committee and did not take the trouble to look it up. I was on the committee for two years, and it did not meet during that time, and I don't think it has met this year. I judge by the vote just taken that there is no likelihood of its meeting this year.

Ald. Curley's motion to reconsider the reference to the Committee on Public Improvement was lost.

14. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Street Cleaning and Watering be requested to restore men employed in his department to the duty of cleaning the streets in the daytime instead of at night in the South Boston district.

The order was declared referred to the Mayor.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, I move reconsideration of the reference. I feel that the people of South Boston are entitled to some consideration in this matter, that the practice of cleaning the streets over there in the night time is a bad one. The people in general over there wish a change, and after what I saw myself last Saturday evening, I feel that they are entitled to some consideration in the matter. The method pursued in street cleaning, especially in the residential section, I think is not a fair one. It is all right as far as cleaning streets down town is concerned, but in other sections, especially in South Boston, I think we ought to have the old system restored. For that reason I hope the reference will be reconsidered and that the order will be passed.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I certainly will vote in favor of the passage of the order. I will say, however, that I discussed this matter with Mr. Cummings, the Superintendent of the Street Cleaning Department, at a time when the press in general was condemning his department for the condition of the streets, and he said they were behind in their work because of the fact that they had been unable to water the streets more than about half a dozen nights from the first of January up to the first of May; that it was necessary, in order to catch up with the work, that they put a force on to clean the streets at night; that as soon as they had got the streets in fairly good condition they would go back to the old system, and I believe it is their determination to do so.

The Board voted to reconsider reference to the Mayor, and the order was passed in concurrence.

15. Ordered, That from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200) be appropriated to be expended by the Bath Trustees to defray the cost of keeping the D St. gymnasium open on Sundays.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

16. An ordinance to amend Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinance of 1898.

Be it ordained, etc.

Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 be and the same hereby is amended by striking out Section 59.

The CHAIR—If there is no objection, the ordinance will be referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I move as

substitute motion that it be referred to the Committee on Bath Department.

The CHAIR—The question is on Ald. Bell's motion.

Ald. LEARY—Mr. Chairman, I move, as a further amendment, that the ordinance be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I move, as a further amendment, that the rule be suspended and the ordinance be put upon its passage.

The CHAIR—The Chair will rule that no further amendments are in order at this time.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, for information I would like to ask the Chair how many amendments he can entertain.

The CHAIR—The Chair will rule that only two amendments can or will be entertained at this time by the Chair.

Ald. CURLEY—I would like to ask the Chair if he considers the ordinances before the Board an amendment?

The CHAIR—The Chair would inform the honorable Alderman that the motion before the Board has been amended by a motion made by Ald. Leary.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Alderman who desires to have the order put upon its passage, if the ordinance is repealed, will it permit bathing on Boston Common, probably?

The CHAIR—The question before the Board is on reference of No. 16 on the calendar to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The ordinance was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

CONSTABLES' BONDS APPROVED.

The bonds of the following Constables, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved by the Board, viz.:

James J. Clark, John A. Duggan, Henry H. Dewey, James V. Russo.

HARBOR AND LAND HEARINGS.

Notices were received from the Harbor and Land Commissioners of hearings on May 29, at 11 o'clock A. M., on petition of the West End Street Railway Company for license to build and maintain an intake and overflow in the Mystic River, and on the petition of the city of Boston for a license to build a bulkhead at Fort Hill Wharf.

Severally placed on file.

ORDERS OF NOTICE OF HEARINGS.

On the petition of F. E. Gregory for a license to store and keep for use gasoline at 151 Kilsyth road, Wd. 25, an order of notice was passed for a hearing on June 24, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

On the petition of William F. Lowe for leave to project a bay window at 38 Myrtle St., Wd. 11, an order of notice was passed for a hearing on June 10, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

LICENSE REPORTS.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 4 newsboys and 4 bootblacks.

Reports accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of John P. Manning (referred today) for a per-

mit for Mary Bemish and others, children under 15 years of age to appear at Mechanics building May 30, 1907—recommending that a permit be granted.

Report accepted, permit granted on the usual conditions.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, submitted a report on the petition of the Massachusetts Real Estate Exchange (referred today) for the use of Faneuil Hall on the afternoon of June 6—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

PROJECTION OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department (Ad.), submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred May 22), for leave to project signs, etc.—Recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

John J. Fallon, hoisting beam, 221 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 6.

M. A. Slobodkin, electric sign, 57 Salem St., Wd. 6.

The Sample Shoe Shop Company, electric sign, 493 Washington St., Wd. 7.

W. S. Moody, illuminated sign, 144A Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Robert F. Carey, sign, 364 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Klein's Pharmacy, three arc lamps, 187 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Joseph Repucci, sign, 101 Milk St., Wd. 7.

J. Maffei, electric sign, 276½ Friend St., Wd. 8.

Frank Bertino, wooden sign, 1063 Tremont St., Wd. 18.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of John P. Conroy, mgr. (referred today), for leave to project an illuminated sign at 218 Washington St., Wd. 6—Recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

RAILROAD REPORTS.

Ald. DRAPER, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company (recommitted April 29), for a location for tracks on Dorchester Ave., near Richmond St.—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted to the West End Street Railway Company for locations for tracks in the streets of the city of Boston, said company shall have the right to construct, maintain and use double curved tracks on Dorchester Ave., south of Richmond St., Dorchester, from and connecting with the existing tracks there located, to the Milton car-house yard; also two cross connections on said Dorchester Ave. south of said Richmond St.; together with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections; to take the place of existing tracks; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated Sept. 24, 1906, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

And the consent of the Board of Aldermen is granted to said company to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said location, and to erect, maintain and use iron poles, not less than twenty feet in height, at places indicated by

red dots on circles on the aforesaid plan, or at such other places, to be shown by blue dots or circles on said plan, as may be approved by the Superintendent of Streets, and to place on said poles such wires and other appliances as the Commissioner of Wires shall approve.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, and the kind and locations of poles, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order, and shall file such acceptance with the City Clerk in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 399 of the Acts of 1902; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work authorized to be done under the provisions of this order shall be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under a suspension of the rules.

(2) Report on the petition of the Boston Elevated Railway Company (referred April 22) for approval of the erection of a shelter in City Sq., Charlestown.—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That so far as they may be upon public ways or places the changes, alterations and additions proposed by the Boston Elevated Railway Company for the erection of a shelter over a portion of the surface platform at the City Sq. station, all as shown on plan numbered 27628 and deposited in the office of the City Clerk, be and the same are hereby approved.

Report accepted, order passed.

(3) Report on the petition of the Boston Elevated Railway Company (referred April 22) for approval of the erection of a shelter in Thompson Sq., Charlestown.—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That so far as they may be upon public ways or places the changes, alterations and additions proposed by the Boston Elevated Railway Company for the erection of a shelter over a portion of the surface platform at the Thompson Sq. station, all as shown on plan numbered 27,652 and deposited in the office of the City Clerk, be and the same are hereby approved.

Report accepted, order passed.

EXTENSION OF PLAYGROUND.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to provide in the first loan bill the sum of \$25,000 for the extension of Cottage-St. Playground, East Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. FLANAGAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of 1234 Washington St., the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. CLARK offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be directed to remove two trees standing in front of the estate of Frederick J. Rockwell, on Hamilton St., corner of Bowdoin St., Wd. 20; said trees being now an obstruction to the erection of buildings on said estate. The expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of 252 Webster St., East Boston; the expense of same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.
Passed.

WIDENING ALBANY ST.

Ald. FLANAGAN offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to furnish this Board with an estimate of the cost of widening Albany St., between Troy and Curve Sts., to a uniform width.
Passed.

SUNDAY MUSIC.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Corporation Counsel be requested to inform the Board at its next meeting whether or not the Police Commissioner of the city has the power to prevent music on the streets of the city on Memorial Sunday, in connection with G. A. R. Posts attending divine service.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, the occasion for this order is the comments made in the morning papers in reference to a Grand Army post attending divine service on Memorial Sunday and being prevented by the Police Department from having music. I think it best, Mr. Chairman, to find out first whether the Police Commissioner has the authority to stop the music or not, and, if the reply from the Corporation Counsel is to the effect that the Police Commissioner has not the authority, I propose at the first opportunity, at the first meeting of the Board, to pay my respects to that Commission. I think it would be more appropriate for me to pay my respects to him then than at this time. I hope the Corporation Counsel will answer that order between now and next Monday. I ask that the order may pass at this time.
The order was passed.

REMOVAL OF POLE.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Postal-Telegraph Cable Company be hereby requested and authorized to remove a pole now standing in front of premises 16 Canterbury St., Wd. 23, provided that a location can be obtained for said pole on private property.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. WHELTON—I move reference of the order to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, for the benefit of the Alderman, I would like to state that at the present time this pole stands in front of the entrance of a house on Canterbury St. The owner of the house, Mr. Cunio, is rather anxious to have the pole placed at some other point on Canterbury St., and is willing that it shall be placed on his land, if necessary. The order is not one interfering with anything that is before the Committee on Electric Wires, but is simply an order requesting the company to do something.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, it is not my purpose to attempt to delay the passage of the order, but I would simply like something in the way of information. I trust that reference will prevail, assuring the Alderman who has just spoken that I will not, after having received the necessary information, attempt to interfere with the further progress of the order.

The order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

POLE LOCATION HEARING.

Ald. WOODS called up No. 20, special assignment, viz.:

20. Hearing on petition of the Boston Consolidated Gas Company for leave to attach wires to one pole of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, on the northerly side of Brighton Ave., opposite Allston St., Wd. 25.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, at 3:52 P. M., on motion of Ald. BALDWIN, to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber at 4:52 P. M. and were called to order by the Chair.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. BERRWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following reports:

(1) Reports on petitions (referred today), recommending the passage of orders—That the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining and to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, with granite edgestones, owners to furnish material, in front of the following estates:

Jacob B. Greenberg, 55, 63, 65 Hollander St. and 147 Harold St., Wd. 21, artificial stone.

John J. Crosby, 358 Seaver St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Riley G. Crosby, 147 Bowdoin St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

F. W. Thayer, 18 Brimmer St., Wd. 10, artificial stone.

Joseph Green, 203 Hemenway St. and 414 Ruggles St., artificial stone.

C. D. Beach, 6 Glendon St., Wd. 1, brick.

A. Theisinger and others, Nos. 12, 13, 14, 22, 40, 53, 72, 89, 94, 98, 109, 117 Hewlett St., Wd. 23, gravel.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

(2) Report on the message and order (referred today) appropriating \$1500 for foundation, etc., for Collins Memorial—Recommending the passage of the order.

Report accepted, order passed.

(3) Report on the order (referred today) for removal of pole at 16 Canterbury St., Wd. 23—That the order ought to pass.

Report accepted, order passed.

(4) Report on the petition of the Devotees of St. Antonio (referred today) for leave to discharge fireworks at North End Park on evening of July 29, instead of Aug. 5, as heretofore granted—Recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(5) Report on the petition of the Commonwealth Trust Company (referred today) for leave to construct areas under sidewalk corner of Summer and Devonshire Sts., Wd. 7—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the Commonwealth Trust Company to extend, maintain and use the areas under and along the sidewalks on Summer and Devonshire Sts., Wd. 7, to the dimensions as shown on a plan dated May 27, 1907, and filed in the Permit Office of the Street Department, the work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1907, according to the terms

and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted, order passed.
Later in the session Ald. BALDWIN said:

Mr. Chairman, I move a reconsideration of the vote whereby we passed the order allowing the Commonwealth Trust Company to extend, maintain and use areas along the sidewalks on Summer and Devonshire Sts., Wd. 7. I do that, Mr. Chairman, because there is now pending before the Committee on Building Department a petition from the adjoining building, that of the Boston American. They claim that they may be affected by such digging and construction and would like to be heard in the matter. For that reason I move a reconsideration of the passage of the order and its assignment to the next meeting.

The vote whereby the order was passed was reconsidered and the order assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

(6) Report on the ordinance (referred today) relative to bathing in water of city—Recommending reference to the Committee on Ordinances, Ald., with a request for a report at the next meeting of the Board.

Report accepted, said reference ordered.

(7) Report on the order (referred today) relative to keeping office of Election Commissioners open in evening—Recommending reference to the Committee on Election Department (Ald.), with a request for a public hearing.

Report accepted, said reference ordered.

(8) Report on the message of the Mayor and order (referred May 22) relative to loan order of \$10,000 for improvement of Meridian St. bridge—Recommending the passage of the order.

The report was accepted, and the Board refused to pass the order (a two-thirds vote being necessary for passage), yeas 7, nays 3:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Battis, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Whelton, Woods—7.
Nays—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Clark—3.

On motion of Ald. BATTIS the Board voted to reconsider and assign to the next meeting of the Board.

(9) Report on message of Mayor and order (referred May 22), appropriating \$10,000 for providing dump at tide-water in Charlestown—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted, order passed, yeas 13, nays 0. Sent down.

CLOSING STREETS FOR PARADES.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Police Commissioner be authorized to close to travel by vehicles, except fire, police, mail and hospital wagons, the following-named streets for the parade of the Boston Work-Horse Association, on May 30, between the hours of 8 A. M. and 12 o'clock noon, viz.: Bay State Rd., Deerfield, Sherborn, Granby and Ashby Sts. Further ordered: That said association be given leave to cross Beacon St. where it intersects with Commonwealth Ave., and also to drive across the unpaved sidewalk at Deerfield St.

Passed.
Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Police Commissioner be authorized to close to travel by vehicles, except fire and police wagons, ambulances and U. S. mail wagons, for the formation and passage of the parade in the Dorchester District on Saturday, June 8, such streets as may be necessary.

The order was read a second time and the question came upon its passage.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I simply rise at this time to determine

whether or not the order is clear enough. It refers to the closing of certain streets and makes no mention in any way of what the streets are.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I would say that there have been so many suggestions about the route of the parade that the committee yesterday had not fully decided just what streets the parade would pass over. Therefore, I simply asked the assistant City Clerk if a blanket order could be put in which would apply, even if the committee did not decide over what streets the parade would go until it was too late to get permission. He thought that was all that would be necessary. There is no objection to telling the streets, but we don't know them.

The CHAIR—The Chair will say for the information of the Board that the order if passed will be adequate for all purposes.

The order was passed.

BOSTON & ALBANY LEASE.

Ald. FINIGAN called up No. 23, past assignment, viz.:

23. Whereas, By Chapter 468 of the Acts of 1900 the Commonwealth gave its consent to the contract and lease of the railroad, franchises and property of the Boston & Albany Railroad Company, and to a supplemental contract therewith for the sale of certain of its assets, which contracts were made and entered into between the Directors of the Boston & Albany Railroad Company and the Directors of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company on the 15th day of November, 1899, upon the express condition and in consideration that the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company should not permit the standard of service upon the Boston & Albany Railroad or the provisions made for the security and convenience of the public to deteriorate; and

Whereas, Its entrance upon the demised premises for the purposes of operating the said railroad under the said lease, the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company is deemed to be an acceptance by the lessee of the conditions imposed by the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, There has been a frequent and continuous breach of the said conditions by the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company to the great injury of the public interests;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, That the consent of the Commonwealth, given as aforesaid, to the contract and lease of the railroad, franchise and property of the Boston & Albany Railroad ought to be annulled, revoked and rescinded.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I wish to be recorded as not voting either way on that proposition.

The resolution was adopted.

SANITARY DEPT. ORDINANCE.

Ald. DRAPER called up No. 18, unfinished business, viz.:

18. An ordinance concerning the Sanitary Department.

Be it ordained, etc.:

Chapter 1 of the Ordinances of 1906, concerning the Street Department, is hereby amended in Section 1 of the chapter relating to the Sanitary Department, by striking therefrom the words "and who shall remove the same" and inserting instead the words "and shall remove the house offal, house dirt and such ashes as are the product of burning materials for heating habitations, cooking and other domestic purposes," so that said section shall read as follows:

Section 1. The Sanitary Department shall be under the charge of the Superintendent of Sanitary Department, who shall have the care and maintenance of the city teams and stables and of all the appliances and apparatus now or hereinafter in use in connection with the removal of ashes, house dirt and house offal, and shall remove the house offal, house dirt and such ashes as are the product of burning materials for heating habitations, cooking and other domestic purposes, and all other noxious and refuse substances from yards and areas when so placed as to be easily removed; and shall, when requested by the Superintendent of Streets or the Board of Health, render to said Superintendent or Board in the discharge of his or its duties concerning the sanitary condition of the city all the assistance that can be given by himself or his department.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I move reference of that ordinance to the Committee on Ordinances.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I should like to ask the gentleman his reasons. If the gentleman has no reason to advance why it should be so referred, I sincerely trust the Board will not refer it. If it was desirable that the matter should be considered by the Committee on Ordinances, the time for such reference and consideration was when it first came up for its original reading. It has already had a reading before the Board. Having had such a reading, unless the member who makes the motion has some reason to advance to show why it should be referred, I don't think the Board is justified in referring it.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I withdraw my motion.

The ordinance was passed. Sent down.

MERIDIAN-ST. BRIDGE.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested by this Board to recommend to the City Council the transfer of the sum of \$10,000, from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Bridge Department; said sum to be expended for the repair of the Meridian-St. Bridge.

Ald. BATTIS—Mr. Chairman, the reason why I have offered this order is that after having talked with Ald. Clark and other members who voted against the \$10,000 loan, I find that they are perfectly willing to have the money expended, but that they do not want to have it borrowed. I, therefore, offer this order, asking the mayor to appropriate the amount from the Reserve Fund.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I move assignment of that order to the next meeting of the Board. The Board has already considered this afternoon an order for this identical purpose. That order has been assigned to the next meeting of the Board. I believe that both should be considered at the same meeting, and that the order first acted upon in this Board should be finally disposed of before the other order is touched upon, since they are both for the same purpose.

Ald. BATTIS—Mr. Chairman, I believe if this order goes through, and the Mayor thinks well of it and appropriates that money, there will be nothing done about the other \$10,000 order for a loan. I see no harm in allowing this order to go through today, not delaying too long. I ask the Board to pass the order.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I hardly think that order is fair at this time. This is a permanent improvement—a new bridge. We have but \$104,000 in the

Reserve Fund, and if we take \$10,000 from it here and \$5000 from it there the entire Reserve Fund will soon be wiped out. The Mayor has agreed to raise the wages of the teamsters and laborers, and will not have the money to do this out of the appropriation. It is a permanent improvement, and the money should be raised by loan. I don't think it is fair to pass the order and take the money from the Reserve Fund. While I know that the bridge needs rebuilding, I don't see why we should be asked to do it out of the Reserve Fund. There were ten members of the Committee on Public Improvement who were willing to vote for a loan for the purpose. I certainly hope the matter will be assigned to next week.

Ald. BATTIS—Mr. Chairman, I am sorry to say that ten members of the Board did not vote for the other order. If they had, I should not have offered this order. There were but nine votes in the Committee on Public Improvements, and we lacked the necessary votes to pass the order in this Board. While I feel that possibly this is a permanent improvement, there are some members of the Board who feel that it is not, and I would like to have it go through in a way that will be satisfactory to everybody. I certainly hope the order will go through today.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I feel that the Alderman on my right must be mistaken. He says that nine members of the Committee on Public Improvements voted for it, and Ald. Woods says ten. I think the fact was that eight voted for it and two intended to vote for it. But it is not a question of who voted for it or who did not. I might raise the point of order that this order is not properly before us, that we have already considered the proposition and voted to assign it. But I do not propose to do that. We have voted to assign the previous order for one week. I believe these matters should be taken up in their regular order. The Board was agreed in the Committee on Public Improvements—and if not unanimous were very nearly so—that this could be considered a permanent public improvement, and that \$10,000 should be raised for it by loan. If such was the case, I can see no reason why they should experience a change of heart at this time. We have acted in good faith on the proposition of spending \$10,000 to be raised by loan, for this bridge. Because the order failed to pass at this meeting the Board graciously reconsidered the vote and assigned the order to the next meeting of the Board. We have scarcely done this when a new order is introduced asking that \$10,000 be appropriated for this purpose, the money to come out of the Reserve Fund. I have moved that it be assigned to the next meeting, in order that the original proposition that the Board acted upon this afternoon might first be disposed of one way or the other. But while that matter is pending I do not believe we are justified in adopting the course that the Alderman from East Boston desires to have pursued. Personally I believe that they should have the money for that bridge, but if the Alderman proposes to press this second order this afternoon, I do not believe any man outside of East Boston will be justified in voting for the order. Personally, I shall not do so. If it is laid over for a week, with the order which was considered earlier, that is a different matter. I believe it will then be reasonable for us to consider the matter on its merits at the next meeting and take action, looking to the doing the work required on this bridge. But if he presses this order, the original order already having been

assigned to the next meeting, I must certainly be against him. Let this order go over to the next meeting, together with the other, and we can then take proper action.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, it has been stated publicly here and elsewhere that there is a crying necessity for the expenditure of money on this bridge in East Boston. I am inclined to think that that is a fact, that that bridge should be repaired or put into such shape that it can be used. It is now held up, and it is a hardship on the inhabitants of East Boston and the traveling public. The bridge ought to be repaired, and soon, and I am prepared to vote the money to repair it. But I am not prepared to borrow the money. It is an absurd proposition to say that the repair of that bridge is a permanent improvement. It is a very temporary matter. That is a wooden bridge and most of the money would be spent for replanking the bridge—an entirely temporary matter. It ought to be done right off, of course, but the money for it ought not to come out of a loan. I am not prepared now, and never shall be prepared, to vote to borrow money to mend this or any other bridge or do any other work that ought to be done out of the current tax levy. But I am prepared now or at any time to vote money out of the tax levy to repair this bridge. We have got to repair this bridge, and it ought to be done soon, and I think that this afternoon is a very good time to take action in the matter. I am prepared to vote this afternoon for this order. It seems to me a very good order.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Alderman who has just taken his seat if he has had occasion during the year to pass over this bridge, and whether, as a matter of fact, the bridge is not sufficiently strong at the present time to permit any of the usual vehicles to pass over it, with the exception of the new, heavy cars now put in use by the Boston & Northern Street Railway Company and by the Elevated railroad? I would ask him if, as a matter of fact, the purpose of strengthening the bridge is not to favor the Boston & Northern Street Railway Company and the Boston Elevated railway?

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I have not seen the bridge for some time. I don't think I have passed over it for several months. But I understood from the Superintendent of Bridges that the bridge was closed to general traffic, and I also so understand from the Alderman from East Boston. If the purpose of strengthening or repairing this bridge is to benefit some railway corporation, it seems to me the entire expense ought to be put on the railway corporation, and that some arrangement to that effect might readily be made between the executive of the city and the railway corporation. But if the purpose of repairing the bridge is to reopen it to general traffic, I think the city should pay for it out of the general tax levy.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I have it on reliable authority that the only traffic to which the bridge is closed at the present time is the traffic of the Northern and Elevated Street Railway Companies; that the bridge is now open to teaming traffic, to foot passengers, to the general public; that, as a matter of fact, the chief purpose this bridge serves to benefit people who live in Chelsea. If such is the situation, and if the only injury that will be suffered by the general public is the injury that will be suffered by those people who ride in the electric cars and go between East Boston and Chelsea, I see no great

hardship in having the matter lie over for a week. I believe my legal friend on the right here (Ald. Bangs) would rather favor the drafting of some such legislation as would compel the adoption of an arrangement such as now exists between the city of Boston and the city of Cambridge in the matter of bridges. As I understand it, the city of Cambridge pays a percentage of the cost of construction of all bridges between Boston and Cambridge; and if this bridge really serves the interests of the people of the Chelsea district, some arrangement should be made by which the city of Chelsea will bear its proportion of the cost of maintenance and construction of this bridge. The statement has been made that it is not an improvement of a permanent character, that it has a plank, wood surface. I have it from residents of East Boston and from Councilmen from that section that it is a paved bridge; and we have it on the word of the Superintendent of Bridges that it is proposed to strengthen the piles of the bridge, and that the Boston Elevated Railroad has already expended \$11,000 to strengthen the approaches from the Chelsea St. side of the bridge. If that is the case, the improvement is really for the benefit of the Boston Elevated Railroad, and if the road is desirous of enjoying this improvement immediately, possibly it and the Boston & Northern Railway would be willing to go to the additional expense of fixing up the bridge in its entirety. But these are not matters that we are really justified in considering at this time. The proposition we have before us is the position we are going to assume before the general public. An order has been presented here, acted upon and defeated. Reconsideration has been had and it has been assigned to the next meeting. Whether an agreement existed in the Committee on Public Improvements that the order should be passed or not is not for us to consider. What we have to consider is this: Are we justified at this time in voting to pass an order having in view an exactly similar purpose to an order that has been rejected previously within a few moments, the only difference being as to the method of procuring the money? The amount is identical, the purpose is identical. We have defeated the first order, have voted to reconsider its rejection and to assign further consideration to the next meeting of the Board. Now, a brand new order comes in for identically the same purpose, and we are asked to take the money out of the tax levy. If the gentleman from East Boston or the men who served on the Committee on Appropriations felt that this was a matter which could be considered a current expense, I see no reason why they did not add \$10,000 to the appropriation for Bridge Department, having an understanding with the Superintendent of Bridges that the money should be used for that purpose, instead of having it raised by loan. But the gentleman on my right was on that Committee on Appropriations, and I was a member of the committee, and I understand that the committee never considered such a proposition. Now, if it is right to take this from the Reserve Fund, why is it not proper to require that the Superintendent of Bridges shall use it out of the appropriation that has been made for his department? If the members of the Board feel that it is all right to take it out of the Reserve Fund, they should feel that it is all right for the Superintendent of Bridges to take it out of his regular appropriation for the Bridge Department; and if they do feel that way, are they justified in presenting this order? I believe the order should be assigned to the next meeting of the

Board. I do not believe the statements we have heard relative to the bridge are altogether truthful. Some members tell us that the bridge is closed to travel, while others from that section tell us that it is not closed to general travel, but that the only travel that is suspended is that of the new cars of the Boston Elevated and the Boston & Northern. If that is the situation, I don't believe we are justified in acting in haste. A motion has been made to assign. The original order, before us this afternoon, has already been assigned for a week. I hope the motion to assign will prevail.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, as I understand the argument of the gentleman on my left (Ald. Curley) it is that the city ought not to vote to expend money on the bridge, because the Elevated road and the city of Chelsea ought to do it. That is a strong argument, one that impresses me very much; but I want to know why it was that, when the first order was before the Board, proposing to meet this expenditure by borrowed money, he voted in favor of it? The argument he now uses did not occur to him at that time. It only occurred to him when an order which proposed to raise the money out of taxes was presented. The argument was as good as opposed to the loan order as to the tax order.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I agree with the gentleman thoroughly in what he says, but the desire of the two Aldermen from East Boston, who, perhaps, represent the wishes of the people of the district, is that the city should appropriate the money. I believe the practice of appropriating money for purposes of this character should be condemned, and I believe legislation should be enacted, or that the city should at least make an attempt to have such legislation enacted, as will place a reasonable burden upon adjoining cities that share in such benefits along with the city of Boston. But no one has come forward with such a proposition. The only propositions that we can consider are the two before us.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that the controversy that has arisen here is because one side is afraid this will be called a current expense, and the other that it will be called a permanent improvement. The facts are simple. This matter was presented before the Appropriation Committee, but not in a proper light. Since then it has been presented before the Committee on Public Improvements, and everybody here recognizes the need of this improvement, whether it is considered a current expense or a permanent improvement. Had it been properly presented to the Committee on Appropriations, it would certainly have been included in the appropriation bill. The Alderman is certainly correct in saying that if it had been brought before us, then we would have appropriated the money. We are not establishing any precedent for using up the entire Reserve Fund. We are practically admitting that the matter should have been presented before the Committee on Appropriations in a more forcible way. It seems to me, therefore, that it is not a question whether it is a permanent improvement or a current expense, but whether it is a matter that should be acted upon at the present time. I believe the matter should not be postponed at the present time. I believe that the Alderman from Wd. 17 should vote for this. I do not believe he decides by his vote the question whether this is a permanent improvement or a current expense.

Ald. LEARY—Mr. Chairman, I will say,

as a member of the Committee on Appropriations, that I did present this matter to the committee and had it included, I believe, in the appropriation for the department; but, after reconsideration of all appropriations, the Committee on Appropriations saw fit to cut the appropriation for Bridge Department \$10,000, which left this \$10,000 out, so that they could not build or construct the bridge with the money they received as an appropriation. As a member from East Boston, I did not care, and do not today, in which way the people of East Boston obtain that money. I do not care whether it is obtained by loan or by appropriation, or taken from the reserve fund. But I do believe that it is necessary that something should be done right away. I believe a delay of a week would be dangerous, not only to the people of the city of Boston, but of the people of Chelsea and other places who have occasion to use that bridge. I might call the attention of the Alderman from the Roxbury section (Ald. Curley) to the fact that the Boston & Northern railway does not run over the bridge; but the Boston Elevated Street Railway Company has new cars, very much heavier than the cars it formerly had, necessitating the reconstruction of that drawbridge. I was informed by the Superintendent of Bridges that the Boston Elevated road have spent some \$11,000 on the approaches to the draw, and the Boston Elevated and the Superintendent of Bridges now feel as though the city of Boston should provide the money to construct this draw. Today teaming and foot travel continues over that bridge, but every day the bridge is kept open it is a menace, and sometime, if a heavy team goes through the bridge—and there is nothing to prevent it—the resulting accident will be one which will cost the city a great deal more money than it will cost to reconstruct the bridge at the present time. I hope the matter will not be delayed a week. If the members of the Board will allow, I will ask reconsideration of the \$10,000 loan order, which was assigned to the next meeting, so that it might be brought up today and passed.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, the Alderman on my right says that this matter was not brought properly before the Appropriation Committee. The Superintendent of Bridges felt that this money should come out of a loan. Therefore he said:

"I would respectfully call your attention to the fact that I have not included in the foregoing the expense necessary to make the extensive repairs needed at Congress St. and Meridian St. bridges, as I have already made requests that an appropriation of \$20,000 and \$10,000 respectively, be included in the next loan order for these two bridges."

The Superintendent of Bridges felt that this should come out of a loan, and put it before the Appropriation Committee in that way. If they thought it should come out of current expenses, if they had done their business properly, they should have taken the matter up in that way in their committee. But the Committee on Appropriations did not cover it in their estimates, and the Superintendent of Bridges, knowing that this was to be practically a new bridge, with new pilings, and new timber all through, stated that it should be provided for by loan. There is no reason why the money should come out of current expenses.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I think the members of the Board lose sight of the fact that this order is simply a request that the Mayor ask the city government to appropriate \$10,000 for this purpose. If they will stop and consider

what the order really is, I think they will be more willing to vote for it.

Ald. BATTIS—Mr. Chairman, I stated that last year the superintendent of Bridges asked for this \$10,000, and I tried to get it in the loan bill last year. But as it was not brought into the bill, we had to wait until this year. I then talked with the Superintendent of Bridges and he agreed with me that the best thing to do was to put it in the appropriation bill, and he agreed that he would do so. I spoke to the Alderman from East Boston who was on that committee, and he tried, as I know, to get it in the appropriation bill, and if some of the Democratic members had not been so anxious to get that appropriation bill through the Board in such a hurry I should have had the \$10,000 added, as I started to do in the Committee on Public Improvements. But they were so anxious to pass it all in one day, giving nobody a chance, that I had no opportunity to put the \$10,000 in. I, for one, want this \$10,000 for the bridge. We need it, and I am not so particular as some how we get it.

Ald. CURLEY—I would like to ask the Alderman a question. Is it one \$10,000 that he desires, or two \$10,000?

Ald. BATTIS—I am not so particular how the \$10,000 comes, because we need the money to repair that bridge. The people of East Boston are finding fault because the bridge is closed to the new cars. The heavy cars are not running over it at the present time, and never have been. There is the travel of teams and foot passengers; but, as the Alderman has said, with the heavy team loads that are going over the bridge, we are liable to have an accident which will cost the city a good deal of money; and, as far as the city of Chelsea taking care of part of the expense is concerned, I will simply say that this bridge belongs to the city of Boston and that all the employees are paid by the city of Boston. I sincerely hope, as long as this is only a request of the Mayor to have this money appropriated, that we will pass the order here today.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I can appreciate what the gentleman says, when he says there are heavy loads going over the bridge. I understand that the bridge connects with Chelsea and that Chelsea has gone no license. (Laughter.) What I cannot understand is, whether he is asking for one \$10,000 or for two \$10,000.

The motion to assign to the next meeting was declared lost. Ald. Curley doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote.

The motion to assign was declared lost, 3 members in favor, 7 against.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order on this proposition,

that this Board has no right to transfer money from the Reserve Fund to any specific purpose, except at the request of His Honor the Mayor.

The CHAIR—The Chair will state for the information of the honorable Alderman that this is merely a request of His Honor the Mayor to suggest to the City Council the passage of an order.

Ald. CURLEY—Then, Mr. Chairman, I further doubt the vote and ask that the roll be called.

The motion to assign was lost, yeas 3, nays 9.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Woods—3.
Nays—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton—9.

The order was passed.

IMPROVEMENT SPAULDING SQ.

Ald. CLARK offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this Board to provide a wire fence around the enclosure at Spaulding Sq., Wd. 24, and put said enclosure in proper condition.

Passed.

ADDITIONAL SEALERS.

Ald. BALDWIN called up No. 19, unfinished business, viz.:

19. An ordinance to amend Chapters 2 and 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Be it ordained, etc.:

Section 1, Chapter 2 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in Section 1 by striking out the word "ten" in the line relating to the Sealer and Deputy Sealers of Weights and Measures and inserting the word "eighteen" in place thereof.

Sec. 2, Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in Section 5, in the clause establishing the salaries of the Sealer and Deputy Sealers of Weights and Measures by striking out the word "ten" and inserting the word "eighteen" in place thereof.

The ordinance was declared passed. Ald. Clark doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The ordinance was passed, yeas 7, nays 6.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Draper, Finigan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—7.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Flanagan—6.

Sent down.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. WOODS, the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned at 5.35 P. M., on motion of Ald. BALDWIN, to meet on Monday, June 3, at 3 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, June 3, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Ald. BERWYN presiding and all the members present.

On motion of ALB. CURLEY, the Board voted to dispense with the reading of the record of the previous meeting.

JURORS DRAWN.

Six petit jurors were drawn, in accordance with the provisions Chapter 514 of the Acts of 1894, for the United States District Court, to appear June 11, viz.:-

George F. Wilfert, Wd. 7; John P. McLoughlin, Wd. 24; William Adie, Wd. 23; James A. Cummings, Wd. 18; Melville H. Beverly, Wd. 18; Frederick W. Thayer, Wd. 11.

WALL-DORCHESTER CEMETERY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 3, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:-

I transmit herewith a communication from the Cemetery Department in answer to your requesting that a stone wall be constructed at the Old Dorchester Cemetery, Stoughton St. and Columbia Rd.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston—Cemetery Department,
Boston, June 3, 1907.

Honorable John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor
of Boston.

Sir:—Respecting the following order of the Board of Aldermen, passed May 22, 1907:

Ordered, That the Cemetery Trustees, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this Board to construct a suitable stone wall at the Old Dorchester Cemetery, on Stoughton St. and Columbia Rd., the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Cemetery Department.

After careful consideration, this Board of Trustees is of the opinion that for a special work of improvement of this character there is no fund available to meet the expense thereof from the regular appropriation for current expenses of the department.

Yours respectfully,

William J. Fallon,

Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, June 3, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:-

Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint Charles H. Barker (693 Shawmut Ave., Wd. 18) a Constable of the city of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1908.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, June 3, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:-

Subject to confirmation by your Board I hereby appoint John J. Morris (61 Maywood St., Wd. 21) a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1908.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were referred to the committees named, viz.:-

Building Department (Ald.).

H. P. Hayden, Trustee, for leave to locate a boiler cellar at 535 Beacon St. (Hotel Charlesgate), at grade minus 12.

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Keep Manufacturing Company, a sign, at 301 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Frank Sulzer, a plain arc lamp, at 6 East Brookline St., Wd. 12.

Frank Sulzer, an electric sign, at 1518 Washington St., Wd. 12.

Tobin & Glynn, illuminated sign, 1893 Washington St., Wd. 17.

Epstein Drug Company, illuminated sign, 28 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Claims.

Rose G. Pinkham, for compensation for personal injuries received from a defect in highway at or near corner of Cornhill and Washington St., Wd. 6.

Ida Kaplan, for compensation for injuries caused by broken glass falling from a door of the ferry-boat, "D. D. Kelley."

Electric Wires.

Fire Commissioner, for leave to locate nineteen poles for fire alarm on Southampton St., Wd. 12.

Boston Consolidated Gas Company, for leave to relocate one pole on Washington St., northeast corner Market St., Wd. 25.

Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, for leave to erect one pole on New Heath St., Wd. 19.

Petitions of The New England Telegraph and Telephone Company of Massachusetts, viz.:

For leave to remove three poles on Washington St., Wd. 23.

For leave to erect seven poles on Ashland St., Wd. 24.

For leave to erect and to remove one pole on Adelaide St., Wd. 22.

For leave to erect and to remove one pole on Massachusetts Ave., near N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., Wd. 16.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

National Lancers on June 14.

National League of Navy Yard Employees on the evening of June 19, instead of June 7, as heretofore granted.

United Irish League, on the evening of June 20.

Licenses.

Mrs. Mabel Murray, for a permit for Aline Murphy and others under 13 years of age, to appear at Parker Memorial on June 7.

Railroads.

West End Street Railway Company, for an alteration of curved tracks, with the right to use the overhead single trolley system on same, on Ipswich St.

Public Improvements.

Frank Sulzer, for leave to erect a lamp-post with a lettered lamp thereon, at 1522 Washington St., Wd. 12.

W. K. Corey, trustee, against allowing the erection of a hospital for con-

tagious diseases near corner Washington St. and Corey road, Wd. 25.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:

Carney Hospital (driveway), National St., Wd. 15.
 Mary E. Patterson, 263 East Cottage St., Wd. 20.
 Boyd & Berry, 39-41 Bullard St., Wd. 20.
 John Kelley, 38 Homes Ave., Wd. 20.
 H. Tomfohrde, 24-26 Stanwood St., Wd. 20.
 J. J. Bailey, 422 Bowdoin St., Wd. 20.
 Thomas F. Haulon, Train St. side of estate 48-50 Rosemont St., Wd. 24.
 Rev. John A. Daly, 20 Roseland St., Wd. 24.
 A. S. Johnston, 1015-1019 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 24.
 Thomas Sullivan et al., 19-29 Milton Ave., Wd. 24.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 1 on the calendar, unfinished business, viz.:

1. Action on the appointment by the Mayor of Julius Stepat, to be a Weigher of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1908.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Ald. Curley and Clark. Whole number of ballots 9, necessary for a choice 5; yes 9, and the appointment was confirmed.

MERIDIAN ST. BRIDGE.

A communication was received from the City Clerk of Chelsea, transmitting resolutions of Board of Aldermen in relation to repair of Meridian St. bridge.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

RAILROAD LOCATIONS APPROVED.

A communication was received from the Railroad Commissioners approving the 253d and 264th locations granted to the West End Street Railway Company, and the extension of time on the 246th, 247th, 249th, 253d, 255th and 261st locations.

Placed on file.

CONSTABLES' BONDS APPROVED.

The constable bonds of William G. Dolan and Peter H. Hinsen, having been approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved by the Board.

ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL COMMISSION.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Commissioners notifying the Board that the said commission had organized by the election of R. Clipston Sturgis as chairman, and Horace B. Fisher as secretary, for the year ending May 31, 1908.

Placed on file.

HARBOR AND LAND HEARING.

A notice was received from the Harbor and Land Commissioners of a hearing on June 5, at 11 o'clock A. M. on the petition of the Eastern Yacht Club of Marblehead, for a license to build and maintain a pile structure on Fort Point Channel, adjoining North ern Ave.

Placed on file.

CLAIMS REPORT.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Claims, submitted a report on the petition of Marion Hey (referred April 12), for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Dimock St.—Recommending that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Report accepted. Sent down.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, submitted reports on petitions (severally referred today) for the use of Faneuil Hall—Recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

National League of Navy Yard Employees, evening of June 19, instead of June 7.

United Irish League, evening of June 20.

National Lancers, June 14.
 Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

WOODEN BUILDING.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department, submitted a report on the petition of The Oriental Hall Association of Boston (referred May 6)—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to The Oriental Hall Association of Boston to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on Hyde Park Ave., Wd. 23, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied for stores and lodge rooms.

Report accepted, order passed. Sent down.

PROJECTION OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department, Ald., submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred May 27) for leave to project signs, etc.—Recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

F. C. Bacon & Co., an electric sign, at 50 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Garner Plating Company, an electric sign, at 493 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Amadeo Marino, a wooden sign, at 1234A Washington St., Wd. 9.

Yee Ling, a sign, at 149 Northampton St., Wd. 12.

Clogner & Mulrenin, an illuminated sign, at 604 Columbus Ave., Wd. 12.

E. L. Stockemer, an electric sign, at 2370 Washington St., Wd. 18.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for leave to project signs, etc.—recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

Frank Sulzer, electric sign, 1518 Washington St., Wd. 12.

Frank Sulzer, arc light, 6 East Brookline St., Wd. 12.

Epstein Drug Company, illuminated sign, 28 Tremont row, Wd. 6.

Tobin & Glynn, illuminated sign, 1893 Washington St., Wd. 17.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

LICENSE REPORTS.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that mi-

nors' licenses be granted to nine news-boys and two bootblacks.

Reports accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of Mrs. Mabel Murray (referred today) for a permit for Aline Murphy and others, children under 15 years of age, to appear at Parker Memorial on June 7—recommending that a permit be granted.

Report accepted, permit granted on the usual conditions.

RAILROAD REPORTS.

Ald. DRAPER, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company (referred today for an alteration of tracks on Ipswich St.—recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing on June 24, at three o'clock P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted, order of notice passed.

(2) Report on the petition of the Boston Elevated Railway Company (referred March 19) for approval of certain proposed changes, alterations and additions at the Dudley St. station—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That so far as they may be upon public ways or places the changes, alterations and additions proposed by the Boston Elevated Railway Company at its station at Dudley St., together with the exits and approaches thereto and the elevated inclines for surface cars, all as shown on plans numbered 27,579 and 27,580, and deposited in the office of the City Clerk, be and the same are hereby approved.

Report accepted, order passed.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. CURLEY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on the following petitions recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings June 10, at three o'clock P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:

Boston Consolidated Gas Company (referred May 22) for leave to attach wires to two poles on The New England Telephone and Telephone Company of Massachusetts on Sutherland Rd., Wd. 25.

Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston (referred April 29), for leave to erect one pole on Prescott St., near Orleans St., and to remove one pole corner of Prescott and Orleans Sts., Wd. 1.

Reports severally accepted, orders of notice passed.

(2) Reports on the following petitions recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings on June 24, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts (referred Feb. 4) for leave to erect 17 poles on Brandon St. and 20 poles on Belgrade Ave., Wd. 23.

The Fire Commissioner (referred today) for leave to erect 19 poles on Southampton St.

Reports severally accepted, orders of notice passed.

(3) Report on the petition of the Boston Consolidated Gas Company (referred May 27) for leave to attach wires to pole on Brighton Ave.—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Boston Consolidated Gas Company to attach, and to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, to allow the attachment of, the wires and fixtures of said gas company to one pole of said telephone company on the northerly side of Brighton Ave., opposite Allston St., Brighton, in such manner as may be approved by the Wire Commissioner; said pole being shown by a black circle on a plan made by J. A. Gould, dated April 15, 1907, and deposited in the Wire Department.

Report accepted, order passed.

PROHIBITION OF HOSPITALS.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That in that portion of the city of Boston formerly the town of Brighton, the use of any building for a hospital for contagious or infection diseases is hereby prohibited.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I ask for a suspension of the rules, that the order may be placed upon its passage.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, it seems to me it is due all sections of the city of Boston to be protected in the matter of contagious disease hospitals, so called. The West End has quite a number of hospitals, and has had the Home of the Good Samaritan there. It does not seem to me to be just right to pick out Brighton as the lone spot to be exempted. If we are going to exempt different parts of Boston from contagious hospitals why not say "Boston" in the order, and not pick out Brighton? I trust that the rule will not be suspended and that the order will not pass. The interests of all sections should be protected, and Brighton should not be picked out as the lone spot.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, under Chapter 38 of Section 75 of the Revised Laws the Board of Aldermen is given the right to set apart any part of Boston and prohibit the establishment of hospitals there; and there can be no question in the minds of members of this Board that in offering this order asking that Brighton be set apart I am within my rights. If other members want other parts of the city exempted, that is a right they have. There is a movement on foot today to place a contagious hospital in one of the best parts of Brighton, where people have located their homes, have their little houses expecting to live there in peace and comfort. The same concern tried to get into Brookline, but could not locate there. The town authorities would not allow it. They now propose to put a hospital for scarlet fever and diphtheria cases in Brighton, and the only right we have is under the law I have referred to. I do not care if the whole city is included in the order. I am speaking for Brighton on account of the hospital they are trying to locate there at the present time, and if this Board could see the surroundings they would say it was a pity to place a hospital for contagious diseases among these people, driving them away from that section of Brighton. We are only too pleased to have ordinary hospitals in Brighton, and I would be only too glad to vote for their location at any time. We have already favored a living-in and surgical hospital for Brighton. But we do draw the line at hospitals for contagious diseases, like scarlet fever and diphtheria. The Massachusetts Homopathic Hospital is the hospital which talks of locating an establishment for contagious diseases there. I certainly hope this Board will suspend the rule and pass the order.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, it would be a happy solution of this problem if the rights and privileges of this Board of Aldermen extended to the cities and towns adjacent to Boston. Then, if a petition came in for a location for a contagious hospital, we could very nicely recommend that it be placed in Milton, in Somerville, in Cambridge, or some other place that would not be objectionable to our particular neighborhoods. But we are grown men; we are not children. We are dealing with a proposition that it is our duty to meet as men, not as children. I might very well get up and say that in the section I have the honor in part, with the distinguished chairman of our Board, to represent—the district comprising Wds. 12 and 17—we have a monopoly of hospitals where contagious diseases are treated. We have the Homeopathic Hospital on Concord St., the Boston City Hospital between Harrison Ave. and Albany St., what is commonly known as the South Department of the City Hospital between Massachusetts Ave. and Northampton St., where scarlet fever and other contagious diseases common to children are now treated; and in addition we have the old smallpox hospital on Southampton St. But the distinguished chairman of this Board has raised no objections to the placing of an additional hospital in the district, and neither would I if a request for such a hospital were presented, because I realize that hospitals must be placed somewhere for the protection of the people of the entire city. I think this order exempting Brighton from hospitals is not only ridiculous, but is laughable, and I sincerely trust that it will be either indefinitely postponed or forever pigeonholed.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, in view of what Ald. Woods has said I want to say this. To give an idea of how a few people—not many—view hospital matters, I will say that we had before us in the Committee on Health a gentleman who said, when an application was made for a hospital in Wd. 11, "We don't want it in Wd. 11." I said to him, "Where are you going to put it?" He said, "I don't care, but keep it out of Wd. 11." And Ald. Woods promptly said, "Well, perhaps we will be able to take care of it in Brighton." Now Ald. Woods comes in and tells us to keep hospitals out of Brighton.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I want to reiterate the statement I made before, that we are pleased to have hospitals in Brighton, even lying-in hospitals. We have splendid locations for them, but we don't want any contagious hospitals. The Alderman from the South End district (Ald. Curley) says my position is laughable and ridiculous. He says the Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital is located in his section. Well, he can have the contagious part of the Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital in his section if he so desires. I am looking after the interests of Brighton, and I don't care whether the Alderman regards my position as laughable and ridiculous or not. To my mind, what we ask for is only just. We have had people come out there to make their homes, and it is a shame to drive them out of their homes, as they will be driven out if this contagious hospital is located there. One widow has been left with three flats on her hands, adjoining this land, and if this hospital goes there she will be deprived of her revenue. Her tenants have already notified her that they will move; and there are other cases of the same kind. The only

way in which we can get at this matter under the Revised Laws is to prohibit the establishment of such hospitals in that section. I think we have the prettiest suburb in Boston and the best residential part of Boston, and I don't think it should be destroyed by contagious hospitals. As far as other hospitals go, we have several out there and have good locations for them but we have no location for a contagious hospital.

The CHAIR—The question is on Ald. Woods' motion to suspend the rules so that the order may take its second reading at this time.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I object to a vote being taken on suspension of the rules, and move reference of the order at this time to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, Ald. Woods asking for a roll call, yeas 9, nays 4:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Curley, Flanagan, Whelton—9.

Nays—Ald. Draper, Finigan, Leary, Woods—4.

SPEED OF AUTOMOBILES.

Ald. BELL called up No. 2 on the calendar, unfinished business, viz.:

2. An Ordinance concerning the use of streets.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 32 of Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, as amended by Chapter 5 of the Ordinances of 1903, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "hour" in the seventh line of said section the following:

No person operating an automobile or motor cycle on any public or private way laid out under the authority of law, shall run it at a greater rate of speed than eight miles an hour.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, in advocating a change in the ordinance so that the speed limit for automobiles in the city shall be placed at eight miles an hour, I do so with the full knowledge and understanding that to limit automobiles to that rate of speed is rather ridiculous. But, Mr. Chairman, in view of the many accidents that have happened in our city limits, in view of the number of people who have been killed, one woman living in the street next to mine being struck and killed a week ago Saturday, in view of the people who have been murdered by automobilists, I believe something should and must be done. If the ordinances were changed, limiting the speed of automobiles in Boston to eight miles an hour, the automobilists would rise in protest, would come in a body or through a committee to this government protesting against the speed limit, and that would give the members of the city government the authority to say to them: "Which is the most ridiculous, a speed limit of eight miles an hour, or allowing you automobilists to maim and kill our citizens. We will agree that eight miles an hour is absurd, and you must agree that the maiming of these people is inhuman." I believe if we could compel the automobilists of Boston to be more careful we would be doing all of our citizens a justice. It seems to me that something of this kind is a step in the proper direction, although I am willing to admit that eight miles an hour is foolish. The automobilists themselves have told me since this ordinance was introduced that they felt that the ordinances were not wrong, but that the enforcement of them was lax. In that respect I agree with them. We have an ordinance on

the statute books which, I believe, limits the speed of automobiles to 15 miles an hour—and in this connection I want to say that if the Police Commissioner of the city of Boston was as faithful in having that ordinance lived up to, limiting the speed of automobiles going through our streets to 15 miles an hour, as he was in imposing a hardship upon our civil war veterans the other day, much could be accomplished. We have an ordinance that limits the speed of automobiles, but in 99 cases out of 100 the ordinance is ignored by the automobilists, and the police themselves do nothing about it. It is true that every now and then a policeman may make an attempt to prevent an automobile from going too fast, but to enforce the ordinance absolutely would necessitate practically the stationing of a policeman on every street corner. I hope this ordinance will pass, for the reason I have stated—that it would place the automobilists in the position of coming before us, or before the Police Commissioner, thus giving us a chance to say to them: "Protect our citizens, protect our people against accidents and loss of life, and we will protect you by giving you a speed limit that is fair."

ALD. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I move to amend the ordinance by placing at the end of its the words "north of Massachusetts Ave." In speaking to the amendment, what the Alderman says is true, that there are reckless people driving automobiles. There is no question about that. I meet them every day, and it makes no difference to some people what limit you put on, they will go just the same. But I do think that north of Massachusetts Ave., coming down Boylston, Tremont, Washington and other streets, the rate of speed may well be put down to eight miles an hour. Outside of that, where the roads are clear, 12 miles an hour is little enough. There is no question but what some people don't know at what speed they are going. They try to go 60 miles an hour with a 30-mile-an-hour machine, and then are not satisfied. I think if the Alderman will accept that amendment it will satisfy everybody.

ALD. BELL—Mr. Chairman, that amendment will be perfectly satisfactory to me.

ALD. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I was going to move that further consideration of this matter be assigned for a week, because, if my memory serves me right, there is a statute which places a limit on the speed of automobiles, and it strikes me that this ordinance, if amended, would be in conflict with that statute. Perhaps the Alderman can enlighten me on that point.

ALD. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I would say that, according to the ordinances of the City Council, we have the authority to regulate the speed of automobiles on all our streets.

ALD. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I would further state for the benefit of the Alderman that the Park Commissioner has already restricted the speed on Commonwealth Ave. to eight miles an hour on this side of Massachusetts Ave. and 12 miles an hour on the other side. We have the right, as the Board of Aldermen, the same as the selectmen of a town, to make any limit we desire.

ALD. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, as I never have occasion to ride in an automobile—that is, in one whose possible speed is in excess of 10 miles an hour; I have ridden in Ald. Woods' automobile occasionally (laughter)—I accept the amendment that has been offered. I don't think riding in Ald. Woods' automobile, that there would be any possibility of breaking the law if the speed limit were placed at eight miles an hour. Riding with him, I don't think I would

ever get into any trouble on that score. (Laughter.)

ALD. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, in reply to the Alderman I will say that the machine can go, but the driver won't send it. (Laughter.)

ALD. WOODS' amendment, adding the words "north of Massachusetts Ave.," after the words "eight miles an hour," was adopted, and the question came on the passage of the ordinance as amended.

ALD. CLARK—Mr. Chairman, I do not own an automobile, and I have never ridden with Ald. Woods; but it looks to me as though this was a kind of conspiracy to have every man who does own one arrested so that the rest of us will have an opportunity to buy the machines cheap. The danger from an automobile, to my mind, and I have observed them considerably, depends entirely on the circumstances. Under certain conditions five miles an hour may be more dangerous than 15 miles an hour under other conditions. In my opinion we have plenty of law today. The difficulty comes entirely in enforcing it. It is a law which is very difficult to enforce, for the simple reason that anyone who is evading it is going along pretty fast, and the ordinary policeman cannot catch him. But it seems to me, as I have said, that there is plenty of law on the statute books and in the ordinances. The danger consists in the conditions under which the automobile is running. I, therefore, move to indefinitely postpone the whole thing.

ALD. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I hope the ordinance will be passed. I make that motion in all sincerity. I want to say that in passing this ordinance you will be doing a favor to a number of the automobilists themselves, because it is not safe to ride through some of our streets at more than eight miles an hour. The moment you go faster than that you are incurring expense in connection with the machine and putting life in danger, because in going through some of our streets you may strike a rut and go six feet in the air. Eight miles an hour is sufficiently fast in the city streets, and at eight miles an hour the machine can be controlled at any time. I think it would be a good idea for any members who have any doubt about the matter to visit the parkway on Commonwealth Ave. any day and observe how the eight-mile-an-hour regulation this side of Massachusetts Ave. works. It is very seldom that an automobilist is held up. The only trouble they have on Commonwealth Ave. is from traveling on the wrong side of the road. But the automobilists know that they have got to go only eight miles an hour, and they observe the regulation. If you will amend the ordinance so as to make the speed eight miles an hour this side of Massachusetts Ave. it will not only be a favor to the people, but to the automobilists themselves. I don't think the trouble is usually with the automobilists, but with the chauffeurs they hire. They are the people who have to be held down. A man who owns his own machine and runs it will not go through the down-town streets at a speed of more than eight miles an hour, because if he does it will cost him \$100 or \$200 for repairs. If we pass the ordinance in that way, the chauffeurs will learn that they cannot go more than eight miles an hour, and it will be a saving and a benefit all around. At eight miles an hour a man can control his machine at any time and can stop it within three feet. While accidents are caused once in a while by chauffeurs who are running at a low speed, two times out of three the trouble is with the people themselves.

They will start to go ahead and then back, and don't know where they are going, and they will wind up under the machine.

The question came on Ald. Clark's motion to indefinitely postpone.

Ald. BATTIS—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Alderman from Brighton (Ald. Woods) why he wants to eliminate Brighton from this? There are places in East Boston where automobiles might be able to run 10 or 12 miles an hour without any difficulty. Why should he eliminate Brighton and include other sections of the city north of Massachusetts Ave.?

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I think the gentleman must be hard of hearing. I never said anything about Brighton in connection with this matter. The gentleman is losing his reason.

Ald. BATTIS—Mr. Chairman, the amendment he has made does eliminate Brighton, as he well knows. I did not accuse him of saying anything about Brighton particularly.

Ald. WOODS—In reply to the gentleman, I would say that my amendment applied north of Massachusetts Ave., and Brighton is south.

Ald. CLARK'S motion to indefinitely postpone the ordinance as amended prevailed.

LOCATION OF LAMPS.

Ald. FLANAAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate a gas lamp on Oswego St., Wd. 9; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to have a lamp placed and maintained at corner of Washington and Hunneman Sts.; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

ROGERS PARK ENLARGEMENT.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to provide in the first loan bill the sum of \$30,000 for the enlargement of Rogers Park, Wd. 25.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

CONDITION OF STATION 6.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Board of Health be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to furnish this Board with a copy of the report of their investigation of the condition of Police Station No. 6, now on file in their office.

Passed.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested—

To remove a tree standing at the corner of Maverick and Henry Sts.

To remove a tree standing in front of No. 7 Henry St.

To remove a tree standing in front of No. 122 Everett St., and

To trim trees in front of 12 Paris St., the expense attending same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

IMPROVEMENT OF SEDGWICK ST.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through

His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this Board to have Sedgwick St., Wd. 22, resurfaced.

Passed.

HAND-BALL COURT.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested to inform this Board in what part of the Fellows St. playground they propose to place the hand-bali court.

Passed.

IMPROVEMENT OF ORCHARD PK.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide seats, swings and sand boxes for children in Orchard Pk., and to put said park in proper condition.

Passed.

STEPS—CHARLESTOWN BRIDGE.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to have a flight of steps placed from the new Charlestown bridge to Warren Ave., Charlestown.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I had occasion to visit Charlestown last week, and found that a great inconvenience results to the public from the system of transferring freight from the docks in the vicinity of Water St. There is a constant passing and repassing of freight cars at all hours of the day over the old Warren bridge, and pedestrians, probably to the number of several thousand every day, are obliged to wait anywhere from five minutes to half an hour, as a result of trains passing to and fro over that section of Warren bridge. A flight of stone steps has been placed on the Warren street side of the Charles river bridge, that adjoins the old Warren bridge, to accommodate the public that may come from the Charlestown district to the city of Boston, in the event of trains passing to and fro; but no provision has been made to accommodate the pedestrians going to Charlestown from the Boston end. It is possible to place a flight of stone steps there, and I don't believe the expense will exceed \$100 or \$200. Certainly a great convenience would result to the foot passengers who now have occasion to go to Charlestown over the old Warren bridge. I believe that when we can accommodate probably 2000 or 3000 persons a day, who are now put to such great inconvenience, at such a slight expense, we should do so; and I sincerely trust that the Superintendent of Bridges will see the wisdom of placing that flight of steps there.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I quite agree with what Ald. Curley has said in respect to providing accommodations for the people who have occasion to pass to and from that section, but I would like to have him amend his order to the extent of providing the amount of money and where that amount of money is coming from in order to bring about what he desires and just what I would like to see brought about myself.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, for the benefit of the gentleman I will say that I believe it can very well come from the appropriation for Bridge Department, as the expense attached to it will be less than \$200, and in all probability less than \$100. If it were to cost \$500 or \$1000 I might favor a small loan to cover it, but in view of the fact that the expense will probably be less than \$100 I believe it should come out of the Bridge Department appropriation.

The order was passed.

SUNDAY MUSIC.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Law Department, May 31, 1907.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City Hall, Boston:

Gentlemen,—I am requested to inform your honorable body whether or not the Police Commissioner of this city has the power to prevent music on the streets of the city on Memorial Sunday in connection with the Grand Army of the Republic posts attending divine service. Answering the question as it is put, the Police Commissioner has the power to prevent such music because he has full charge of all the police force of Boston.

If my opinion is desired as to whether a person playing a musical instrument on the Lord's day in a procession of the kind indicated is violating the Sunday law and can be convicted of such violation, then I would reply that in my opinion such a musician would be guilty of an offence under the Sunday law, so-called.

The Legislature of Massachusetts by Chapter 139 of the Acts of 1906, has allowed music to be played on the streets when firemen parade on the second Sunday in June, and an act is now pending before the Legislature, being House Bill No. 1505, which, if passed, will allow parading with music of any organization composed of veterans of the war of the Rebellion, war with Spain or the Sons of Veterans for the special purposes of the day known as Memorial Sunday or at the funeral of a deceased veteran; provided, however, that the music shall be suspended in passing within 200 feet of any place of public worship in which services are being held.

Yours respectfully,

Thomas M. Babson,
Corporation Counsel.

The communication was ordered placed on file.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, that communication comes in response to an order of mine. I want to say that I do not propose to enter into any controversy with the Police Commissioner of Boston, as the Corporation Counsel informs us that it is against the law to have music on Sunday. I only desire to say that in the particular case referred to I consider that the Police Commissioner of Boston was small and narrow-minded. Memorial Sunday is a day practically set apart for members of the Grand Army and Spanish War Veterans and when a post, coming from or going to divine service, desires to have a fife and drum playing, furnishing the music to which they were accustomed, and under which they fought for four years, it seems to me the Police Commissioner of Boston in ordering it stopped shows a very small and narrow streak, even if there is a statute on the books prohibiting it. There are on our statute books many laws and ordinances that if enforced would make the Police Department a laughing-stock, and no man would expect them to be enforced, because they are blue laws and practically obsolete. Some laws that the Police Commissioner has been enforcing during the last year he is to be commended for enforcing, but there are other laws exactly as trivial as this particular instance on Memorial day that might well be ignored. For instance, we have a law which says that no truck nor dray greater than 24 feet and 6 inches in length shall be used in any street. Every one of us here knows that the Brine Company, the Knight Company and the other big trucking companies have to use enormous teams to carry, for instance, some of the girders of the

Boston Elevated road. They do it at night. Some of the trucks must be 40 feet in length. Does anybody raise a question as to their using trucks of that length to carry such girders? No, because everybody knows they have to have them. It seems to me it would be exactly as absurd for the police commissioner to enforce that particular ordinance as it was for him to enforce the one he did in regard to the music of a Grand Army post on Memorial day. I could go through this book and recite half a dozen ordinances, every one of them exactly as trivial. All I want to say, in paying my respects to the Police Commissioner, is that he had that authority in this particular instance, and I think he showed very small, picayune judgment in exercising it. I want to commend him for the many good things he has done since he has been Police Commissioner in enforcing a great many laws, but for this particular one I desire to censure him.

The communication was placed on file. Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, in connection with the communication from the corporation counsel, I desire to offer the following:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board House bill 1505 now pending before the Massachusetts Legislature ought to pass.

The resolve was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, for the benefit of the members of the Board I will say that House Bill 1505 is a bill allowing members of Grand Army posts, Spanish War Veterans and Sons of Veterans to parade on Sunday mornings with music, which may play except in front of churches, the same as is now allowed in the case of the Veteran Firemen's Association. It is a bill with which I understand all the authorities are in accord.

The resolve was declared passed. Ald. CURLEY doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The resolve was passed, yeas 13, nays none.

RECESS.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. BANGS, at 4:07 P. M., to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by Ald. BERWIN at 4:49 P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. BERWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), recommending the passage or orders authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of the following estates, said sidewalks to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones; owner to furnish the material:

- Boyd & Berry, 39-41 Bullard St., Wd. 20.
- Mary E. Patterson, 263 East Cottage St., Wd. 20.
- Carney Hospital, driveway, National St., Wd. 15.
- John Kelley, 78 Homes Ave., Wd. 20.
- H. Tomfohrde, 24-26 Stanwood St., Wd. 20.
- Thomas F. Hanlon, Train St., side of estate 48-50 Rosemount St., Wd. 24.
- A. S. Johnston, 1015-1019 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 24.
- Thomas Sullivan et al., 19-29 Milton Ave., Wd. 24.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred May 27th) for license to store and keep for sale products of petroleum—recommending reference to the Committee on Licenses, viz.:

Burbank & Ryder Varnish Company, 62 Alford St., Wd. 4.

Public Grounds Dept., Massachusetts Ave., corner Shirley St., Wd. 16.

Pilgrim Laundry Company, 3355-3365 Washington St., Wd. 23.

Franklin Square Auto Company, 51-55-55 Mystic St., Wd. 12.

H. Gavel, 1939 Beacon St., Wd. 25.

Reports severally accepted; said reference ordered.

(3) Report on the petition of W. E. Barnes (referred May 27) for a license to store products of petroleum in rear of 432 Columbia Rd., Wd. 16—recommending that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Report on the order (referred today to prohibit hospitals for contagious or infectious diseases in Brighton—Recommending reference to the Committee on Health, Ald.

Report accepted, said reference ordered.

(5) Report on the renonstrance of W. K. Corey, trustee, (referred today) against the establishing of a hospital for contagious diseases near corner of Washington St. and Corey road, Wd. 25—Recommending reference to the Committee on Health, Ald.

Report accepted, said reference ordered.

(6) Report on the message of the Mayor (referred today) transmitting communication from Cemetery trustees relative to stone wall at Old Dorchester cemetery—Recommending that the message be placed on file.

Report accepted, message placed on file.

(7) Report on the communication from the City Clerk of Chelsea (referred today) relative to repair of Meridian St. Bridge—Recommending that the communication be placed on file.

Report accepted, communication placed on file.

CLOSING OF STREET.

Ald. FLANAGAN offered an order—That the roadway on Pleasant St., between Tremont St. and Shawmut Ave., Wd. 7, be closed to public travel during the time necessary for the completion of improvements now in progress.

Passed.

LIST OF CONTRACTS.

Ald. BELL called up No. 10 on the calendar, past assignment, viz.:

10. An ordinance to amend Chapter 6 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, relative to the Auditing Department. Be it ordained, etc., as follows:

Chapter 6 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered Section 9, as follows:

Section 9. The City Auditor shall, immediately after the first day of each month, transmit to the City Council, through the Mayor, a full and complete statement of all contracts in his possession of sums of \$250 or more, which have been made by city officers, and which have not been included in any preceding report. Said statement shall give the names of the contracting parties, the nature of the contract, and the amount thereof; and if any of said contracts have not been advertised, he shall include in his report the reasons assigned for not publicly advertising for proposals.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I have called up No. 10, I am going to vote for it, and of course I would like to have the other members of the Board vote for it as well, although the Legislature has passed a bill which practically compels the city to do what I have asked for here. The only difference is that contracts are now on file in the City Clerk's office, and can be seen there, while my ordinance asks that a statement of the same be published monthly. Of course, I would like to have this passed, but the members can do as they see fit.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY, the Board voted to indefinitely postpone the ordinance. Ald. Bell doubted the vote, and asked for the yeas and nays. The Board voted to indefinitely postpone the orders, yeas 7, nays 5.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Berwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—7.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Clark, Draper—5.

REPAIR OF STREETS.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to order all corporations or individuals to whom permits have been issued for work on streets to repair and put in proper condition all such streets where such work has been done.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I believe the desired result is possible to obtain under the existing law relative to the issuance of permits, but for some inconceivable reason no attempt has apparently been made to enforce the law relative to street openings under permits granted through the permit office. Therefore, the condition of the streets throughout the city today may, as some papers have termed it, be considered a disgrace to the city. But it is not due to the amount of travel that obtains over the streets, neither is it due to the manner in which the streets are constructed; but it is due to the laxity of enforcement of the ordinances relative to street openings under permits that have been granted to various corporations or individuals in various sections of the city. Today, going to many of our principal streets and many of our smaller down town streets, we find cases where the city has spent anywhere from \$25,000 to \$250,000 in construction, and where the condition is first class, with the exception of certain places that perhaps lead to manholes owned and operated by the Edison Company, the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company or some other corporation, or possibly where the water department has been at work. In those particular places we find depressions and imperfections in the street, due to no other reason than that the company, in order to practice economy, has failed to do the proper amount of work in filling in the street and placing the surface back in proper condition. I did have in mind the advisability of presenting another order which I have drawn up. I have, however, offered this one, because I believe it is possible under the law to have the work done by the Superintendent of Streets. The order which I had in mind was as follows:

“Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to furnish this Board with a draft of an ordinance which will provide that in all cases where streets are opened the surface shall be restored by the Street Department at the expense of the person or corporation opening the street.”

It is an impossibility to maintain a good surface on the streets if the person or corporation to whom permission is granted to open a street, for the laying of conduits, pipes or poles, is not required to put the street back in the

condition in which it should be placed. I believe the ordinances require that in case of the granting of such a permit the street shall be kept in good condition for one year, but in no case apparently is the law enforced. Going through Harrison Ave., Tremont St., Shawmut Ave., Columbus Ave. or any other street of the city, we find that the same bad conditions prevail. We find, for instance, that the Edison Illuminating Company, since they adopted the policy of placing their conduits under the sidewalks, have caused the sidewalks to be depressed where their conduits are placed below them. It is a condition of affairs that should not prevail. I believe the gentlemen in charge of the Permit Office or the Superintendent of Streets, can change that condition of affairs by taking such action as is suggested in this order, and I sincerely trust that they will do so. The order was passed.

REPAIR OF MERIDIAN ST. BRIDGE.

Ald. BATTIS called up No. 4 on the calendar, special assignment v.z.:
4. Ordered. That the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) be, and he hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Bridges, for the improvement of the Meridian-St. bridge; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

Ald. BATTIS—Mr. Chairman, the reason why I have called this order up is that in talking with the Mayor he informed me that all work or reconstruction of the bridges has always been done by loan. While I, for one, as a Republican member of the Board, do not believe entirely in that policy, I do believe it is for the interests of East Boston that this money should be appropriated and this work done at once. The bridge is in such a condition that it ought to be attended to, and I certainly hope the members of the Board will vote for the order so that the bridge may be put in proper repair.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, at the last meeting of this board an order was introduced to accomplish this same work by means of money raised from the tax levy. I was and am willing to vote for that or a similar order today, but I am not willing to vote for this order. I want to make my position clear. My reason for not voting for this order is not that I don't think the work should be done. I do think it should be done, but I don't think the city is justified in borrowing money to do this work. I think this is very obviously the sort of work that should be done out of current income, that should be paid for out of the taxes, and not by loan, and it is

for that reason, and for that reason only, that I propose to vote against this order.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I have no desire to discuss the now very moot question as to what constitutes a permanent improvement, and what might be termed a current expense; but I am informed by one of the Aldermen from the East Boston district that it is 20 years since any amount of money in excess of \$1000 was expended for improvements of any nature on this particular bridge. I anticipate that, if this loan is issued, by the time it becomes necessary to issue another loan for the repair, reconstruction or rebuilding of the bridge, the Legislature will have seen the wisdom of enacting such legislation as will require Chelsea to share the burden with the city of Boston. I believe the unfortunate thing in connection with this proposition is the fact that the city of Boston must bear the entire expense. True, the city of Boston has received as much benefit from the improvement as does the city of Chelsea, but unfortunately the city of Chelsea cannot be compelled to bear its portion of the burden, and there is apparently no disposition on the part of the city officials of Chelsea to come forward and willingly assume the portion of the burden which they should share. Under the circumstances, since we have no right to compel the city of Chelsea to assume its portion of the burden, and since legislation has not been enacted which will compel Chelsea to assume its portion of the burden, and since in good faith a corporation that uses a portion of the bridge has seen fit to pay even more than the city would be compelled to pay to place the bridge in proper condition, I can conceive of no reason why the necessary money should not be raised in the form of a loan. In all probability it will be 20 to 25 years before it will become necessary to expend any great amount of money again for an improvement of this character, and there is no reason why the present generation should pay for that which will be enjoyed by future generations. Such being the situation, I believe the proper way to raise this money is, as the Alderman from East Boston has outlined it, in the form of a loan, and I sincerely trust that the order will so pass.

The order was passed, yeas 10, nays 3. Ald. Bangs, Bell and Clark voting any.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. BELL, the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. LEARY, at 5:05 P. M., to meet on Monday, June 10th, at 3 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.**Proceedings of Common Council.**

Thursday, June 6, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber,

City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P. M., President BARRETT in the chair.

Mr. KELLY of Wd. 16 raised the point of order that there was not a quorum present. The President directed the members present to rise and remain standing until counted. The count showing but fifteen members, less than a quorum present, the President declared the Council adjourned to meet on Thursday, June 13, at 7:45 o'clock P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, June 10, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Ald. BERWIN presiding, and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. BATTIS, to dispense with the reading of the record of the previous meeting.

APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, June 8, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby make the following appointments:

(1) George E. Baker (509 Broadway), to be Measurer of Wood and Bark for the term ending April 30, 1908.

(2) John J. Lyons (2 Dorchester Ave.), to be a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1908.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

AUSTIN-ST. CLOSING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, June 7, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Street Commissioners in regard to the closing to public uses the archway portion of Austin St., Charlestown, from the low level of said street to the gate of the State Prison, and, in accordance with their suggestion, I recommend the passage of the accompanying order authorizing the desired closing.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Street Laying-Out Department,

June 7, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Dear Sir:—On April 24 last, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, through its Board of Prison Commissioners, petitioned this Board for the discontinuance of a portion of Austin St., Charlestown.

The Grade Crossing Commissioners, in their plan to abolish the Prison Point grade crossings, established two levels for Austin St., opposite the prison, one high level and one low level. In establishing the high level, which was by a bridge or viaduct, they left an archway approach to the prison gate, on the low level, which can serve no public purpose except as means of access to and egress from the prison. This archway is a nuisance and a menace to the prison. In their petition to this Board the Prison Commissioners state:

"And your petitioner further represents that said archway or dead end of Austin St. is unlawfully used during the night as a place of storage for wagons, trucks, etc., of private owners, to such an extent that access to or egress from your petitioner's land would be impossible for fire apparatus in case of fire and in other emergencies, and

that such use of said archway constitutes a nuisance."

An investigation by this Board shows that the end sought cannot be obtained by a discontinuance of this portion of Austin St. for the reason that if such discontinuance is made a portion of the land in the archway would revert to the Boston & Maine railroad.

A solution of the problem, this Board thinks, would be in having the Superintendent of Streets close the part of Austin St. under the archway to public uses by putting a gate across it, with a lock and key, the authorities at the prison to have possession of the key.

With this end in view this Board respectfully suggests that you recommend to the Board of Aldermen the closing of this portion of Austin St., and submits a form of order covering the same.

The Board begs to add that the prison authorities consulted with Corporation Counsel Babson, who referred them to this department.

Very respectfully,

J. J. O'Callaghan, Secretary.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close to public use the archway portion of Austin street, Charlestown, extending from the low level of said street to the gate of the State Prison, by placing a high gate across the southeasterly entrance of said archway, with lock and key, the key to be placed in the custody of the Warden of said State Prison.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

LAND FOR PARK PURPOSES.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor.

June 7, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Park Department in answer to your order requesting a report as to the feasibility of taking the parcel of land bounded by O St., Seventh St. and Columbia Rd. for park purposes.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Park Department, June 3, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, City Hall, Boston.

Dear Sir:—The Board has received and duly considered the enclosed order of the Board of Aldermen, requesting this Board to report as to the feasibility of taking the parcel of land bounded by O St., Seventh St. and Columbia Rd., and what action, if any, is necessary on the part of the City Council.

The land referred to is opposite the Boston Yacht Club grounds, is nearly triangular in shape, and while the Board is of the opinion that it would be desirable to have this, as well as other triangular pieces of land along the Strandway, for planting purposes, there is no pressing need for them for the protection of the Strandway, and, under the present financial condition of the city, expenditures for securing them would not be justified.

Yours respectfully,

Geo. F. Clarke, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

CONDITION OF STATION 6.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, June 7, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Health in answer

to your order requesting a copy of the report upon the condition of Police Station No. 6.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Health Department,

June 6, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Dear Sir:—Enclosed please find copy of the report of investigation of the condition of Police Station 6, by the Sanitary Board No. 1, appointed by the Board of Health, to be forwarded to the Board of Aldermen, as requested of you by them.

Very truly yours,

Board of Health,

John J. Douglass, Secretary.

Boston, Oct. 30, 1906.

To the Board of Health:—

Gentlemen:—I have this day inspected Public Building, Police Station 6, Broadway, Wd. 13, in charge of Police Department, and make the following report:

This is a three-story and basement brick building with patrol wagon attached. The building is old, not in more than medium repair, and poorly arranged for the needs of this district. In the basement are a number of cells which have long since been abandoned as useless. On the first and second floors are tiers of ill-lighted and poorly ventilated cells, each having a water closet, the bowls of which are filthy, corroded and offensive. The guard room is poorly lighted. The dormitories on the second and third floors are for the most part overcrowded with beds; on the third floor a number of small rooms might be changed into one large dormitory. The roof seems to be leaky in two places, as indicated by stains in the ceiling. The patrol house and stable are located on Athens St. The accommodations for both men and horses are very poor, and in our opinion inadequate, and we suggest that radical changes are necessary.

Drainage stood strong peppermint test.

Personal history of health of 62 men good.

Thos. B. Shea, M. D.,

C. A. Brown,

Sanitary Board No. 1, appointed by the Board of Health.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

SUNDAY CONCERTS, JAMAICA POND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, June 7, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Music Department in answer to your order requesting that the concerts at Jamaica Pond be given on Sunday evenings, instead of on Saturday afternoons. Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Music Department, June 6, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:—Replying to an order passed by the Honorable Board of Aldermen, May 13, and referred by you to the Music Trustees, namely:

"That the Music Trustees, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this Board to arrange to have the concerts at Jamaica Pond on Sunday evenings during the coming season, instead of Saturday afternoon, as in former years."

I beg leave to report that nine Sunday evening concerts will be given on the new music pavilion at Pine Bank, Jamaica Pond, this summer, beginning June 30 and ending August 25.

Respectfully yours,

Edwin A. Franklin, Chairman.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

EXECUTION OF COURT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, June 6, 1907.

To the City Council:

I transmit herewith a communication from the City Auditor stating that an execution of court on account of damages for land taken for the widening of Belgrade Ave., amounting to \$6850, has been paid, and that an award of the Street Commissioners, amounting to \$350, on account of the same improvement, awaits payment. The balance of the original loan appropriation for "Brandon St. and Belgrade Ave." is \$3.54, and I therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying order that provision may be made for the existing deficit in this account. Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

June 5, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of the

City of Boston.

Sir:—An execution of court amounting to \$6850 was paid today on account of damages for land taken for widening of Belgrade Ave.

There is besides in this office an award of the Street Commissioners amounting to \$350 to be paid when money is provided. The balance in the appropriation for Brandon St. and Belgrade Ave. is \$3.54, and the amount paid or chargeable against it is \$7200, leaving \$7196.46 to be provided for.

Respectfully,

J. Alfred Mitchell, City Auditor.

Ordered, That the sum of seventy-one hundred ninety-six dollars and forty-six cents (\$7196.46) be appropriated to meet a deficit in the appropriation for "Brandon St. and Belgrade Ave.," caused by an execution of court and an award of the Board of Street Commissioners; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

ANNUITY TO WIDOW.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, June 6, 1907.

To the City Council:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner asking that provision be made for the payment of an annuity to the widow of Captain Edward D. Pope, who died from injuries received while in the discharge of his duty as a member of the Fire Department, and I recommend the passage of the accompanying order, which would authorize the annuity. Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Fire Department, June 4, 1907.

His Honor, John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Sir:—I would respectfully ask that, in accordance with the Acts of 1883, Chapter 107, necessary action be taken by the Honorable the City Council, to enable Mrs. Margaret Pope, widow of Captain Edward D. Pope, formerly of

this department, who, after seventeen years of service, died May 22, 1907, from the result of injury received while in the exercise of his duty, to receive an annuity of \$300 during her widowhood.

Respectfully,

Benj. W. Wells, Commissioner.

Ordered: That, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 107 of the Acts of 1880, an annuity of not exceeding three hundred dollars (the amount to be fixed by the Fire Commissioner) be paid, as long as she remains unmarried, to Mrs. Margaret Pope, widow of Capt. Edward D. Pope, formerly of the Fire Department, and who died from injuries received while in the discharge of his duty as a member of said department; the amount to be paid under the authority of this order to be reckoned from the date of its approval, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received, and were referred to the committees named, viz.:-

Building Department (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

A. A. H. Meredith, Trustee, a sign, at 49-51 Elm St., Wd. 6.

Henry Sterling, an illuminated sign, at 143 Federal St., Wd. 7.

New China Cafe, an electric sign, at 13 Harrison Ave., Wd. 7.

Thomas Early & Son, an illuminated sign, at 19 Lagrange St., Wd. 7.

T. A. Pine, an electric sign, at Hotel Pelham, 74 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

Harry C. English, an illuminated sign, at 36 Pleasant St., Wd. 7.

Paul C. Klein, an electric sign, at southeast corner of Washington and Essex Sts., Wd. 7.

Jack K. Kayajian, an electric sign, at 256 Shawmut Ave., Wd. 9.

Royal Restaurant, an electric sign, at 488A Tremont St., Wd. 9.

Alfred E. Jolly, a sign, at 69 Berkeley St., Wd. 10.

Miss M. F. Fisk, an illuminated sign, at 322 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

G. A. & J. L. Damon, an arc light, at 238 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

Charles W. Paradise, Secretary, an electric sign, at 699 Tremont St., Wd. 12.

Barrow & Singleton, a sign, at 10 Sawyer St., Wd. 13.

Orazio Malone, two barber poles, at 1588 Tremont St., Wd. 19.

B. B. Stiller, an illuminated sign, at 29½ Tremont St., Wd. 6.

Sawyer Drug Company, an illuminated sign, at 274 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Murphy Brothers, a gas arc lamp, at 94 Compton St., Wd. 9.

George G. Harris, cloth sign, at 83 Sudbury St. Wd. 6.

H. J. Seiler, electric sign, at 513 Tremont St., Wd. 9.

Claims.

Lee M. Friedman, Admr., to be refunded \$34.27, the amount of tax on estate 8 Ludlow St., Wd. 4, which was twice paid.

Electric Wires.

Petitions of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, viz.:

For leave to remove one pole from Stacey St., Wd. 5.

For leave to erect eleven poles on Lindsey St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect three poles on Summit St., Wd. 25.

Faneuil Hall.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, on July 4, from 10 A. M. to 1 P. M.

Independence League, on the evening of June 12.

Cigar Makers' Union, on the evening of June 7.

Camp No. 1, United Spanish War Veterans, on the evening of June 13.

City of Boston, Public Buildings Department on the afternoon of June 20.

Licenses.

Delia A. Dolan, for a permit for Chester Dolan, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Lyceum Theatre during the week commencing June 10.

Superintendent of Public Grounds.

Shapiro & Lewis, for leave to remove two trees at 18-19 Warren St., Wd. 18.

Public Improvements.

Henry P. Emerson, for leave to construct a coal hole at 3-5 Green St., Wd. 8.

Tilton S. Bell, for a permit to discharge fireworks on Franklin Field on the evening of June 8.

Petitions for licenses to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, viz.:-

S. P. Blackburn & Co., at 287 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7.

W. Bowman Cutter, at 2306 Washington St., Wd. 18.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:

Frederick J. Rockwell, 25 Wheatland Ave., Wd. 20.

John W. Douse, 415-425 Geneva Ave., Wd. 20.

William E. Wight, 5 and 6 Olney St. and 214-216-218 Bowdoin St., Wd. 20.

Louis A. Deiss, 342 Geneva Ave., Wd. 20.

HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of William F. Lowe, for leave to project one bay window at 38 Myrtle St., Wd. 11.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Building Department (Ald.).

2. On petition of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, for leave to erect one pole on Prescott St., near Orleans St., Wd. 1.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

3. On petition of the Boston Consolidated Gas Company, for leave to attach its wires to two poles of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, on the southerly side of Sutherland Rd., east of Kinross Rd., Wd. 25.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

On petitions for license to store and keep oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, viz.:-

4. George H. Wood Company, at 431 Medford St., Wd. 4.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

5. Quincy Market Cold Storage and Warehouse Company, at 69 Eastern Ave., Wd. 6.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

6. Goodrich Motor Vehicle Company, at 98 Brighton Ave., Wd. 5.

Charles W. Bartlett, Esq., representing Frank E. Piper; J. H. McDonough, representing Old South Building, and Amos Starkey, John S. Paiton, Dexter C. Washburn, Mariand L. Pratt, S. W. Brown, Jr., Charles A. Kilham, Mrs. Behnke and Frank E. Wilson, all interested in property in the neighborhood, severally appeared and objected to the granting of the license.

On motion of Ald. WOODS, the matter was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, with instructions to give a public hearing.

7. On petition of the West End Street Railway Company for a location for a second track on Saratoga St., from its existing track at Bremen St., to and connecting with the southerly of the existing tracks east of the Boston & Albany railroad bridge, etc.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

8. On petition of the Cunningham Iron Company for the right to relocate and use its present single spur track across B St., Wd. 13, to connect with the tracks of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Company—the original right having been granted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

On motion of Ald. CLARK, the Board voted to take up, under unfinished business, the following:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz.:

9. Charles H. Barker, to be a Constable.

10. John J. Morris, to be a Weigher of Coal—both for the term ending April 30, 1908.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Ald. Clark and Finigan. Whole number of ballots 12, yes 12, and the appointments were confirmed.

RESTORATION OF OLD STATE HOUSE.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY, the Board took up past assignment, viz.:

11. Message of the Mayor recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the sum of seventy-five hundred dollars (\$7500) be appropriated, to be expended by His Honor the Mayor to meet the city's portion of the expense of restoring the Old Provincial State House in the city of Boston, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 385 of the Acts of the Massachusetts Legislature of 1907; and that to meet the said appropriation, the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to the said amount.

The order was passed, yeas 13, nays 0. Sent down.

EDGESTONE AND SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS.

Schedules were received from the Superintendent of Streets of the cost of constructing gravel sidewalks with granite edgestones in front of specified estates on Geneva Ave. between Bowdoin and Westville Sts., amounting to \$2602.72; also in front of specified estates on Maxwell St., Wd. 24, amounting to \$1776.62, and of the cost of constructing sidewalks with granite edgestones in front of estate on East Third St., Wd. 14, Elton St., Wd. 20, and Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24, amounting to \$505.42—with orders that the persons named in the within schedules be and they hereby are charged and assessed with one-half the sums set to their respective names (as per schedules), as their proportional parts of the cost of constructing said sidewalks and edgestones in front of their estates on said streets, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice given to the parties aforesaid.

The orders were passed.

ORDERS OF NOTICE OF HEARINGS.

On the petition of Etta Zimmon, for leave to project a bay window over Phillips St., from building 81 West Cedar St., an order of notice was passed for a hearing on Monday, June 24, at 3 o'clock, P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

On the following petitions for leave to store and keep for sale products of petroleum, viz.:

The Patterson-Sargent Company, 307 Atlantic Ave.

Patterson Lubricating Company, rear 114 Broad St.

G. H. Proctor Supply Company, Copley Sq. garage.

Boston Automobile Renting Company, Copley Sq. garage.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings on Monday, July 1, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

CONSTABLES' BONDS APPROVED.

The constables' bonds of Robert J. Dooley, Edwin J. Fairbank, Jr., Lawrence J. Kelly and William H. Swift having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved by the Board.

ELECTRIC WIRE REPORTS.

Ald. CURLEY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on the following petitions, recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz.:

Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston (recommitted May 22), for leave to erect one pole on Albany St., Wd. 17.

Same company (recommitted May 22), for leave to erect one pole in Astor St., Wd. 10.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts (recommitted May 22), for leave to erect one pole in Eustis, Kemble, Shirley and Langdon Sts., Wd. 17.

Same company (recommitted May 15), for leave to attach wires to three trees on Maverick St., Wd. 2.

Same company (recommitted May 13), for leave to erect three poles on Oak St., Wd. 4.

Same company (recommitted May 22), for leave to erect eleven poles on Chestnut Ave. and to remove one pole on Chestnut Sq., Wd. 22.

Same company (recommitted May 22), for leave to erect eleven poles on Newburg St., Wd. 23.

Same company (recommitted May 22), for leave to erect five poles on Dorr St., Wd. 21.

Same company (recommitted May 13), for leave to attach wires to one tree on Bartlett St., Wd. 4.

Same company (recommitted May 13), for leave to erect two poles and to remove one pole on Orleans St., Wd. 2.

Same company (recommitted May 22), for leave to erect seven poles on Morrison St., and five poles on Gardner St., Wd. 23.

Reports severally accepted.

(2) Report on the petition of the Boston Consolidated Gas Company (recommitted today) for leave to attach wires to two poles on Sutherland road, Wd. 25—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Boston Consolidated Gas Company to attach, and to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to allow the attachment of, the wires and fixtures of said gas company to two poles of said telephone company on the southerly side of

Sutherland road, Wd. 25, east of Kinross road, in such manner as may be approved by the Wire Commissioner; said poles being shown on a plan made by J. A. Gould, dated April 24, 1907, and deposited in the Wire Department.

The question came on accepting the report.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I move that further consideration be assigned to the next meeting.

The CHAIR—Objection having been made, the several reports will lie over to the next meeting of the Board.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I would move at this time a suspension of the rule, that the order may be placed upon its passage. This is not a request for a permit to locate a pole. It is simply a request to attach wires to a pole that is already erected. The petitioners have constructed a house there, which is all fitted up with electric fixtures, but it is an impossibility for them to light up their house, which probably represents an investment of \$7000 to \$10,000, unless the company gets this privilege. I trust that the rules will be suspended and that the permission will be granted. Otherwise, there will be a grave injustice to the owner of the property who desires the improvement.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, as this is out in the Brighton section I wish to say just a word. The people are very anxious to go ahead with the work. I hope the rules will be suspended and that there will be no delay, because these people have already moved in and have been waiting for this for some time. I hope the order will pass today.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent to withdraw my objection.

Objection being withdrawn, the order was read a second time and passed.

(3) Report on the petition of the Quincy Market Cold Storage and Warehouse Company for leave to extend its pipes in certain streets—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That a license be granted to the Quincy Market Cold Storage and Warehouse Company to lay its pipes and conduits in and under the streets within the following-described district, for the purpose of supplying its refrigerating and cooling service to such buildings as may require such service, viz.: That portion of Boston bounded by State, Washington, Bromfield and Tremont Sts., Scollay Sq., Court, Sudbury, Portland, Causeway and Beverly Sts., Charles* river, Harbor Commissioners' line, Lincoln's wharf, North Richmond, Hanover and Union Sts., Dock Sq. and Exchange St.; and the Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue from time to time, permits to do the work required on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, and under such other restrictions as he may deem proper to impose. This license is granted upon the condition that the licensee shall first give to the city of Boston a bond or bonds in the penal sum of not less than twenty thousand dollars, with sureties satisfactory to the Mayor, to indemnify and save harmless the said city against any and all claims for damages, costs, expenses or compensation for, on account of, or in any way growing out of the construction, laying, maintenance or use of said pipes and conduits, and for any neglect or negligence in respect to the same.

Report accepted, order passed.

PROJECTION OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department, Ald., submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of the Keep Manufacturing Company (referred June 3), for leave to project a sign at 301 Washington St., Wd. 6—Recommending that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for leave to project signs, recommending that leave be granted, as follows:

Miss M. F. Fisk, illuminated sign, 322 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

Royal Restaurant, electric sign, 488A Tremont St., Wd. 9.

New China Cafe electric sign, 13 Harrison Ave., Wd. 7.

George G. Harris, cloth sign, 83 Sudbury St., Wd. 6.

Charles W. Paradise, Secretary, electric sign, 699 Tremont St., Wd. 12.

Reports accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

LICENSE REPORTS.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to nine newsboys, four bootblacks and three vendors.

Reports accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of DeHa A. Dolan (referred today), for a permit for Chester Dolan, a child under 15 years of age, to appear at the Lyceum Theatre during the week beginning June 10.

Report accepted, permit granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports on petitions (severally referred June 3), for licenses to store and keep for sale products of petroleum—recommending that licenses be granted, viz.:

Burbank & Ryder Varnish Company, 62 Alford St., Wd. 4.

Public Grounds Department, Massachusetts Ave., corner Shirley St., Wd. 18.

Pilgrim Laundry Company, 3155-3165 Washington St., Wd. 23.

Franklin Square Auto Company, 51-53-55 Mystic St., Wd. 12.

H. Gavel, 1989 Beacon St., Wd. 25.

Reports severally accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

FINANCE REPORT.

Ald. BANGS, for the Committee on Finance, submitted a report on the order (referred May 27), appropriating the sum of \$200 for the purpose of opening the D-Street Gymnasium on Sundays—That the order ought to pass in concurrence.

Report accepted, order passed in concurrence.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Ald. BELL, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order for the payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families for the month of June, 1907, under the provisions of Chapter 79 of the Revised Laws.

Report accepted, order passed.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, submitted reports on petitions (severally referred today), for the use of Faneuil Hall—Recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

Camp No. 1, U. S. W. V., evening of June 13.

Cigar Makers' Union, evening of June 7.

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, July 4.

Independence League, evening of June 12.
Public Buildings Department, afternoon of June 20.
Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

CLAIMS REPORT.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Claims, submitted a report on the petition of Lotty A. McCabe (referred May 13) for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in sidewalk at 46 Temple Pl., Wd. 7.—Recommending that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Report accepted. Sent down.

HIGHWAY ASSESSMENT.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That the Auditor of the County of Suffolk be authorized to allow for payment to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the sum of sixty-six dollars and forty-nine cents (\$66.49) with interest, being the amount assessed on the County of Suffolk by the Massachusetts Highway Commission under authority of Chapter 47 of the Revised Laws, for the construction and maintenance of highways in the County of Suffolk during the year 1906; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for County of Suffolk.

Passed.

CLOSING OF ROADWAY.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Washington St., between Court Ave. and Milk St., Wds. 6-7, to public travel, during the time necessary for the completion of street improvements now in progress.

Passed.

DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the firing of rockets, crackers, squibs and serpents and similar fireworks, be permitted on June 17, 1907, and on July 4, 1907, from 4 o'clock in the morning until 12 o'clock midnight, on the streets and public squares, and such other portions of the city, including private grounds, on which exhibitions of fireworks can be given without exposing adjoining property to the danger of fire.

Passed.

TRACKS, BOWDOIN ST.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be hereby requested to lay new rails on the outward track on Bowdoin St., Wd. 20, between Olney St. and Geneva Ave.

Passed.

STREETS CLOSED—JUNE 17.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the Police Commissioner be authorized to close to travel by vehicles, except fire, police, hospital and mail wagons, the streets to be used for the various parades in Charlestown on June 17, 1907; and the City Messenger is hereby authorized to rope off said streets at such points as may be necessary; the expense incurred to be charged to the appropriation for City Messenger Department.

Passed.

POCKET EDITION OF RULES.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Clerk of Committees be authorized to prepare for the use of the members of the Board of Aldermen a pocket manual containing the rules and the revised regulations of the Board of Aldermen; the expense of the same to be charged to the Contingent Fund of the Board of Aldermen.

Passed.

FREE FERRIES—JULY FOURTH.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the City Auditor be hereby authorized to allow for payment to the Superintendent of Streets, on account of the Ferry Division, the sum of one dollar, and the said Superintendent is hereby authorized to accept the same in lieu of tolls for the ferries on July 4, 1907; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Mayor, Public Celebrations.

Passed. Sent down.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove the tree now standing in the sidewalk on Capen St., No. 4-4A, and charge the expense to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to have removed a tree at the corner of Sumner and London Sts., Wd. 2; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. CURLEY submitted a petition of George Ehrenfried, and in connection with the same offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two trees at the southerly corner of Tremont and West Brookline Sts., and charge the expense of said work to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department. Said trees are an obstruction to building operations at said location.

Passed.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim a tree standing in front of 8 Paris St., East Boston; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. DRAPER offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing at the corner of Warren and Intervale, and one at the corner of Warren and Brunswick Sts.; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

CLEANING ROXBURY STREETS.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested by this Board to instruct the Superintendent of Street Cleaning to have the city streets cleaned in the daytime, instead of at night.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, this order is in keeping with an order introduced recently by Ald. Baldwin, in which he asked the same thing for his district. The men who have been employed in cleaning the streets of the Roxbury district are, in a majority of cases, men of advanced years, and it is a great hardship to them to be obliged to be away from their homes the entire night. The work has gone on in the

past in the daytime, until the present winter, without complaint from anybody. I believe it will be possible to do the work in the Roxbury district in the future in the daytime as well as at night, and I sincerely trust the superintendent will so authorize the work to be done.

The order was passed.

SIDEWALK ORDER.

Ald. BALDWIN submitted a petition of James J. Nagle for a sidewalk on East Eighth St., and in connection with the same offered an order—that the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along No. 630 East Eighth St., Wd. 14, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of brick with granite edgestone, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Passed.

REPAIR OF DORCHESTER ST.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by His Honor the Mayor, be reway on Dorchester St., from Broadway to First St., in proper and safe condition for public travel.

Passed.

RECESS.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY the Board voted at 3:56 P. M. to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by Ald. BERWIN at 5:17 P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. BERWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutters adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, the owner to furnish the material, in front of the following estates:

John W. Douse, 415-425 Geneva Ave., Wd. 20.

Louis A. Deiss, 342 Geneva Ave. and Homes Ave., Wd. 20.

Frederick J. Rockwell, 25 Wheatland Ave., Wd. 20.

William E. Wight, 5 and 6 Olney St. and 214-216-213 Bowdoin St., Wd. 20.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

(2) Report on the petition of Henry P. Emerson (referred today)—recommending the passage of an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Henry P. Emerson to construct, maintain and use a coal hole opening not exceeding 18 inches in diameter and with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate Nos. 3 and 5 Green St., Wd. 8, the work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1907, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted, order passed.

(3) Report on the petition of TILTON S. Bell (referred today), for a permit for fireworks on Franklin Field on the evening of June 8—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Report on petitions (severally referred today), for licenses to store and keep for sale products of petroleum—recommending reference to the Committee on Licenses, viz.:

W. Bowman Cutter, 2303 Washington St., Wd. 18.

S. P. Blackburr & Co., 287 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 6.

George H. Wood Company, 413 Medford St., Wd. 4.

Quincy Market Cold Storage and Warehouse Company, 69 Eastern Ave., Wd. 6.

Reports accepted, said reference ordered.

(5) Report on the petition of the Goodrich Motor Vehicle Company (referred today), for license to store and keep for sale gasoline at 98 Western Ave., Wd. 25—Recommending reference to the Committee on Licenses, with instructions to give a public hearing.

Report accepted, said reference ordered.

(6) Report on the order (referred May 22), relative to the sale of a lot of land on Poplar St., between Florence and Sycamore Sts.—That the order ought not to pass.

Report accepted, order rejected.

(7) Report on the message of the Mayor and communication from the Board of Health (referred today), relative to the condition of Police Station 6—Recommending reference to the Committee on Finance.

Report accepted, said reference ordered.

(8) Report on the message and order (referred today), for a loan of \$7200 to meet execution of court on account of widening of Belgrade Ave.—That the order ought to pass.

Report accepted, order passed, yeas 13. Sent down.

(9) Report on the message of the Mayor and order (referred today), for the payment of an annuity to the widow of Capt. Edward D. Pope—That the order ought to pass.

Report accepted, order passed. Sent down.

(10) Reports on the messages of the Mayor (severally referred today), relative to taking certain land near O St., in connection with Columbia Rd., and relative to concerts at Jamaica pond on Sundays—Recommending that the same be placed on file.

Report accepted.

(11) Report on order (referred May 27), authorizing the City Auditor to transfer \$5000 from Reserve Fund to an appropriation for investigation of congestion of traffic in streets of Boston, to be expended by the Boston Transit Commission under provisions of Chapter 247 of the Acts of 1907—Recommending the passage of the same and that the accompanying message of the Mayor be placed on file.

Report accepted, message ordered placed on file, and order passed, yeas 12, nays 0.

NEXT MEETING.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Monday, June 24, 1907, at three o'clock P. M., and that hearings under orders of notice assigned for a prior date be postponed accordingly.

Passed.

STREETS CLOSED FOR PARADE.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Police Commissioner be authorized to close to travel for vehicles, except fire, police, hospital and mail wagons, all streets used by the parade of the 9th Regiment Veteran Association, June 25, 1907.

Passed.

RAILROAD REPORT.

Ald. DRAPER, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted a report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company (recommitted today) for a location for a track on Saratoga St.—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted to the West End Street Railway Company for locations for tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to construct, maintain and use a second track on Saratoga St., East Boston, from, and connecting with the southerly of the existing tracks there situate at Bremen St., to, and connecting with the southerly of the existing tracks east of the Boston and Albany railroad bridge, together with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated May 6, 1907, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

And the consent of the Board of Aldermen is granted to said company to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said location, and to erect, maintain and use iron poles, not less than twenty feet in height, at places indicated by red dots or circles on the aforesaid plan, or at such other places, to be shown by blue dots or circles on said plan, as may be approved by the Superintendent of Streets, and to place on said poles such wires and other appliances as the Commissioner of Wires shall approve.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, and the kind and locations of poles, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order, and shall file such acceptance with the City Clerk in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 399 of the Acts of 1902; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work authorized to be done under the provisions of this order shall be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I object to further consideration of the matter at this time.

The CHAIR—Objection being made, the order will lie over to the next meeting.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I move a suspension of the rules that the matter may be acted upon at the present time. The matter is one of some moment, the object of the order being to re-locate tracks, the re-location being necessitated by the change of grades. It is a very simple matter, and needs very little explanation.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I will withdraw my objection.

The objection being withdrawn, the order was passed under suspension of the rules.

IMPROVEMENT OF CEMETERIES.

Ald. DRAPER offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to provide in the first loan bill the sum of \$60,000 for the enlargement

and improvement of Mt. Hope and Evergreen cemeteries.
Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SOUTH ST. RESTRICTIONS.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the message of the Mayor and order, referred to the next City Government on Jan. 5, 1907, altering restrictions on lots on South St., bordering on the Arborway, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Park Department.
Passed.

IMPROVEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE SQ.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to provide in the first loan bill the sum of \$10,000 for new walks in Independence Sq., Wd. 14.
Referred to the Committee on Finance.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, EAST BOSTON.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to provide in the first loan bill the sum of \$100,000 for a municipal building in East Boston.
Referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPAIR OF LEXINGTON ST.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to have resurfaced and repaved Lexington St., from Meridian to Prescott Sts.
Passed.

PURCHASE OF OUTLOOK.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to include in the first loan bill the sum of \$40,000 to be expended for the purchase of the so-called "Outlook" on Washington St., opposite Bradley St., Wd. 20.
Referred to the Committee on Finance.

LOAN FOR WATER PIPES.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY, the Board took up past assignment, viz.:

14. Ordered, That the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) be appropriated, to be expended by the Water Commissioner for the construction of new, and the replacing of old, water pipes; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, there is very little that I can add to what has already been said upon this question by the Superintendent of the Water Department, the Water Commissioner and City Engineer Jackson, other than what was said at the recent meeting of the Committee on Finance by His Honor the Mayor—that it is impossible to purchase pipe for immediate delivery; that there is a prospect of a break in the market, and unless money is available for use by the Water Department it will be impossible to purchase advantageously for the city water pipe that is necessary for this work. Certain members of the Board

have seen fit to vote against this order since it has been presented to the City Council, and apparently with no desire to argue the question. As to the necessity for the work, we have been made aware of that necessity by the Fire Commissioner, the Water Commissioner and the City Engineer. They have informed the City Government that there is danger both to life and property by failure on the part of the City Government to provide the money necessary for the extension and renewal of the mains. They have also informed us that pipes can be purchased at the present time or in the immediate future advantageously by the city. Yet there apparently is no disposition on the part of the City Government to furnish the necessary money. I do not propose to contend that the way members vote is a question of politics or of party policy on their part; but I do believe some argument should be furnished, if they propose to continue along the line they have followed religiously for the last two months. If they do so continue, it is apparent that politics must be back of their actions, and while I believe in playing politics myself on certain matters, I do not believe a man can justify such action on a matter as important to the welfare of the entire community as is the subject matter under consideration. I sincerely trust that when the vote is taken the members of this Board will prove to the citizens at large that they are here not to represent any particular party policies, but endeavoring to represent, as they properly should, the interests of the entire community.

Ald. CLARK.—Mr. Chairman, I regret very much that the alderman has seen fit to bring this measure up today, because it may result in the killing of the order. I don't know, of course, whether it will or not, but heretofore the necessary votes to pass it have been lacking, and perhaps it may meet the same fate today. Undoubtedly there are some meritorious items in this order to borrow \$300,000 to extend the water mains. Undoubtedly there are some improvements contemplated which might properly be charged to a loan. How many of those matters are properly chargeable to a loan, if any, has not been up to the present time determined. This question involves perhaps the important question of the year, and that is, for what purposes should the city of Boston borrow money? I don't want to have to vote against this order today, but if it comes to a vote I shall feel obliged to do so, because we have not enough information at present to enable me to vote for a loan of \$300,000 to extend the water mains of Boston. I might be willing to vote for something, but hardly for \$300,000; and I, therefore, move that the matter be assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

Ald. CURLEY.—Mr. Chairman, I should like to ask the gentleman if there is a possibility of his securing the desired information within the next twelve months?

Ald. CLARK.—Mr. Chairman, I will answer that question honestly. I am open to conviction, but so far I have heard only one or two items mentioned which, in my opinion, are proper subjects for a loan, and they do not amount to \$300,000 by a very wide margin.

Ald. CURLEY.—Mr. Chairman, I do not believe it is the purpose of the gentleman from Dorchester or of any other member of this Board to seriously question the integrity of the City Engineer or of the Water Commissioner. As regards the mooted question of what constitutes a permanent improve-

ment and what may properly be termed a current expense, I can conceive of no reason, after what has been said by the City Engineer and by the Water Commissioner, why that should have any bearing upon this particular proposition. The Water Commissioner informs us that at the present time they are changing over some mains in the Roxbury district that have been in use previous to and since the annexation of Roxbury to the city of Boston. Some of those mains have been in use, in fact, for more than fifty years. In other sections of the city they find it necessary to do similar work upon mains that have been in use upwards of thirty years. They inform us that in the section from Postoffice Square and along Congress St. to the South Station there is at the present time but an 8-inch main, and that if a serious conflagration should take place in that section of the city it would be impossible to avert serious destruction of valuable property. The men who do business in that congested section of the city in the vicinity of Postoffice Square are entitled to adequate fire protection. They pay their taxes, which are fairly heavy, and there is no reason why they should not have such protection; and I can see no reason why the city government should not provide the Water Commissioner with the necessary money to afford that protection. In that particular section of the Roxbury district in which the Alderman from the Brighton district sometimes feels that he is interested there is apparently a desire to afford adequate protection to the inmates of the various hospitals located at the top of Parker Hill. I do not know the exact amount of money that would be necessary to lay a main to the summit of Parker Hill, but I do know that if lives were lost there because of lack of adequate fire protection no man in the city government would care to assume the responsibility for it. I know that no member of the city government would care to face the taxpayers and business men of the city and say, "It was my vote that prevented adequate fire protection in the business section of the city of Boston." If a conflagration were to sweep over that section, what protection would be afforded by an 8-inch main? There is a necessity for changing over those mains and the best argument in favor of the passage of the loan is the fact that since the extension of the 30-inch main in the Charlestown district the fire department has had no serious conflagration to deal with in connection with the Boston & Maine hay sheds or other property in the vicinity of Rutherford Ave. Since the extension of the main in the South Boston end of Congress St. there has been no serious conflagration in that section. Now, are we justified in affording the very best protection to human life and property against fire in certain sections of the city and denying to most important sections that protection to which they are entitled by the payment of their taxes? Let some member of this Board offer arguments why this order should fail of passage. But let no man feel that he justifies his position by standing on the floor and offering the excuse that he has not had sufficient time to investigate. Why, the order has been before the Board for more than three months. We anticipated it for six months—many of us anticipated it before we came here, possibly nine months or a year. Nearly half of the present year has passed, and yet there has been no action on the part of the

Board, and there is apparently no disposition on the part of the Board to act. Then what is the purpose of the members who oppose this order, if it is not a desire to play politics at the expense of the administration?

Ald. CLARK—Mr. Chairman, just a word. I have not been idle all the time this matter has been before the Board. I have discussed it with a great many men, and there is just about as much difference of opinion among those men as there is among the members of this Board. That is the way I feel about it at present.

Ald. Clark's motion to assign further consideration of the matter to the next meeting of the Board was declared car-

ried. Ald. Curley doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, and the motion to assign to the next meeting of the Board prevailed, yeas 7, nays 6:

Yeas—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Baldwin, Clark, Draper, Finigan—7.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—6.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. BALDWIN, the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned at 5:42 P. M., on motion of Ald. BANGS, to meet on Monday, June 24, at 3 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, June 13, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Common Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P. M., President BARRETT in the chair and a quorum present.

PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The PRESIDENT—There being no papers from the Mayor or other city officers the Chair will call up No. 3 on the calendar, viz.:

3. Mayor's message transmitting a communication from the Fire Commissioner asking that provision be made for the payment of an annuity to the widow of Capt. Edward D. Pope.

The passage of the following order is recommended in that message.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 107 of the Acts of 1880, an annuity not exceeding three hundred dollars (the amount to be fixed by the Fire Commissioner) be paid, as long as she remains unmarried, to Mrs. Margaret Pope, widow of Capt. Edward D. Pope, formerly of the Fire Department, and who died from injuries received while in the discharge of his duty as a member of said department; the amount to be paid under the authority of this order to be reckoned from the date of its approval, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department.

The communication was placed on file. The order was read a second time. The Council voted, on motion of Mr. McGIVERN of Wd. 16, to suspend the rule, and the order was passed in concurrence.

Mr. McGIVERN moved to reconsider; lost.

The PRESIDENT called up the following papers, viz.:

6. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of Marion Hey, referred April 12, 1907, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Dimock St.—leave to withdraw.

Accepted in concurrence.

7. Report of same committee, on petition of Lotty A. McCabe, referred May 13, 1907, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in sidewalk at 46 Temple Pl., Wd. 7—leave to withdraw.

Accepted in concurrence.

8. Report of Committee on Building Department, on petition of the Oriental Hall Association of Boston, referred May 6, 1907, recommending the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the Oriental Hall Association of Boston to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on Hyde Park Ave., Wd. 23, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied for stores and lodge rooms.

Report accepted; order passed in concurrence.

Mr. CARRUTH of Wd. 23 moved to reconsider; lost.

9. Ordered, That the City Auditor be hereby authorized to allow for payment to the Superintendent of Streets, on account of the Ferry Division, the sum of one dollar, and the said Superintendent is hereby authorized to accept the same in lieu of tolls for the ferries on July 4, 1907; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Mayor, Public Celebrations.

The rule was suspended, on motion of Mr. PENDERGAST of Wd. 2, and the order was passed in concurrence.

10. An Ordinance to Amend Chapters 2 and 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 2 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in Section 1 by striking out the word "ten" in the line relating to the Sealer and Deputy Sealers of Weights and Measures and inserting the word "eighteen" in place thereof.

Passed in concurrence.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15 moved to reconsider; lost.

11. An Ordinance concerning the Sanitary Department.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

Chapter 1 of the Ordinances of 1906, concerning the Street Department, is hereby amended in Section 1 of the chapter relating to the Sanitary Department, by striking therefrom the words "and who shall remove the house offal, house dirt and such ashes as are the product of burning materials for heating habitations, cooking and other domestic purposes," so that said section shall read as follows:

Section 1. The sanitary department shall be under the charge of the superintendent of sanitary department, who shall have the care and maintenance of the city teams and stables and of all the appliances and apparatus now or hereafter in use in connection with the removal of ashes, house dirt, and house offal, and shall remove the house offal, house dirt, and such ashes as are the product of burning materials for heating habitations, cooking and other domestic purposes, and all other noxious and refuse substances from yards and areas when so placed to be easily removed; and shall, when requested by the superintendent of streets or the board of health, render to said superintendent or board in the discharge of his or its duties concerning the sanitary condition of the city all the assistance that can be given by himself or his department.

Passed in concurrence. Mr. HACKETT of Wd. 21 moved to reconsider; lost.

WD. 25 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept, lay out and construct as a public street Weitz St., Wd. 25.

Passed. Sent up.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to grade, roll and put in proper condition for baseball and other sports, the North Brighton Playground, the expense attending the same to be charged to Public Grounds Department.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept, lay out and construct as a public street Al-pian Way, Wd. 25.

Passed. Sent up.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to remove a dead tree standing at the corner of Linden St. and Farrington Ave., Wd. 25, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to plant shrubs, flowers and put in proper condition the plot of city land in Franklin Sq., Wd. 25.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Board of Health be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to investigate and take such action as may be necessary to abate the nuisance caused by smoke from the Boston & Albany car shops and locomotives at Alston and Brighton, Wd. 25.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept, lay out and construct as a public street Litchfield St., Wd. 25.

Passed. Sent up.

IMPROVEMENTS—M-ST. PLAYGROUND.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to include in the first loan bill the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2000) for the completion of the apparatus and lockers for the M-St. Gymnasium.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

REFUND OF ENTRANCE FEE.

Mr. KENNEDY of Wd. 7 offered an order—That the City Treasurer be, and he hereby is, authorized to refund to Adelaide J. Sargent the sum of twenty-nine and sixteen one hundredths dollars (\$29.16), said amount being an overcharge of an entrance fee for entering the public sewer in Knapp St. from the estate No. 36 Kneeland St., city proper.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Mr. KENNEDY moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

SAVIN HILL PLAYGROUND.

Mr. BRAMHALL of Wd. 20 offered an order—That the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5000) be appropriated, to be expended by the Board of Park Commissioners for grading and improving the Savin Hill Playground, Wd. 20, and to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized from time to time, on request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purposes.

The rule was suspended, on motion of Mr. BRAMHALL, and the order was passed, yeas 58, nays 0.

Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Barrett, Bramhall, Brown, Carruth, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Foley, Hackett, Hanrahan, Harding, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCullough, McGivern, McGregor, McLennan, Mealey, Montague, Morgan, Murphy, Noonan, Noyes, O'Brien (18), Pendergast, Penshorn, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Sacks, Sheenan,

Sorenson, Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—57.

Nays—0.

Absent or not voting—Buckley, Daly (17), Daly (12), Ducey, Fitzgerald (3), George, Green, Hatton, Hayes, McCormack, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (14), Pierce, Purcell, Rosenberg, Santosuosso, Spellman, Sullivan (5)—18.

Mr. BRAMHALL moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

PENSION FOR MR. DODGE.

Mr. LILL of Wd. 8 called up No. 20, past assignment, viz.:

20. Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 338 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1907, James H. Dodge, City Auditor of this city for nearly twenty-five years, be, and hereby is, placed upon the pension roll of the city and be allowed and paid a pension of one hundred dollars per month, said sum so paid to be charged to the appropriation for Reserve Fund.

The question came on the passage of the order in concurrence.

Mr. LILL of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I desire at this time to call the attention of the Council to the act which passed the Legislature, which in itself I think is a very strong proposition. On page 405 of the minutes the act appears, and it reads as follows:

"An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to Grant a Pension to James H. Dodge.

"Section 1. For the purpose of promoting the spirit of loyalty and patriotism, and in recognition of the sacrifice made both for the Commonwealth and for the United States, and as a testimonial for meritorious service such as the Commonwealth may rightly give and such as her sons may honorably accept and receive, and in consideration of faithful services rendered to the city of Boston, the said city is hereby authorized by vote of its City Council, approved in writing by the Mayor, to place James H. Dodge, a veteran of the civil war and late city auditor of the city of Boston, upon the pension roll of the city at a pension not exceeding one hundred dollars per month.

"Sec. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage."

I have learned within the last three or four days that Mr. Dodge is almost totally blind. He is in want, in plain words, and when you consider the fact that the Massachusetts Legislature almost unanimously adopted this measure and it passed the Board of Aldermen unanimously, I believe it should be treated in the same way here. I sincerely trust that all the members here will vote on this proposition in the affirmative.

Mr. MORGAN of Wd. 22—Mr. President, I regret at this time to have to rise to oppose this order. As I understand the special act of the Legislature it was permissive, and it reads very nicely. At the same time, I think it would not be good policy for the body to pass this order tonight, as it would establish a precedent for granting pensions of this kind generally. I realize perhaps as well as any one, that Mr. Dodge is in humble straits. At the same time, he has two, if not three, grown up sons, and surely if he has cared for them in their maturing years they can do no less than take care of him in his declining years. If it were my father I certainly would make an effort to take care of him without outside aid. Again, if I may be permitted to quote what I heard this evening as the remark made by Mr. Dodge's son this afternoon, he said: "It is too bad, after a special act of the Legislature has been granted

and signed by the Governor, that it should be held up in the Council by a gang of thugs." I cannot see that it is good policy to grant this pension. I think Mr. Dodge's sons should care for him, and I hope the order will be rejected.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I don't feel that I would care to vote for this order tonight. I don't know a great deal about the case and have not taken the time to look up anything more about it. But I have heard during the week that this gentleman has two or three sons, one of whom is drawing quite a large salary at present, and it seems to me it would be better for the Council to get a little more information as to whether the gentleman is in indigent circumstances or not. I would move that the matter be assigned to the next meeting.

Mr. MCGIVERN—Mr. President, I hope this matter will not be assigned. We had it under consideration three weeks ago and the gentleman in the second division (Mr. Murphy) asked for assignment at that time in order to obtain some facts regarding Mr. Dodge. He has had ample time in the past three weeks to look into the matter. The opposition to the pension have given no good reason why the City Council should not concur in the action of the Legislature. This is not a question of granting a pension to Mr. Dodge's three sons. We care nothing about his sons. Perhaps his sons have to look after themselves and their families. This is a question of whether we should grant to Mr. Dodge this pension. As regards the remark that this was opposed by a gang of thugs, the son may have said that, but I see no reason why that statement should have any effect upon the action of the Council in granting to Mr. Dodge his pension of \$1200. A number of persons have gone to the Legislature and petitioned for the right to have the City Council of Boston grant this pension. There certainly must have been some interest taken in the matter by very prominent citizens of the city, as may be seen by the fact that we have obtained permission from the Legislature to grant this sum to Mr. Dodge—something that the Legislature very seldom does. The Legislature does not give the city of Boston any more than it is really entitled to. In fact, for a number of years past they have held the city up on a great many matters and imposed upon it a great many burdens that they should not have imposed. I certainly trust that the order will not be assigned for another week. It has been on the calendar for three or four weeks now, and those opposed to it have had ample opportunity to look into it. I sincerely trust that the order will pass unanimously.

Mr. SHEENAN of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I am heartily in favor of this order. The principle on which my friend in the first division bases his objection is the one that prompts me to favor the passage of the order. I see in the order a recognition of the pensioning principle, and I believe this is a step from which a battle can be fought in the interests of the men in the employ of the city who give the greater part of their lives to the service of the city. When corporations can pension their employees it seems to me that a municipal government can follow the example of corporations and pension its employees who have given 25 or 30 years of their lives to the city's service. When a man at the end of a substantial period becomes incapacitated from working further for his employer, and when that employer has benefited by and derived a profit from his labor, that employer should give

a proportionate part of the profit to sustain the employee during the rest of his life. As to the circumstances incident to this particular case, I think nearly all the members of this body are familiar with them.

My friend in the second division (Mr. Murphy) three weeks ago, when this matter precipitated a somewhat acrimonious discussion, suggested that further action on it be deferred in order that he might be afforded an opportunity to inquire into its merits. If he were deeply and profoundly interested in the order, either in its defeat or in its passage, it seems to me ample time has been afforded him to have familiarized himself with the circumstances incident to the order. I can conceive of no reason why we should postpone action. Let us act upon the matter tonight, the members voting either for or against the order, as they may see fit. But I trust that we will not further assign it. I think about all the members, and even my esteemed friend in the second division, are prepared to vote on this matter tonight. Now, in regard to the order. Here is a man who was employed by the city for 25 years. For some reason or other he quitted the city's service. He is now in destitute circumstances. Some of the gentlemen here have referred to his son. If those men will look into the records of our pauper institutions they may find the fathers and mothers of eminently respectable men in this city in these institutions today, because the sons and daughters of those men and women have neglected to provide suitably for their parents. Simply because a man has one or two sons is no reason why we should not accord him the treatment that his long service for the city merits. Mr. Dodge, it is true, was paid a substantial salary, but he has none of that money today. We should meet conditions as they confront us; we should turn our back to the past and look to the future. If this man, who has worked faithfully for the city of Boston, is in need today and our Legislature has permitted us to pension him, we should seize this opportunity of recognizing and manifesting our appreciation of that long service that he has rendered for the city of Boston. In the discussion of three weeks ago reference was made to the laboring man. There are men in this body who will always refer to the laboring man, regardless of the character of the matter under discussion. The purpose prompting their utterances must be apparent. But I will suggest to those men who are so profoundly interested and so keenly solicitous for the welfare of the working men of this city that they can do nothing that will contribute more to the interest and welfare of the working men in the employ of the city of Boston than to vote for this order, which is a recognition of the pension principle. The Legislature says, "We recognize the principle of pensioning employees; we allow you members of the government, if you deem it advisable, to pension Mr. James H. Dodge, who was an employee of yours for 25 years." If we go up to the Legislature later and say, "Here is John Jones or Michael Murphy, who should be pensioned," how can the Legislature consistently refuse to give authority to this body to pension those persons? The ultimate result will be—and I am heartily in favor of it—that legislation will be enacted whereby men in the employ of the city of Boston for 25 years or 30 years, or a substantial period, who have been incapacitated from further work, will be given a pension by the city of Boston so that they may subsist during the rest of

their lives, not being permitted to be committed to a pauper institution or having to rely upon their sons or daughters. I did not intend to go into this matter at such length; but I repeat that the members of this body who, like myself, are interested in the working men of the city—because we represent the working classes chiefly, those who come from such wards as mine—in voting for this order are recognizing a principle that is sound and that is aimed at the welfare of the working classes, particularly of the older men in the employ of the city. This order is highly meritorious and should be passed, and I am not so narrow-minded or so susceptible to extraordinary influences as to allow myself to be dissuaded from a righteous purpose by what any son of a man or any other person may say that might seem to cast reflections upon me or upon this body. Mr. Dodge should not be held accountable for what his son may inadvertently have said to any member of the body. We are dealing with Mr. Dodge himself. The man may live a year or two years, or perhaps may live five years. It is true that he is well advanced in years and that he will not live much longer. It is our duty to care for him, and in performing that duty, gentlemen, we are acting in the interests of other men who may be in like circumstances in the near future. I trust that this order will pass by a substantial vote.

Mr. MORGAN—Mr. President, the eloquent remarks of my friend in the third division are all very fine. At the same time here is a man who has received a salary of \$7500 a year for 25 years, footing up \$187,500. It is, indeed, unfortunate that he has been unable to provide for his old age, but I don't see why the taxpayers of Boston should grant him \$1200 a year.

Mr. DUCBY, of Wd. 4—Mr. President, I also at this time favor assignment of this bill, owing to the fact that I also think that a man who has for 25 years served the city and received \$7500 a year, being able to give his sons a proper education, should be cared for by those sons. My father has worked for 25 years for the city of Boston for the humble sum of \$600 a year. If he had been in a position where he received \$7500 a year I would today undoubtedly be studying or practicing medicine or law. I feel that the son of a man who has been able to provide him with a good education should, if he is a faithful son, support his father, giving him every attention. My father is a laborer at \$600 a year. He is today digging in the trench, working as a common laborer, and if he were disabled and compelled to cease work he would not receive \$100 a year compensation for his faithful service to the city of Boston. I agree with the gentleman who has preceded me that this order should not receive our favorable consideration, that we should not pension this gentleman who received such a large salary for 25 years.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25—Mr. President, I fully agree with the two gentlemen in the first division. I certainly must oppose the granting of pensions to these high-salaried officials in City Hall. I am opposed to granting this pension to Mr. Dodge. No doubt he needs whatever money can be given to him under the circumstances, but I believe in doing it in this case we would be establishing a very bad practice. It is well enough to give pensions to firemen and policemen, but the moment we start in on general pensions, beginning at the top of the ladder and giving the men who have received large salaries pensions, we are doing a dan-

gerous thing. Certainly, if we are to pension general employees of the city we should first consider the men who receive only \$600 a year, hardly enough to live on and certainly not enough to lay anything aside for a rainy day. It seems to me a very bad step to pension anybody in such circumstances as Mr. Dodge, and I certainly oppose it. It is not fair to the laboring men of the city. Many times pensions have been suggested for the city laborers, but the reply has been made that the expense would be too great. Nothing, however, is now said in this case about the expense to the city of starting this pension business. This will be the first pension granted to city employees outside of the Fire and Police Departments, and I sincerely hope the order will not pass tonight. I think it is a very bad step.

The question came on assignment.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, while I do not intend to vote against this order, I would like to see it modified. If it was amended to read \$50 a month, in place of \$100, I would gladly vote for it. I have known Mr. Dodge for years. He is an old South Boston boy, and a man greatly respected. He has served the city in an honorable and just manner during his time as City Auditor. I deplore his condition today, knowing that his life cannot extend for many years, and a pension of this kind would certainly be of some assistance to him and his wife. As I understand it, Mr. Dodge receives some state aid, soldiers' relief, to an amount of \$50 a month. If we amend this order, making it \$50 instead of \$100 a month, I think that would give him a fairly comfortable means of livelihood during the rest of his life. I will say that I agree with Mr. Sheenan in what he says regarding establishing a precedent because there may be some other unfortunate men employed by the city who may need such a pension later on. I hope and trust that the order will not be assigned, but that we will amend it, making it \$50 in place of \$100 a month.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I hope the order will not be assigned this evening. I believe the members have had ample time to make up their minds and form an opinion as to what stand they should take and how they should vote on the question before us this evening—the question of whether or not the city of Boston will pay a pension to one of its old employees in recognition of the service that that employee has rendered to the city. Mr. President, I dislike very much to oppose an order when so much has been urged in favor of its passage. Nevertheless, I recognize the principle that is involved, and I believe that this body will not be doing its duty by the people whom we are sent here to represent, or by itself, in passing the order at this time. I dislike very much to oppose it, for since the last meeting of the body I have had numerous requests from very many friends to withdraw my opposition to the order, or, if I could not favor it, to at least let it go without any opposition on my part. But the principle that is involved is one that is of vital importance to us. I recognize very well what a good thing it would be for this city government to be enabled by this precedent to establish a pension system for our employees and especially for the oft-quoted laborer, whom we all take great pleasure in honoring and recognizing in the course of our remarks and acts in this body. But, Mr. President, while we all know that this man is in need—at least, we have that information—we all know also that no member of this body is responsible for that man's financial condition. True, he is threatened with

a great affliction—that of losing his sight. I deeply sympathize with him because of that fact and because of the fact that, as we have reason to believe, he is in poor financial circumstances. But who is to blame for the present financial condition of a man who worked so long for the city of Boston at such a very large salary—a man who for 25 years drew the large salary of \$7500 a year from the city treasury of Boston and who for 40 years prior to that, making 25 years in all, drew a large salary from the city? I think any man here, starting out in life today, would say: "If you will give me one-half of \$7500 a year for 25 years, I will willingly agree not to ask the city for one red cent, no matter what befalls me in the way of misfortune." This is an age when we are taught to take care of ourselves. This man had an opportunity to live in magnificent style, and still save money. He had a princely salary upon which to draw, so that he could have every comfort in this life, and he should have taken a certain portion of that princely salary and laid it aside for the rainy day that he knew must come to him, were he to stay upon this earth for a long period. I do not wish to go into the question of how this man became involved in his present financial condition. It would not reflect any credit upon me to make it public, and I am sure it would not reflect any credit upon the gentleman himself. If we must have pensions, let us begin right. Don't let us act in this manner. Don't allow an order to be shoved through here by the attorney for that gentleman,—a very beautiful eulogy of the old soldier, of the city employee giving the best years of his life to the city and to the commonwealth, a beautiful eulogy drawn up in the shape of a memorial and resolution, in the office of Andrew J. Bailey, ex-city solicitor of the city of Boston, and then given to one of our representatives in this body, I think Mr. Wentworth, last year. They sent for him and said to him: "You are the Councilman from the district in which Mr. Dodge lives. He is in poor circumstances, is down and out, you know he lost his job in City Hall. There is no need of our telling you the reason. We want you to introduce the resolution." The public who are interested in the politics of this city, those who are identified with City Hall affairs, are thoroughly conversant with the reasons which caused Mr. Dodge's connection with this city to be severed, and I do not intend to go into that. I do not intend to go into the merits or demerits of the termination of Mr. Dodge's connection with the city; but I do say at this time that Mr. Dodge is not entitled to a pension, and that no member of this body can hide behind the cloak that this will establish a precedent whereby we can go to the Legislature again and say, "You have given us authority to give a pension to one of our ex-city employees; now we ask you to give it for another." If that person happened to be some poor, unfortunate laborer who was deprived of the means of earning a livelihood under the same conditions, and a petition went from this body to the Massachusetts Legislature asking them to give this city permission to pension such an individual at such a large amount, and his name was of the type which so greatly predominates in our citizenship here in Boston, I say to you gentlemen that that petition would be kicked out. No man by the name of Murphy, Kelly, or O'Brien, or any such name as that, would be granted such an exclusive privilege as this man Dodge has been accorded by the Massachusetts Legislature during this pres-

ent session. I am broad-minded enough; I merely cite that as an example. I am not wearing anything upon my sleeve, be it religion, ancestry or anything else. I am proud of the fact that I was born in Boston; I am proud of the fact that I am an American; and race issues of any kind do not enter into any part of my makeup. On this question I decide with an unbiased mind what I think are the principles for which we were sent here—that is, not to vote away money at this time for such a purpose, establishing such a precedent, which I am sure will not redound to the credit or to the honor of this body. I am further informed from good sources that this man's wife has real estate up to the value of \$13,000 in her name. If that is so, let them dispose of it, and I think they will get sufficient from the sale of that estate to enable them to live in comfort during the remaining years of their lives. I would suggest in closing, Mr. President and gentlemen, that the man who drew up that order and sent it through this body to the Legislature should draw up another order, petitioning the Legislature of this Commonwealth to pass a law making it a criminal offense for children of means to neglect their aged parents. I sincerely trust that this order will not pass here this evening, or that if it is placed upon its passage at this time it will meet with the defeat it merits.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair wishes to correct one mis-statement that has been made several times during the debate—a slight mis-statement, perhaps, but it is just as well to have it corrected. The Chair happens to know that in 1902 Mr. Dodge's salary was increased from \$5000 to \$7500, so that only during the last few years of his regime did he receive \$7500.

Mr. SHEENAN—Mr. President, my friend in the fourth division (Mr. Doherty) has based his objection upon a narrow bigotry, a race prejudice. If the petitioner bore the name of Murphy and were working in the Paving Department of this city, no more loyal advocate of an order of this kind would be found upon the floor of this body than the gentleman from East Boston. And, yet, Mr. President, that issue would involve the same principle. So long as I am in public office, I don't care whether it is a year or ten years, the name of Dodge and the name of Murphy will be the same to me. I trust that the day never will come when I will be moved by bigotry or narrow-mindedness in my public acts. I have passed through this city time and again and I have seen men wielding the pick and shovel who were feeble and apparently physically unable to perform the duties that they were attempting to discharge. I felt that that condition was a disgrace to this city, and yet I saw no relief from it. If the members who object to this order could disabuse their minds of racial prejudice and bigotry they might see a great, lofty, mighty principle looming up before them, which ultimately will result in giving the benefit of pensions to the class of people whose cause they pretend to espouse. I will say to my young friend in the first division (Mr. Duocoy) that his father will continue to work without a pension for many more years to come, as every other laboring man in this city will work without a pension, unless this body seizes this grand opportunity to recognize the principle of pensioning. It is certainly fortunate that it was the name of Dodge that went before the Massachusetts Legislature, because, I will concede that if it were the name of Murphy the Legislature would undoubtedly have rejected it. Yet we are fortunate that it was Dodge, be-

cause the Legislature placed itself in a position from which it cannot recede. It unqualifiedly and unalterably recognized a principle, and when you go before the Legislature in the future, and ask for the recognition of that principle the Legislature cannot consistently refuse your demand or petition. I say, gentlemen, this is a big question; it is a momentous question. It gives you an opportunity that you will not have again for years to come, because we may not have a man by the name of Dodge who can go before the Legislature and force that body into a position such as it has forced itself into. The Legislature has recognized that principle, and it is bound by it. Are you going to reject the only opportunity you have had or ever will have, you men who are so interested in the \$600 a year man? I say, gentlemen, you are making a mistake. You should view this matter liberally and broadly, because it is a big question. It is true, perhaps, that this man may have made money, but he has not got it today, and we must meet the conditions that obtain at this time, and not make up the man's history to find out what he did with his money. If a man is in needy circumstances and asks me for anything, my first impulse is to satisfy his wants, not to ask him what he did with the money that he had in the past few years. I trust that you men will bring yourselves to the mental state where you will see in this order a recognition of the principle of pensioning, and that, therefore, you will vote for the order irrespectively, independently, and regardlessly of the personality or identity of the beneficiary.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 2.—Mr. President, it was not my intention to have anything to say on this order, but lest some motive might be attributed to me such as has been attributed to others who are opposed to the order, I feel called upon to stand up here and give my reasons for opposing the order as it stands. I have always believed that if there is anything more reprehensible than to be guilty of a crime it is to unjustly accuse another of being guilty of that crime. Following out that idea—and I hesitate to say this, because the member in the third division (Mr. Sheenan) is a friend of mine, and I have always held him in high esteem on this occasion I must candidly say that he, to my mind, is guilty of an offense far greater than that which he attributes to those who are opposed to this order. He charges those who are opposed to the order with having a sordid motive in opposing it. I say that that accusation is false and untrue, and if it is false, untrue and unfounded, then I say that the gentleman in the third division is guilty of something more than sordid motives in this matter. I have to make no apology for my attitude on this order. I feel that my four years' record as a member of the body is proof enough to those who have been in the body that I am capable of taking a broad view upon this or any other question. Coming down to the order before us for discussion, my attitude upon it is simply this. I differ from the gentleman in the third division when he says it is a question of establishing a precedent for a policy, and that if we vote against this order we establish a precedent against the policy of pensions. I deny that emphatically. This is not a question of the policy of pensions. That does not rest on this single, isolated case. To my mind, this is rather the case of a gratuity, a single, isolated case. If the general question of pensions for employees of a municipal or any other corporation were up

here for discussion, I don't think a single member of this body would speak against such a policy. I have not heard a word or syllable from any of the many members of the body who have spoken on this order which would indicate that they are opposed to the policy of pensions. On the contrary, every member who has stood up here and opposed this order has plainly said—if he has not said it he has at least intimated it—that he was in favor of the policy of pensions when the money necessary to adopt such a policy was available. The question of pensions and of the policy of pensions is not today a mooted question. The question is not whether a pension system is advisable. The question is, have we the money to start a pension system? We are all agreed now, I think, that when the money is available that is the policy which should be adopted. When that policy is adopted I believe, and I think the majority of the members of this body believe, that we should commence at the bottom and go up, not commencing at the top and going down. If we are going to establish a pension system, it seems to me the first one who should be taken care of is the man whose pay is so meagre that it barely affords to him a means of livelihood. But, coming to this specific case and dropping the general question of a pension policy and system, it seems to me that in this case Mr. Dodge in asking for a gratuity does not present a very strong case. The strongest points in the case, it seems to me, are these, that he has given a number of years' service to the city; but, far and above that is the fact that he went out and risked his life for his country. In view of that fact, I, for one, am willing to overlook any of his follies. I am willing to overlook the question of whether or not his present condition is due to his own folly. But I think that when he comes in here and asks for a gratuity of \$1200 a year, when, as I understand it, he is already receiving a pension of \$50 a month, he is asking a little too much. The further statement has been made that Mr. Dodge's wife has some property in her own right. Now, if it is a fact that the sons of Mr. Dodge have been so ungrateful as not to give him the assistance for which he might justly look to them, if it is a fact that these three sons refuse to contribute to his support, then I take this position, that I am willing to vote for an order here giving to Mr. Dodge \$600 a year, instead of \$1200. But I am opposed to an order for \$1200.

Mr. COSTELLO of Wd. 16.—Mr. President, I think the members have listened to sufficient debate on this question, and I now move the previous question.

The main question was ordered, cutting off the motion to assign, and the order was declared rejected on a rising vote, 13 members in favor, 30 against.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13.—Mr. President, I move a reconsideration of the vote just taken and assignment of the reconsideration to the next meeting. If assignment prevails, I shall at the next meeting offer an amendment to the order.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19.—Mr. President, as the gentleman from Wd. 17 (Mr. Sheenan) said earlier in the evening, that almost every member here was prepared to vote on this order, and particularly said that the gentleman from Wd. 19 in the second division (Mr. Murphy) was prepared to vote on the order, I will say that I was prepared to vote on the order tonight. But, realizing that those members who are interested in the order did not have the vote here, I was willing enough to have it assigned. I sup-

pose I could be unfair and vote against assignment of reconsideration of this motion, but I will be fair and say that I am satisfied to vote for assignment of reconsideration to the next meeting.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, I don't see why this matter should be further assigned. Certainly there has been ample opportunity for deliberation on the part of the members, and each and every member has had ample time to go into the merits of the case. I don't believe this order should be kept on our calendar forever simply because there are not enough votes to pass it. If the members of this body are ever going to make up their minds, I think they ought to make them up now, as they have had ample opportunity to do so. I oppose assignment because I don't believe it is necessary. I believe this order has been given all the consideration to which it is entitled, and I certainly trust assignment will not prevail.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I merely want to remind the gentleman from Wd. 2 that several members in speaking upon this proposition said that they would vote for an order of this kind if it were amended, but no amendment was offered, and therefore the question came on the main question. If the gentleman from Wd. 2 and other members of the body are not fair enough to those who have not taken part in the debate for various reasons to allow the order to be assigned to the next meeting and to allow the members of this body to answer what they know to be mean and unfair statements, I will be greatly surprised.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, of course the time for amendment has gone by, but if any member here desires to do so there is nothing that prevents him from re-introducing the order in an amended form. The gentleman from Charlestown, who is desirous of giving Mr. Dodge \$600 a year, can easily introduce an order stipulating that amount. I think that will fill the bill and will prove satisfactory to everybody here.

The motion to assign to the next meeting was declared carried by a rising vote, 31 members in favor, 23 against. Mr. Doherty doubted the vote, and asked for the yeas and nays, but with unanimous consent withdrew his motion, and assignment of the order to the next meeting prevailed.

BUILDING PERMIT.

Mr. WENTWORTH of Wd. 22 called up No. 19, past assignment, viz.:

19. Report of Committee on Building Department (Mr. Willcutt dissenting), on petition of the Franklin Building Association, referred March 19, recommending the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the Franklin Building Association to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on south side of Ashmont St., Wd. 24, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied for mercantile purposes.

The question came on the acceptance of report and ordering the order to a second reading.

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I rise at this time in opposition to this order, and in doing so I am not representing the poll tax payers of my ward or of the city of Boston. I am

representing the property owners, and the property owners are opposed to this building unless it comes within the building laws. There have been quite a good many people who have visited different members of this body and asked them to vote in favor of this measure. I am at a loss to understand why a poll tax payer not residing in my ward nor in the district in the vicinity of this proposed building should be favored to the extent of allowing this building to go up, when the property owners are opposed to it. We had several hearings in reference to the matter at which not one property owner in Wd. 24 living anywhere in the vicinity of this building appeared in favor of it. Those who did appear were opposed to it. For that reason I ask the members of this Board to reject the order.

Mr. MCGIVERN of Wd. 16—Mr. President, I agree with the gentleman of the first division. I dissented from the report, but was not so recorded. The opposition to this comes from the property holders of the vicinity in which the proposed building is to be erected. The petitioners desire to build this building without a brick wall; the property holders there are opposed to that, on the ground that it will mean an increase of the insurance rate, for protection in that vicinity is not very good, and they feel that the City Council should take some action upon this matter, refusing to allow a building of this kind to be erected in a residential section. It is proposed to have dance halls and lodge rooms connected with the building, and the property holders within a range of 40 feet of the building are also opposed to it on that ground. I hope the report will not be accepted.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14—Mr. President, the Committee on Building Department considered this measure, holding a public hearing at which people from that district were present, and at that hearing there were people who objected to the granting of the permit, as well as people who were in favor of having the building put up in the manner proposed. At that committee meeting the property owners of the district were asked on what grounds they objected to this building. They objected principally on the ground that the owners were to have a license for a dance hall. The question was then put to the petitioners whether they would build the building anyway, if this permit were not granted, and they said that the building would go up any way, that the only question was whether they would be allowed to build outside the city ordinances. The people who protested in that meeting against the building said that they objected mainly to the purpose for which the building was to be used and not to the fact that the petitioners desired to build it outside of the city ordinance. This order is similar to a great many others that have gone through this government, and I believe this should go through as others have done. The same gentlemen who have spoken tonight against this building going up in the manner proposed has been in favor of other permits of the same sort in this body a number of times. I hope those objecting to this order will be thrown down, because I think the feeling against this building is more of a personal matter than it is an objection to the building being built outside the ordinance. I certainly hope the order will go through.

Mr. WENTWORTH of Wd. 22—Mr. President, as a member of the subcommittee it was at the hearing out there, and the objections seemed to my mind to indicate a neighborly quarrel more than an objection to the building.

I asked one of the objectors if he objected on account of the building being put up without a brick wall, or whether he objected to the building itself, and he said that he would as soon have the building put up without the brick wall as to have it put up with it, that he objected on general principles to the building itself. As the gentleman in the second division (Mr. Fitzgerald) has stated, they can put up the building any way; and under the circumstances, the real objection not being to the putting up of the building without the wall, I see no reason why the matter should be held up any longer. I believe it should be acted upon at once.

Mr. McCARTHY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, it seems to me this is simply a matter of personal spite on the part of some residents of Wd. 24 who have talked with our friend in the first division (Mr. Willcutt). It seems that one gentleman who owns land there a short distance from or adjoining this piece of property, demanded that a certain amount of land be given him before he would allow them to have their permit to build. He demanded, I believe, 1000 feet of land from this society that was going to build, and if it was not given to him he was going to raise a row. He went into this committee, I understand, with several women who owned property there, and when they got to the meeting they had serious objections to this building going up. The building is not going to be a common dance hall. It is to be the room of a lodge of Odd Fellows that has been in existence for 75 years in the city of Boston and is now composed particularly of young men who have moved to Dorchester and who desire to have a place to hold their meetings. It is not going to be any black spot on the community out there, and I hope the order will go through tonight.

Mr. McGIVERN—Mr. President, I would ask if it is not a fact that they are going to let this place for a public dance hall?

Mr. McCARTHY—As I understand it, they are going to let it for lodge purposes, and if any lodge desires to run the hall for the benefit of the members they can do so. We have dance halls in all sections of Boston, and I see no reason why that section should be considered any better than any other in that respect. There are such halls in our section of the city, in Dorchester, Roxbury and Charlestown, and I think the people of those sections are just as good as the people of Dorchester.

Mr. CLARK of Wd. 24—Mr. President, being a member of the Council of that part of the city that petitions for this building, I might say that I have been approached by quite a few residents of that section asking me to vote against this building. They seem to think it is a detriment to their neighborhood. Many of the people know nothing about any Building Committee of the City Council. Perhaps one or two of them might have approached members of the committee and asked them to vote against it; but there are hundreds of other residents who know nothing about any Building Committee, don't know that there is such a committee in existence. I don't think any member of this Council would want a dance hall put up near his bedroom window, where he could see the lights and hear the music until eleven, twelve or one o'clock in the morning, and I can see no reason why anybody who does not reside in the ward should be in favor of the building, anyway. I cannot see why the matter affects such a person one way or the other. I speak for my constituents, those who have spoken to me personally. They don't want the building there, and I think their wishes should be considered.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I would like to take exceptions to the remark of the gentleman to the effect that he thinks anyone who does not reside in Dorchester should not have a voice in this matter. I think we all have a right to act, and that it is our duty to act, upon any business that comes before the Council, whether it is on the calendar or is presented to us in any way. I think it is the business of any member of the body to have a voice upon such matters and to act upon them, regardless of the section from which he comes. The gentleman in the second division (Mr. Clark) has said that numerous residents and property holders of Dorchester did not know there was such a thing as a Building Committee of the City Council. I think that is their own fault. There was a hearing, and at the hearing there happened to be three objectors. One was a gentleman next door named Stevens, I believe, another was named Curtis, and the name of the third person I cannot recall at the present time. This application has been in here for some time. There are quite a number of dentists, doctors, one thing and another, anxious to take an office in the building. The longer this thing is staved off the poorer will be the chance to let the building. They should be given a chance to let offices by the first of September. This discussion practically should take place in the Committee on Buildings. At the hearing I speak of there were three persons who opposed the petition, and those three are the ones of whom the gentleman in the third division has spoken. There was one man who wanted a strip of ten feet of land from the lot; and I think Ald. Flanagan said that the only words he could find in the English language to fit the case were "personal spite." I trust that the order will pass tonight.

Mr. WILLCUTT—Mr. President, I want to answer Mr. Bagley. He is standing here tonight advocating that the permit go through simply at the request of some of the poll tax payers or voters in his ward. I stand here in opposition to this order, because the property owners out there are opposed to it. There may have been only three at the hearing, but there were a great many more who could not or would not attend the hearing for various reasons. There was not one property owner who came there who was in favor of it—not one. In answer to Mr. McCarthy, the gentleman he referred to was Mr. Stevens, and his statement made here was a lie, pure and simple. I will be very glad indeed to prove it in the presence of anybody who wants me to. It is not a question of a personal row; it is a question of their protecting their own interests. If a man gets a beautiful residence and pays \$10,000 or \$12,000, another one pays \$5000 or \$6000, and another one \$8000 or \$9000, is not each of those men entitled to your support? What right have you to damage his property, because some poll tax payer who is a friend of yours wants you to vote to do so? Are you going to vote in that way in order to get his vote election time? Is that the way to run your affairs here? I say that the man who pays his taxes on property is entitled to your support. The idea of the Wd. 8 gentleman coming here and asking you to vote in favor of this order simply because he has a lot of dance halls and lodges near him! We have plenty of room in Wd. 24, miles and miles of it, for such a building, without its going in this particular place. It could go up on the main thoroughfare, but they say they don't want it there because

at some time the Elevated is going through Dorchester Ave., and if it did it might spoil their hall for dancing purposes. Mr. Hersom, the chairman of the committee on the part of the Franklin Building Association, made a statement in Clerk of Committee Dever's room to the effect that he could sell the land for more than he paid for it, and he said, furthermore: "We don't want the building if we cannot have a permit for dancing there." Well, they will never get the permit for dancing. There are over 500 voters in that precinct who are unanimously against it. There is nobody in the neighborhood who favors this, and they are opposing it on any ground they possibly can. If the building must go up, let it conform to the building laws. Your Building Commissioner himself told me that it was a very poor example of a building for a dance hall—a wooden building three stories high, which might contain 500 or 600 people at a time, and which would be without any fire protection whatever. Your building laws are enacted for certain purposes, and you have a right to amend them if you see fit to do so. But until they are amended, unless there is a good reason to the contrary, you should stand by them. If there was no objection on the part of any of the property owners in the immediate vicinity, it might be perfectly proper to allow this permit to go through; but I say that when the property owners—not the poll tax payers, but the property owners—oppose this, it is time that you gave them some consideration. The property owner gets very little consideration at the hands of the average politician; he has only 1 vote and the poll tax payer has 100. Some of the property owners who are against this measure are ladies. They have no vote, and consequently some of these other gentlemen sitting around here have no interest in the matter because it means no vote to them. I am an Odd Fellow and am opposing this, and I would not be an Odd Fellow if I did not oppose it. (Laughter.)

Mr. WENTWORTH—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman in the first division (Mr. Willcutt), through you, to verify this statement—whether he does not remember a discussion we had after the hearing out in Ashmont, when we came out and went into a drug store, and I told him that I asked Mr. Stevens if he objected to the building because it was to be built without a brick wall, and found that he objected to the building generally. I told the gentleman in the first division that I asked him that question for the purpose of finding out whether the objection was to the building itself or because the building was to be built without a brick wall. I would like to ask the gentleman if he remembers that conversation?

Mr. WILLCUTT—Mr. President, I will answer Mr. Wentworth, I remember the conversation very well. As I said before, the property owners are opposing this building on any ground they possibly can, as they have a right to do, and their feeling in this matter should receive the consideration of this Council. Mr. Stevens' property, I understand, cost him \$12,500. There is property across the street owned by an old maid. (Laughter.) There are no votes in her family. (Laughter.) There is one in Mr. Stevens'. Just above Miss Wetherell is a gentleman by the name of Curtis. Mr. Curtis has a wife who has been an invalid for many years with inflammatory rheumatism. She is troubled with the least bit of noise or disturbance, and Mr. Curtis, in objecting to this building, had that on his mind more than anything else. Then

Mrs. Godding owns three large estates there, taxed in the vicinity of \$30,000, and across the street there are two more estates. In back there is another. They are all opposed to this building; there is not one in favor of it.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3—Mr. President, aside from the merits of this particular case it strikes me that there is a very strong similarity between the facts as they have developed in this case, and in a case that came before us some time ago, while there are particulars in which they differ. That case involved the question of whether a permit which nobody alleged should not have been granted long ago should be withheld because the petitioners went ahead without getting a permit. In this case, as far as the discussion has gone up to this moment, it appears that the question is whether the building laws should be used by those who object to a dance hall in the vicinity of their homes to prevent the erection of that dance hall. It does not appear that, if they succeed in having the building laws enforced, they will necessarily succeed in keeping the dance hall out. I am in sympathy with those who like to keep anything which would be objectionable to them or their families from their homes, but it appears to me that that is a question with which we are not concerned at this time. The question here, it seems to me, is whether a brick wall is necessary in this building for purposes of fire protection. It is not a question of whether the omission or the presence of that brick wall will prevent or allow a dance hall there. From the remarks of the gentleman in the first division (Mr. Willcutt) I should judge that the residents of that locality have other means of preventing a dance hall in that locality, which are more legitimate. I have not heard a word on the question of the necessity of a brick wall here for purposes of protection against fire. I have not heard anybody state whether this locality is a place that is well built up or whether the building is going into an isolated spot, where it will be removed from other buildings. In other words, nothing has been said which would indicate to me whether the ordinary reasons for the existence of the ordinance requiring the erection of a brick wall in such a building are wanting in this case or not. I would like to hear something on that question.

Mr. McCARTHY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, it seems to me rather strange that the gentleman from Wd. 24 (Mr. Willcutt), when No. 8 on the calendar went through tonight—an order identical in its purpose with the one now before us—did not object to it. But that was in a different ward, and he did not care whether they had a dance hall there or not, as long as it was not shoved into Wd. 24. Now, as a matter of fact, they are going to build this building whether we give them permission to build it without the brick wall or not. I think we have given probably a dozen permits during the last year to corporations and others to build buildings of this kind without a brick wall, and that, therefore, we ought to be fair in this matter and give such a permit to the Franklin Building Association, unless stronger reasons are urged against it than we have yet heard. We do not represent particular wards, Wd. 8 or any other ward, having nothing to do with any other section of the city. We are here to consider the interests of the whole city, as well as the interests of our own ward. Upon any matter on this calendar a representative of my section has just as much right to be heard as has a representative of Wd. 24. We do not object to the attitude of members from other sections in voting on general

propositions that come before the body, that may incidentally affect our ward, unless it happens to be a matter that peculiarly affects us and nobody else, and this is not such a case. There are such halls in other sections of Boston, and I see no reason why Wd. 24 should object to them any more than other sections. I hope the order will pass.

On motion of Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17 the main question was ordered. The report was accepted by a rising vote, 25 members in favor, 21 against.

The order was read a second time and was declared rejected by a rising vote, 23 members in favor, 25 against. Mr. WENTWORTH doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the order was adopted, yeas 29, nays 27:

Yeas—Bagley, Bramhall, Buckley, Colpoys, Doherty, Donovan, Fitzgerald (14), George, Hackett, Hanrahan, Hatton, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Leonard, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McLennan, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (18), Penshorn, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Sheenan, Sullivan (15), Wentworth, Woodside—29.

Nays—Anderson, Brown, Carruth, Clark (24), Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (12), Davidson, Doyle, Ducey, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (3), Harding, Kohler, Madden, McCabe, McGivern, McGregor, Mealey, Montague, Morgan, O'Brien, Pendergast, Wharton, Willcutt, Zetterman—27.

Absent or Not Voting—Barrett, Clark (20), Daly (17), Driscoll, Foley, Green, Hayes, Lill, Noyes, O'Brien (5), Pierce, Purcell, Roberts, Sacks, Santososso, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Troy—19.

Mr. WILLCUTT moved reconsideration and assignment of the reconsideration to the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I what is commonly called reneged on this vote, purposely, desiring an opportunity to speak upon the matter. This afternoon I was asked by a resident and taxpayer of my district to vote to accept this committee's report. This was all done by telephone. He said there was absolutely no reason why this report should not be accepted, and further told me that he would have at tonight's meeting a letter containing the statement which he made by telephone. I did not find it here when I got here. On the merits of the case Mr. Willcutt has made out a strong case. I have practically committed myself to voting to accept that report, provided what this man told me was confirmed by letter. It has not been confirmed by letter. That looks a little suspicious. There may be reason why he did not send the letter. Under the conditions, because the previous question was ordered, I was unable to be recognized by the President; so I could not vote intelligently one way or the other. I do not usually renege on a question. I certainly trust that Mr. Willcutt's courteous request for reconsideration will prevail, and I assure Mr. Willcutt and the gentlemen in the third division that at the next meeting there will be no question as to my vote. I will vote one way or the other. I do know one thing, however, and that is that in almost any other district than Ashmont the amiable gentleman in the first division and the equally amiable gentleman in the third division would not have adjourned from that meeting to a drug store. (Laughter.) They would have adjourned to some other place; the differences between them would have been settled, and they would have come in here all agreed as to what action they should take in the matter. (Laughter.) I hope reconsideration will prevail.

Mr. HARDING of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I am not from Wd. 24, but from Wd. 20, but Wd. 20 is a section of Boston in which we have a great many wooden buildings. It seems to me that the purpose of the building laws in causing a brick wall to be built to divide up the large area of floor space is to prevent fire. The Ashmont district, while fairly near a fire house, is a district comprised largely of wooden residences, built very close together, and which should be protected as much as possible against fire. They have no brick buildings there at all, and I believe, as a representative of Dorchester, of a district filled up with wooden buildings, where we have so many disastrous fires, that it is poor policy on the part of the Council to vote to pass an order that will prevent the restriction afforded by the building laws. Only last Saturday, during our celebration of Dorchester day, we had a fire start on Wolcott St., and notwithstanding the fact that an engine house was near by, the fire got such a start in one of these three-flat wooden building neighborhoods—and I presume the building referred to in this petition is in the style of the three-flat buildings—that it not only seriously damaged the building it started in, but three others. While I don't know the merits of this case, as far as the tax payers are concerned, I think it is poor policy to vote to take away the restriction that the residents of that section has on wooden buildings, imposed for protection against fire. If people are to be allowed to put up large wooden buildings without these precautions, when a fire once starts in it, nothing can prevent it from spreading.

Mr. WENTWORTH—Mr. President, in reply to the gentleman in the fourth division, in regard to adjournment to a drug store, instead of that being anything out of the usual, I think the members from Wd. 11 might do the same thing, in case there was no other place that was more congenial (laughter.) In regard to assignment of the order, I see no reason at this time why action upon the matter should be deferred any longer. It has been held up now for something like two or three months in the Building Committee. The petitioners are anxious to go ahead with their plan and erect their building regardless whether the Council accept the report of the committee or not. It seems to me unnecessary and foolish that this matter be deferred any longer. I hope it will not be assigned to the next meeting. If it is there is no knowing when it will be acted upon.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3—Mr. President, when I first voted on this matter I voted against it because there was no reply to the question I put, which was, whether the reasons which ordinarily exist for the erection of a brick wall were wanting in this case. I would now like to ask any members of the body from that district if they know whether or not, for the purposes of fire protection, a brick wall is necessary or advisable in this building?

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14—Mr. President, the question the gentleman asks was asked by Alderman Woods at the public hearing we gave. One of the remonstrants was asked if he thought a brick wall would make any difference in case of fire, and the answer came back that they were opposed to the building in general, that they didn't care anything about the brick wall in particular. Mr. Willcutt well knows that the Council cannot stop them from putting up the building. Now, we are not voting on the question of a

dance hall for Wd. 24. We are voting on the question of whether this lodge of Odd Fellows will be put to an additional expense of \$1000 or more in connection with a brick wall, or not. Similar orders have passed this body before, many times. I think Mr. McCarthy is right in saying that this is a matter of personal spite. I don't see anything else in it. There is no chance for fire. There is 20 feet each side of the building. The only question is whether they will have to build a brick wall or not. They have decided that the building will go up, any way. The only question is whether they will be required to put in the brick wall or build it six feet narrower.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will call attention to the fact that the question is on assignment. The members have already thrashed out the main question at some length, and, the question now being on assignment, the Chair will ask the members to confine themselves to that question.

Mr. WILLCUTT—Mr. President, I hope assignment will prevail. Some of the members here seem to be influenced in rather a peculiar way in favor of allowing this permit. I think it would be advisable for them to see some of the property owners out there themselves in the next week or two, and find out their opinions in regard to the matter.

The question of reconsideration was declared assigned to the next meeting. Mr. Wentworth doubted the vote, a rising vote was taken, and the question of reconsideration was assigned to the next meeting, 29 members in favor, 10 against.

ELEVATION OF CROSSWALKS.

Mr. WOODSIDE of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to elevate the crosswalks at the corner of Marion and Saratoga Sts., Wd. 1.

Referred to the Mayor.

CAR TRANSFERS.

Mr. WOODSIDE of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to run cars to the Chelsea side of the Meridian St. Bridge, and issue transfers to cars on the East Boston side of said bridge, and also to issue transfers from cars on the East Boston side of said bridge to cars on the Chelsea side.

Referred to the Mayor.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR VETERANS.

Mr. McCORMACK of Wd. 3 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be and hereby is requested to instruct heads of departments to allow such of their employees who are members of the 9th Regiment, M. V. M., and 9th Regiment Veteran Association leave of absence without loss of pay and in part compensation for their services to take part in the exercises attending the unveiling of the statue of Col. Finan.

Passed. Sent up.

REMOVAL OF TREE.

Mr. WHARTON of Wd. 10 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to remove the tree located opposite 195 West Newton St., as the same is damaging to the prop-

erty, the expenses to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Referred to the Mayor.

REPAIR OF SIDEWALK.

Mr. NOONAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause the sidewalk on the northwest corner of C and Fourth Sts., Wd. 13, to be put in proper condition for travel.

Referred to the Mayor.

OLD COLONY ROADBED.

Mr. NOONAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to inform this body what right, if any, the city of Boston has in the abandoned Old Colony roadbed, also what appropriations, if any, have been made to place said abandoned roadbed in proper condition, and how much of said appropriations has been expended in placing said abandoned roadbed in proper condition.

Referred to the Mayor.

RESURFACING OF WALNUT AVE.

Mr. FERGUSON of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to inform the Common Council as to the probability of his being able to comply with the requests of this and last year's Council for the resurfacing of Walnut Ave. between Warren St. and Humboldt Ave., Wd. 21.

Referred to the Mayor.

TIME OFF FOR POLICEMEN.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3 offered an order—That whereas, there was enacted in the House of Representatives, on the 12th day of June, 1907, and enacted in the Honorable Senate and signed by His Excellency the Governor on the 13th day of said June, an act entitled "An Act to Relieve Members of the Police Force of the City of Boston from Police Duty at Certain Times," and being the bill designated as House Bill No. 156, as amended, and

Whereas, it is provided in said act that it be accepted by the Mayor and City Council of said city of Boston, be it ordered that said act be and is hereby accepted.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3—Mr. President, in view of the fact that this is a very important matter, and one upon which I believe every member of the body should have the opportunity of voting, and inasmuch as some of the members have been obliged to go away, and are not now present, I move that the matter be assigned to the next meeting.

The motion to assign to the next meeting prevailed.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS. WD. 19.

Mr. MADDEN of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to pave Smith St. from Parker St. to Huntington Ave.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. MADDEN of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Street Cleaning be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to clean the streets in Wd. 19 in the day instead of the night.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. MADDEN of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested through His Honor the Mayor to place screenings on the sidewalks on Leon St., Wd. 19.

Referred to the Mayor.

RESURFACING OF STREETS, WD. 15.

Mr. MEALEY of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested through His Honor the Mayor to resurface Gates St. from Dorchester St. to East Eighth St., Wd. 15.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. MEALEY of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to resurface Mercer St. from Dorchester St. to East Eighth St., Wd. 15.

Referred to the Mayor.

PAVING OF SCHOOL ST.

Mr. DRISCOLL of Wd. 9 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to have School St. paved with wooden pavement, and expense be charged to Street Department.

Referred to the Mayor.

DAY OFF, PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS EMPLOYEES.

Mr. TROY of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the heads of departments having the charge of the public institutions on Deer, Long and Rainsford Islands be hereby requested to make such arrangements as may be necessary to allow the employees of said institutions one day off in seven, without loss of pay, and in part compensation for their services to the city of Boston.

Referred to the Mayor.

INFORMATION ASKED CONCERNING BUILDING

Mr. TROY of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to report to the Common Council the reason for the erection of a wooden building on the boulevard, opposite L St. Bath-house, the cost of the same and, if it is to be leased, to whom and under what conditions.

Referred to the Mayor.

REPAIR OF WALKS.

Mr. TROY of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to report to the Common Council why the walks in Independence Sq., Wd. 14, are not repaired and placed in proper condition for public use.

Referred to the Mayor.

FORTY-EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

Mr. TROY of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Corporation Counsel be requested to report to the Common Council the names of the departments of the city of Boston to which the forty-eight-hour law, so called, applies.

Referred to the Mayor.

REMOVAL OF TREE.

Mr. HACKETT of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through the Clerk of this body, to remove a tree standing in the rear of 4 Dale St., Wd. 21; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

BENCHES FOR PLAYGROUND.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners through His Honor the Mayor be requested to place a number of permanent benches on the Cottage St. playground, Wd. 2.

Referred to the Mayor.

REPAIR OF WEBSTER ST.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to resurface and place in proper condition for travel Webster St., Wd. 2.

Referred to the Mayor.

PLACING OF LAMPS.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place gas lamps at the following locations: Two (2) on Maverick Sq. one (1) on Lamson St., near Webster; one (1) on Maverick St., near Maverick Sq., Wd. 2.

Referred to the Mayor.

ENROLLMENT OF VOTERS.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Board of Election Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to make arrangements in the several wards to enable voters wishing to change their political enrollments to do so there for a limited number of evenings.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I want to say just a word or two in connection with that order. I feel, after the action of the Election Commissioners in refusing to allow their headquarters to be opened for the benefit of the working men, that it would be very easy for them now to establish headquarters in the different wards of the city. For instance, if they were afraid that it might cost their department too much money to go into this extensively, they might at least place a man in the different ward rooms of the city two or three evenings, in order to give the workmen, who have to work hard all day, and have no opportunity to come into town, a chance to enroll in whatever party they may wish. I feel that our every act and effort here should be in the interests of those people who have sent us to this body, and, in fact, of the whole people of the city of Boston, and not of a few men who are interested only in their own political future. Recently the voters of West Roxbury held an indignation meeting and passed resolutions condemning the attitude of the Election Commissioners of the city of Boston. In this matter they felt that the servants of the people were not acting fair to those who invested them with the dignity and responsibility of office. Those men are to be commended for their act, and it is the duty of this body to see that their complaint is given an attentive ear. It has been

my earnest endeavor to represent the people of the whole city to the best of my ability, and I feel justified to raising my voice in their behalf on this occasion. Hence this order this evening. I hope it will pass.
The order was passed. Sent up.

EVENING SCHOOL SESSIONS.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the School Committee be requested to make arrangements for holding in the Comins School building the sessions of the evening school, heretofore held in the Sherwin School building, it being found that said Comins School building is in a more central location and would better meet the requirements of patrons of said evening school.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19—Mr. President I feel of course that order explains itself, but there are many residents, not only in that section of the city, but also in Jamaica Plain, and even down in your own Wd. 18, who feel that they would rather go to the Comins School than to the Sherwin School, the Comins School being more centrally located. I hope some action will be taken on this matter. I feel sure that the School Committee will be glad to make the change.
The order was passed. Sent up.

CATCH BASIN, WARD 16.

Mr. COSTELLO of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Sewers, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to locate a catch-basin at the northwest corner of Ingleside and Dacia Sts., Wd. 16.
Referred to the Mayor.

SAND GARDENS, DORCHESTER.

Mr. COSTELLO of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the School Committee be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to establish in all the school yards of Wd. 16 sand gardens for the children, also the Phillips Brooks School of Wd. 20.
Referred to the Mayor.

CAR STOP, WD. 16.

Mr. COSTELLO of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place the stopping place of outgoing cars from the south side of West Cottage St. to the north side, Wd. 16.
Referred to the Mayor.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Mr. LEONARD of Wd. 9 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have removed three trees in front of 1475-1479-1485 Washington St., Wd. 9.
Referred to the Mayor.

BENCHES ON PARK, WD. 9.

Mr. LEONARD of Wd. 9 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have placed benches around the Park on the corner of Union Park St., Waltham St. and Harrison Ave., Wd. 9, for the summer season
Referred to the Mayor.

GAS LAMPS, WD. 9.

Mr. SACKS of Wd. 9 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a gas lamp on Castle St., between Middlesex and Village Sts.
Referred to the Mayor.
Mr. SACKS of Wd. 9 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a gas lamp on Shawmut Ave., between Castle and Lucas Sts.
Referred to the Mayor.

CONSTRUCTION OF KILTON ST.

Mr. HARDING of Wd. 20 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to furnish an estimate of the cost of constructing Kilton St., Wd. 20, from Park St. to Talbot Ave.
Referred to the Mayor.

A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I rise to a question of personal privilege, to make a statement.
The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that that is not a question of personal privilege, but that the gentleman may have the privilege of the floor.
Mr. WILLCUTT—Mr. President, I would like to ask you as Chairman of the Committee on Rules if you will not report back at the next meeting on the order referred to your committee? Under the rules of the Common Council I believe you are obliged to report back in four weeks, and the four weeks are up.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair recalls now that there was something referred to the Committee on Rules, but he had looked to the clerk of committees to call his attention to the fact. The Chair has been pretty busy lately, and the fact that the matter has not been attended to was due to carelessness or worse, if you want to call it that. I will see that some action is taken at once.

Mr. WILLCUTT—I accept the Chair's apology.

At this point Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 offered an order, but before it was read Mr. Driscoll raised the point of order that there was no quorum present. The Chair, after counting, declared the point of order well taken, and the Council was adjourned at 10:33 P. M. to Thursday, June 20, at 7:45 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, June 20, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, at City Hall, at 7:45 P. M., President BARRETT presiding.

As soon as the President called the

Council to order, Mr. COLPOYS of Wd. 15 said:

Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that there is not a quorum present.

The PRESIDENT—Mr. Colpoys rises to the point of order, that there is not a quorum present. The Chair will request the members present to arise and remain standing until counted, to ascertain whether there is a quorum present.

It was ascertained that only fifteen members were present.

The PRESIDENT—Only fifteen members, or less than a quorum being present, the Chair will declare the Council adjourned, to meet next Thursday evening at 7:45 o'clock.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, June 24, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Ald. BERWIN, senior member, in the chair, and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. CURLEY, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn for the Superior Criminal Court, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 514, Acts of 1894, viz.:

Twenty-two grand jurors, to appear July 1, 1907, viz.:—John W. Keefe, Wd. 20; William A. Brooks, Wd. 16; L. Elliott Carter, Wd. 10; Charles D. Maginnis, Wd. 11; Robert M. Dean, Wd. 5; Edward J. Doherty, Wd. 6; Richard Hollings, Wd. 20; Thomas E. Sherwin, Wd. 22; Robert T. Hall, Wd. 22; Harry B. King, Wd. 1; William A. Campbell, Wd. 2; George H. Griffin, Wd. 3; Christian Dibbern, Wd. 18; Daniel Duncan, Wd. 22; Bernard J. Farren, Wd. 4; Charles S. Champney, Wd. 24; Adolph S. Lundin, Wd. 10; Sam Greenblatt, Wd. 2; Edward F. X. McCarthy, Wd. 12; William N. Burroughs, Wd. 24; John H. Murray, Wd. 8; John Leonard, Jr., Wd. 24.

Forty-one traverse jurors, to appear July 1, 1907, viz.:

Charles D. Pettee, Wd. 20; Joseph P. Kelley, Wd. 24; Daniel J. Donovan, Wd. 15; John F. Neary, Wd. 18; Daniel Donovan, Wd. 23; William S. Sargent, Wd. 8; Frank F. Hotchkiss, Wd. 20; George F. Lawley, Wd. 14; John W. Loughlin, Wd. 3; Thomas A. Donnelly, Wd. 21; James W. Ross, Wd. 19; Horace A. Decatur, Wd. 17; Peter Burke, Wd. 22; Benjamin H. Hatch, Wd. 1; David Doody, Wd. 3; Peter A. Linehan, Wd. 12; Martin J. Mattimore, Wd. 20; William H. Snow, Wd. 1; Thomas Drew, Wd. 9; James F. McAloon, Wd. 10; Philip H. O'Donnell, Wd. 6; Cornelius J. Sullivan, Wd. 12; Edwin G. Dobbins, Wd. 21; Fredrich Prigge, Wd. 14; George W. Cotter, Wd. 16; Frederick W. Abele, Wd. 2; James I. Cahill, Wd. 12; Daniel J. Cahalan, Wd. 20; Frederick W. Vorek, Wd. 22; Paul H. Gerhardt, Wd. 23; Cornelius M. Crowley, Wd. 5; Frederick F. Baldwin, Wd. 12; Daniel A. McVarish, Wd. 4; Thomas G. Bird, Wd. 1; Albert G. Ilse, Wd. 19; Charles W. Warner, Wd. 10; William J. Brooks, Wd. 8; John J. McCurdy, Wd. 22; Lewis Cass, Wd. 8; Robert F. Fisk, Wd. 11; La Forrest A. Waterhouse, Wd. 20.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor submitted the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board:

(1) James E. Kendall (45 East Concord St.), a Constable of the city of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1908.

(2) Frederick W. Nelson (15 Motte St.), a Measurer of Grain for the term ending April 30, 1908.

(3) David T. Dodge (722 Shawmut Ave.), an Inspector of Petroleum for the term ending April 30, 1908.

Severally laid over, under the law.

PLAN OF FOOTBRIDGE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, June 21, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith, in order that it may be placed in the files of the City Clerk, blue print (No. 11,514) showing the form and method of construction to be used in the proposed footbridge between Lincoln Power Station and elevated structure.

The above plan has been approved by me, under the provisions of Chapter 500 of the Acts of 1897, as to architectural appearance and obstruction to light and air.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

(Annexed was the blue print.)

Placed on file.

TRANSFER FOR RELIEF STATION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, June 20, 1907.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the President of the Trustees of "Hospital Buildings Improvements" to the appropriation for "East Boston Relief Station," for the purpose of providing for the payment of the Boston City Hospital, requesting that \$3500 be transferred from the appropriations set forth in the said communication, and I recommend the passage of the accompanying order, which would effect the desired transfer.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

The Boston City Hospital,

Boston, June 15, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of Boston.

Sir:—I address you in regard to the special appropriation for the East Boston Relief Station.

The first appropriation granted by the City Council, July 22, 1905, was..... \$30,000.00
Ann E. Taggard bequest for establishing and maintaining an emergency hospital in East Boston (September and October, 1905)..... 11,465.35
Additional appropriation from City Council, Jan. 4, 1907..... 28,000.00

Total appropriation received.. \$69,465.35

The various contracts and expenditures incurred, including purchase of the land, general contract, contracts for plumbing, heating, etc., leaves a balance to our credit of only \$840.54.

The following items are not provided for:

Electrical contract (estimate)... \$1,500.00
Granolithic sidewalk 250.00
Restoration of item for elevator, previously cancelled 1,800.00
Architect's commission on above 177.50

Total..... \$3,727.50
Less balance to our credit..... 840.54

Leaving amount desired..... \$2,886.96

In explanation, I would say that the land cost us \$3000, which the Trustees did not include in their original estimate. It seems, also, that the contracts for heating and plumbing were larger than it was expected that they would be, on account of the increase in cost of materials and labor.

The trustees have therefore voted that I should place the matter before you, and ask that \$3500 be transferred from "Hospital Buildings Improvements" appropriation, now at the disposal of the Trustees, to the appropria-

tion for East Boston Relief Station. It becomes simply a matter of transfer from one appropriation to another, without incurring any additional expense to the city.

Respectfully submitted,
A. Shuman,
President, Board of Trustees.

Ordered, That the City Auditor be authorized to transfer the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars (\$3500) from the appropriation for "Hospital Buildings Improvements" to the appropriation for "East Boston Relief Station."
Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

PENSION FOR MRS. TAGEN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 24, 1907.
To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner requesting that a pension be granted to the widow of Cornelius H. Tagen, a member of the department, who was killed on June 17, 1907, while responding to an alarm of fire, and I recommend the passage of the accompanying order, which would authorize the payment of a pension.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Headquarters Fire Department, City of Boston.

Bristol St., Boston, June 24, 1907.
Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, Boston, Mass.

Sir:—I would recommend that an order be introduced into the City Council granting a pension to Mrs. Sarah E. Tagen, whose husband was killed on the 17th of June in responding to an alarm of fire.

I would suggest that the order be placed before the Board of Aldermen today.

Yours respectfully,
Benj. W. Wells, Commissioner.

Ordered; That, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 107 of the Acts of 1880, an annuity of not exceeding three hundred dollars (\$300), the amount to be fixed by the Fire Commissioner, be paid as long as she remains unmarried to Mrs. Sarah E. Tagen, widow of Cornelius H. Tagen, formerly of the Fire Department, and who died from injuries received while in the discharge of his duty as a member of said department; the amount to be paid under the authority of this order, to be reckoned from the date of its approval, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department.
Passed. Sent down.

HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of Etta Zimmon for leave to project one bay window over Phillips St., from building 81 West Cedar St., Wd. 11.

No objections; referred to the Committee on Building Department.

2. On petition of the Fire Commissioner for leave to erect 19 poles for fire alarm wires on Southampton St.

Wojciech J. Plociennik, 463 Southampton St., appeared and objected to the erection of the poles, as they would spoil the view from his property.

Recommitted to the Committee on Electric Wires, on motion of Ald. DRAPER.

3. On petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for leave to erect 37

poles for electric wires on Be'grade Ave., from Corinth St. to Malcolm St., Wd. 23.

Remonstrances were received from B. F. Cobleigh, John T. Horsford, Mary J. Lawson, John P. Lane, Mrs. C. Cusick.

George E. Gray, Catherine Ryan, W. J. Leonard, Mrs. Nellie Fay, H. W. Morse, W. R. Robertson, William G. Cunningham, Thomas F. Noonan, Elizabeth U. Burnham, Alexander R. Clark, John Langley, J. E. Smelerker and George W. Carruth severally appeared and objected to the erection of the poles, as it would damage their property.

Recommitted to the Committee on Electric Wires, on motion of Ald. FINIGAN, with instructions to give a public hearing.

4. On petition of F. E. Gregory for a license to store and keep for use gasoline at 151 Kilsyth road, Wd. 25.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

5. On petition of the West End Street Railway Company for leave to construct, maintain and use an alteration of its existing tracks on Ipswich St.

No objections. Recommitted to the Committee on Railroads.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Dept. (Ald.).

H. A. Johnson, for leave to locate cellar bottom of building, 225 State St., at grade O.

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Antonio C. Sousa, an illuminated sign, at 25 Fleet St., Wd. 6.

Alfred W. Fuller, a sign, at 31 School St., Wd. 6.

J. H. Walsh & Co., an illuminated sign, at 9 Washington St. north, Wd. 6.

Charles O'ria, two electric signs, at 329 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Boyle Bros., an illuminated sign, at 499 Washington St., Wd. 7.

A. Hailparn, an electric sign at 16-18 Winter St., Wd. 7.

A. S. Bearse, an electric sign, at 9A Green St., Wd. 8.

Barnard Forman, a transparency, at 48 Poplar St., Wd. 8.

Boston Baptist Social Union, a sign, at 15 Ashburton Pl., Wd. 8.

Sam Miller, a sign, at 419 Harrison Ave., Wd. 9.

Sam Miller, a sign, at 27 Oneida St., Wd. 9.

Louis Ansello, a transparent sign, at 322 Cambridge St., Wd. 11.

B. Gray, a wooden sign, at 933 Tremont St., Wd. 18.

Kay Danielson, an electric sign, at 171 Washington St., Wd. 24.

Herman Rosenthal, a pawnbroker's sign, at 360 Washington St., Wd. 25.

John Schmitt, barber pole, 361 Washington St., Wd. 25.

Fred De Vita, electric sign and board sign, 347 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

A. D. S. Bell, on June 20, at noon.
Cigar Makers' International Union, on the evening of June 21.

International Union Industrial Insurance Employees' on July 19.

H. H. Russell, for leave to decorate Faneuil Hall, on June 25.

Claims.

Josephine G. Dolliver, for a hearing on her claim for injuries received.

Thomas Jewett, for compensation for

injuries caused by an alleged defect in the highway opposite 301 Washington St., Dorchester.

John J. Kilduff, for a hearing on his claim for injuri's receive.

Sarah Deveney, for a hearing on her claim for injuriess received.

James J. Collins, for a hearing on the case of his son, Arthur B. Collins, who was injured at the Orchard Park Swimming Pool.

William H. Warren, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Washington St., Wd. 7, on Nov. 24, 1906.

John F. Connors, for compensation for damages caused by a runaway horse of the city.

Electric Wires.

Remonstrance of Charles P. Harding against erection of poles on Lindsey St., Wd. 20.

Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, for leave to remove one pole on Boylston St., near Ipswich St., Wd. 10.

Police Commissioner, for leave to erect posts for police boxes opposite 1401 Columbus Ave., 1 Old Heath St., 775 Dudley St., 8 Wayland St., 70 W. Second St., 164 A St., 241 A St., 300 Summer-St. Extension, and 305 Congress St.

Petitions of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, viz.:

For leave to erect three poles on worth St., Wd. 1.

For leave to erect three poles on Humphreys St., Wd. 16.

For leave to erect one pole on Fort Ave., Wd. 19.

For leave to erect six poles on Draper St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect and to remove five poles on Pomfret St., Wd. 23.

For leave to attach wires, etc., to a pole of the Boston Consolidated Gas Company on Wellington St., near Corey Road, Wd. 25.

Superintendent of Public Grounds.

Robert W. Light, for the trimming of trees on Adams St., between Parkman and Centre Sts., Wd. 24.

Licenses.

William F. Daly, for a permit for William J. Daly, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Hub Theatre for four weeks beginning June 13.

Memorial Day.

Reports of Memorial Day expenses, viz.:

Charles Russell Lowell Post 7, G. A. R.

Joseph Hooker Post 23, G. A. R.

Washington Post 32, G. A. R.

Benjamin Stone Post 68, G. A. R.

General R. S. McKenzie Garrison 24 A. and N. U.

Peter Salem Garrison No. 16, A. and N. U.

Trimountain Garrison No. 2, R. A. and N. U.

Public Improvements.

Maguire & Penniman, for leave to stretch a guy wire over Albany St. between East Concord St. and Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 12.

Woodbury & Leighton Co., for leave to erect guy posts, with wires attached, on Appleton, Gray and Tremont Sts. and Warren Ave.

Estate of Elisha S. Converse, for leave to place sidewalk light covers over areas at 101 Milk St., Wd. 7.

Celia Urofsky, for leave to construct a bulkhead and area at 402-416 Market St., Wd. 25.

Joseph Bruno, for leave to construct a bulkhead at 264 Sumner St., Wd. 2.

John P. Hickey, for leave to construct a bulkhead opening at 51 Havre St., Wd. 2.

George F. Mullett, for leave to lay an iron pipe under and across sidewalk at 78 Henley St., Wd. 5.

Mrs. James Clogher, for leave to construct a bulkhead opening and area at 56 West Canton St., Wd. 12.

West End Street Railway Company, for a change of grade of portions of Oak and Ash Sts., in connection with Washington St. terminal.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.: Charles C. Ryder, 46 Bullard St., Wd. 20.

W. H. Sullivan, 125-127 Hamilton St., Wd. 20.

Samuel W. Flox, 39-41 Michigan Ave., Wd. 20.

Samuel W. Flox, 71-73 Hancock St., Wd. 20.

P. O'Hearn, 79-83 Olney St., Wd. 20.

P. O'Hearn, 180-212 Westville St., Wd. 20.

William F. Bryan, 132-134 Cushing Ave., Wd. 20.

William H. Crosby, 57-73 Hamilton St., Wd. 20.

First Parish Church, Church and Winter Sts., Wd. 20.

James S. and Henry M. Cunningham, southeast corner A and Congress Sts., Wd. 13.

Watson & Waite, 632 Ninth St., Wd. 14.

A. A. Chisholm, 210-216 Dudley St., Wd. 17.

A. Diamond, 129-137 Hutchings St., Wd. 21.

James F. Cotter, 7-9 Walbeck St., Wd. 24.

Higgins & Scarr, 125-127 Capen St., Wd. 24.

C. Crafts, 77 Lanark Rd., Wd. 25.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I move that Nos. 6, 7 and 8 be taken up and acted on collectively.

Nos. 6, 7 and 8 were as follows:

6. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept, lay out and construct as a public street Apian Way, Wd. 25.

7. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept, lay out and construct as a public street Weitz St., Wd. 25.

8. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept, lay out and construct as a public street Litchfield St., Wd. 25.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I move that No. 6 be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The CHAIR—Objection being made to Ald. Draper's motion, the Chair will take up the matters in their numerical order.

Ald. WOODS' motion to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements was declared carried.

Ald. WHELTON doubted the vote, and asked for a verification by a rising vote.

The vote being 3 to 3 on a rising vote, motion to refer was declared lost.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I want to state that I made an error; I thought this was another order, and I ask that it be reconsidered and passed at this time. We are not here to joke, we are here to do business.

Ald. WOODS' motion whereby No. 6 on the calendar was referred to Committee on Public Improvements was reconsidered. Yeas 11, nays 2, Aldermen Draper and Whelton voting no.

The question came on the passage of the order, Ald. Whelton asking for the yeas and nays.

The order was declared passed in concurrence, yeas 13, nays none.

9. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be and hereby is requested to in-

struct heads of departments to allow such of their employees who are members of the Ninth Regiment, M. V. M., and Ninth Regiment Veteran Association, leave of absence without loss of pay and in part compensation for their service, to take part in the exercises attending the unveiling of the statue of Col. Finan.

Passed in concurrence.

10. Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to make arrangements for holding in the Comins School Building the sessions of the evening school heretofore held in the Sherwin School Building, it being found that said Comins School Building is in a more central location and would better meet the requirements of patrons of said evening school.

Passed in concurrence.

11. Ordered, That the Board of Election Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to make arrangements in the several wards to enable voters wishing to change their political enrollments to do so there for a limited number of evenings.

Referred to the Committee on Elections Department.

12. Ordered, That the City Treasurer be, and he hereby is, authorized to refund to Adelaide J. Sargent the sum of twenty-nine dollars and sixteen cents (\$29.16), said amount being an overcharge of an entrance fee for entering the public sewer in Knapp St. from the estate No. 36 Kneeland St., city proper.

Passed in concurrence.

13. Ordered, That the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5000) be appropriated to be expended by the Board of Park Commissioners for grading and improving the Savin Hill Playground, Wd. 20; and to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

No. 13 was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I move you, sir, that the rules be suspended, and No. 13 passed today.

Ald. CURLEY—I object.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I move that all the rules be suspended. I think that that motion takes precedence.

The question came on suspending the rules and it was not a vote. Alderman BELL doubted the vote and asked for a roll call.

On roll call seven members voted in the affirmative and six in the negative, the vote being:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Bell, Clark, Draper, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton—7.

Nays—Ald. Bings, Battis, Berwin, Curley, Finigan, Woods—6.

The CHAIR—There not being the necessary two-thirds vote, the rule is not suspended.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I move reconsideration of the vote when by the Board refuses to suspend the rules.

The CHAIR—The Chair regrets exceedingly to inform the Alderman that that motion is not in order.

Ald. FINIGAN—Mr. Chairman, I move that this order (No. 13) be laid on the table for a week.

The CHAIR—The matter is now in the hands of the Committee on Finance, under the ruling of the Chair.

ORDERS OF NOTICE FOR HEARINGS.

On the following petitions for leave to project bay windows and a marquee—orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Monday, July 8, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:

Crescenzo Merola, three bay windows, Cottage St., Wd. 2, one over Cottage St. and two over Everett St.

Crescenzo Merola, three bay windows, 86 Cottage St., Wd. 2, two over Cottage St. and one over Everett St.

M. B. Brandegee, to erect a marquee, 66 Summer St., Wd. 7.

On the petition of Berg, Kuist & Hanscom, for license to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at 1600 Blue Hill Ave.—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, July 15, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS.

Notices were received from the Harbor and Land Commissioners of hearings June 19th on petition of Walworth Manufacturing Company for license to extend its wharf at South Boston and of Cambridge Bridge Commission for approval of plans for bridge to be called Soliders' Field Bridge.

Severally placed on file.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The City Treasurer, after having duly approved of the same, submitted the constables' bond of John M. Casey and Lewis G. Grossman.

Approved by the Board.

COAL AND COKE LICENSES.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth sent list of coal and coke licenses granted by him.

Placed on file.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Railroad Commissioners for a hearing June 27, on petition of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, for approval of plan 11,514 showing location, form and method of construction of footbridge over Commercial St., near North St., connecting Lincoln power station with the Elevated railway structure.

Placed on file.

EXTENSION OF TIME.

Notices were received from the West End Street Railway Company of acceptance of orders extending time for completing work under 246th, 247th, 249th, 253rd, 255th and 261st locations.

Severally placed on file.

ACCEPTANCE OF LOCATIONS.

Notices were received from the West End Street Railway Company of acceptance of 263d and 264th locations.

Severally placed on file.

HEARING ON APPROVAL OF LOCATIONS.

Notices were received from the Railroad Commissioners of hearing June 18, on approval of the 265th, 266th and 267th and 268th locations.

Notice was received from the Railroad Commissioners of approval of 265th, 266th, 267th and 268th locations of West End Street Railway Company.

Severally placed on file.

PAY ROLL OF REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

A communication was received from

the Register of Deeds certifying to the persons employed in his office, the work performed and the amount allowed for said work, amounting to \$3550.16.

Approved by the Board.

WIDENING OF ALBANY ST.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Street Laying-Out Department,
City Hall, Room 38, June 24, 1907.
To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:—

Gentlemen:—In reply to your order of May 27 last, requesting the Board of Street Commissioners to furnish an estimate of the cost of widening Albany St., between Troy and Curve Sts., to a uniform width, the Board submits the following:

Land, building and grade damages	\$127,000
Construction	152,000

Total\$279,000

Included in the item of \$152,000 is the sum of \$125,000 for the reconstruction of the bridge over the railroad, which will be necessary if the widening is made.

Very respectfully,

J. J. O'Callaghan, Secretary.

Placed on file.

ELECTRIC WIRE REPORTS.

Ald. CURLEY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition of the Police Commissioner (referred today) for leave to erect posts for police boxes on Columbus Ave. and other streets—Recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing on Monday, July 8, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted, order of notice passed.

(2) Report on the petition of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts (referred June 10) for leave to remove a pole on Stacey St.—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove from Stacey St., near Main St., Wd. 5, one pole shown on a plan dated June 10, 1907, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

Report accepted, order passed.

(3) Report on the petition of the same company (referred April 1) for leave to remove one pole on Sumner St., Wd. 2—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove from Sumner St., near Bremen St., one pole shown on a plan dated March 28, 1907, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

Report accepted, order passed.

(4) Report on the petition of the same company (referred June 3) for leave to remove three poles on Washington St., Wd. 23—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered—That permission be hereby granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove from Washington St., Wd. 23, three poles shown on a plan dated May 24, 1907, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

Report accepted, order passed.

(5) Report on the petition of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston (referred April 22), for leave to remove one pole on Dearborn St., Wd. 17—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston to remove from Dearborn St., corner of Eustis St., Wd. 17, one pole shown by a black dot on a plan made by G. A. Fuller, dated April 15, 1907, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

Report accepted, order passed.

(6) Report on the petition of the same company (referred May 6) for leave to remove three poles on Zeigler St., Wd. 17—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston to remove from Zeigler St., between Washington and Warren Sts., Wd. 17, three poles shown by black dots on a plan made by G. A. Fuller, dated May 1, 1907, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

Report accepted, order passed.

FOWLS KILLED BY DOGS.

Ald. BANGS, for the Committee on Police (Ald.), submitted a report on the petition of Ogden & Thompson (referred May 22), to be paid for the loss of fowls killed by dogs—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Ogden & Thompson the sum of five dollars, in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs, May 3, 1907; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Report accepted, order passed.

RAILROAD REPORTS.

Ald. DRAPER, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of Martin H. Ryan (referred March 19) that the Boston Elevated Railway Company be empowered to construct shelters at City Sq. and Thompson Sq.—That no further action is necessary.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, through you, sir, I would like to ask Ald. Draper the reasons for this action.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I didn't understand the Alderman's question.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I desire to know why the Committee has reported, "No further action necessary."

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, the committee reported in that way because the shelters are to be constructed.

(2) Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company (recommitted today) for leave to relocate curved tracks in Ipswich St.—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted to the West End Street Railway Company for locations for tracks in the streets of the city of Boston, said company shall have the right to construct, maintain and use curved tracks on Ipswich St.—Recommending the passage of the following:—Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted to the West End Street Railway Company for locations for tracks in the streets of the city of Boston, said company shall have the right to construct, maintain and use curved tracks on Ipswich St., with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections; to take the place of existing tracks; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Filmon, dated May 24, 1907, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

And the consent of the Board of Aldermen is granted to said company to establish and maintain the overhead

single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said location, and to erect, maintain and use iron poles, not less than 20 feet in height, at places indicated by red dots or circles on the aforesaid plan, or at such other places, to be shown by blue dots or circles on said plan, as may be approved by the Superintendent of Streets, and to place on said poles such wires and other appliances as the Commissioner of Wires shall approve.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, and the kind and location of poles, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order, and shall file such acceptance with the City Clerk in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 399 of the Acts of 1902; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work authorized to be done under the provisions of this order shall be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I move, sir, that further consideration of the report of the committee be assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

The CHAIR—The matter will lie over one week under the rule.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I move, sir, that the rule be suspended in order that the matter may be acted on at the present time; this is a change of about three inches.

Ald. WHELTON asked for unanimous consent to withdraw his objection, and there being no opposition the objection was withdrawn, the report was accepted, and the order was passed.

PROTECTION OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions for leave to project bay windows, viz:—
Samuel Craddock (referred May 27), two bay windows, 413-415 Neponset Ave., Wd. 24.

Ellen F. Hurley (referred May 27), one bay window, 109 Centre St., to project over Cedar St., Wd. 19.

William F. Lowe (referred June 10), one bay window, 38 Myrtle St., Wd. 11.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of H. A. Johnson (referred today) for leave to locate cellar bottom of building 225 State St. at grade O—Recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for leave to project signs, etc.—Recommending that leave be granted, viz:—

J. H. Walsh & Co., illuminated sign, 9 Washington St., North, Wd. 6.

A. S. Bears, electric sign, 9A Green St., Wd. 8.

Charles Ofria, two electric signs, 339 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Reports on petitions (severally referred June 10) for leave to project signs, etc.—Recommending that leave be granted, viz:—

A. A. H. Meredith, Trustee, a sign, at 49-51 Elm St., Wd. 6.

Henry Sterling, an illuminated sign, at 143 Federal St., Wd. 7.

Thomas Early & Son, an illuminated sign, at 19 Lagrange St., Wd. 7.

T. A. Pine, an electric sign, at Hotel Pelham, 74 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

Harry E. English, an illuminated sign, at 36 Pleasant St., Wd. 7.

Paul C. Klein, an electric sign, at southeast corner of Washington and Essex Sts., Wd. 7.

Jack K. Kayajian, an electric sign, at 256 Shawmut Ave., Wd. 9.

Alfred E. Jolly, a sign, at 69 Bekeley St., Wd. 10.

G. A. & J. L. Damon, an arc light, at 238 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

Barrow & Singleton, a sign, at 19 Sawyer St., Wd. 18.

Orazio Malone, two barber poles, at 1588 Tremont St., Wd. 19.

B. F. Stillier, an illuminated sign, at 29½ Tremont St., Wd. 6.

Sawyer Drug Company, an illuminated sign, at 274 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Murphy Brothers, a gas arc lamp, at 94 Compton St., Wd. 9.

H. J. Seiler, electric sign, at 513 Tremont St., Wd. 9.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

LICENSE REPORTS.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of William F. Daly (referred today) for a permit for William J. Daly, a child under fifteen, to appear at the Hub Theatre for four weeks, beginning June 13—Recommending that a permit be granted.

Report accepted, permit granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 27 newsboys, 7 bootblacks and 1 vendor.

Reports accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports on petitions (severally referred June 10) for license to store and keep for sale products of petroleum—Recommending that licenses be granted, viz:—

George H. Wood Co., 431 Medford St., Wd. 4.

W. Bowman Cutter, 2306 Washington St., Wd. 18.

S. P. Blackburn & Co., 287 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7.

Quincy Market Cold Storage & Warehouse Co., 69 Eastern Ave., Wd. 6.

Reports severally accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

Ald. WHELTON called up Nos. 14 and 15, unfinished business, viz:—

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz:—

14. George E. Baker, to be a Measurer of Wood and Bark.

15. John J. Lyons, to be a Weigher of Coal, both for the term ending April 30, 1908.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Ald. Whelton and Ballis. Whole number of ballots cast 13, yes 13, and the appointments were confirmed.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall—recommending that leave be granted, viz:—

Charles K. Darling (referred last year), evening of Oct. 26, 1907.

G. A. R., Department of Massachusetts (referred April 12), day and evening of Feb. 11 and day of Feb. 12, 1908.

Camp 6, U. S. W. V. (referred April 22), evening of Sept. 21, 1907.

H. H. Russell (referred today), for leave to decorate Faneuil Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 25, 1907.

A. D. S. Bell (referred today), Thursday, June 20, at noon.

Cigar Makers' International Union (referred today), evening of June 21.

International Union Industrial Insurance Employees (referred today), day and evening of July 19.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on the following petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall—that no further action is necessary, viz.:

The Metropolitan Church Association (referred Feb. 25), March 2 to March 10, inclusive, at noon.

May C. Firestone (referred 1905), evening of Feb. 12, 1907.

Reports severally accepted.

RESTORATION OF STOPPING PLACE.

Ald. CURLEY presented a petition signed by Abraham Morrison and very many others for stopping place on Dudley St.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be hereby requested to restore the stopping place for outward bound cars formerly established on Dudley St., opposite Albion St., Wd. 17.

Passed.

DAY OFF FOR EMPLOYEES.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendents of the Sanitary Department and the Street Cleaning and Watering Department be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to allow employees of said departments leave of absence, without loss of pay, in part compensation for services, on Tuesday, July 30, 1907, the day of their annual picnic.

Passed. Sent down.

UNION LABEL ON HORSESHOES.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the various heads of departments be instructed, through His Honor the Mayor, to have all horses shod with shoes bearing the label of the Journeymen Horseshoers' Union.

Passed. Sent down.

SHOWER BATHS, DEARBORN SCHOOL.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Schoolhouse Commission, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to install a system of shower baths in the basement of the Dearborn Schoolhouse.

Passed. Sent down.

HEARING ON PETITION FOR TRACKS.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Committee on Railroads be requested to grant a public hearing on the petition of the Boston & Maine Railroad for additional tracks on Water St. and Warren Ave.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, in explanation of this order I will say I am a member of the Committee on Railroads, and it has been the intention of the committee for some time to grant a public hearing on this particular proposition. It was deemed advisable to present the order here today in order that some attention might be

called to the purpose of the committee. I understand that the persons who appeared as remonstrants to the original petition have now turned around and are in favor of granting the location. I have visited the location myself, as I believe other members of this Board have visited it also, and am satisfied that if a public hearing is held the consensus of opinion of the persons interested will be favorable to the proposition.

The order was passed.

LAMPS IN EAST BOSTON.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place one lamp on Henry St. between Maverick Square and Paris St.; to place one lamp at corner Trenton and Putnam Sts.; to place one lamp on Eutaw St. at junction of White St.; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

REPAIR OF EAST BOSTON STREETS.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place in proper condition for public travel Bennington St. from Saratoga St. to Byron St., and to reset edge-stones and repave gutters on Chelsea St. from Bennington St. to Marion St.

Passed.

REMOVAL AND TRIMMING OF TREES.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to trim trees in front of estate No. 742 Saratoga St., East Boston; the expense attending same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dangerous tree now standing in the sidewalk in front of No. 1516 Washington St., Wd. 12, and charge the expense to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of 15 Holbrook St., the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. CLARK offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two trees standing on the sidewalk at 6 Melville Ave., Wd. 20; the expense of said work to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. CLARK offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree standing in front of the estate of Hattie L. Mowatt, 22 Welles Ave., Dorchester, as said tree is unsightly and dangerous; the expense of said work to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim a tree standing in front of 250 Lexington St., East Bos-

tion, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.
Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two trees at 210-212 Howard Ave., Dorchester; also to trim two trees at 11 Circuit St., Roxbury; the expense of the work to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

DRINKING FOUNTAIN, WOOD ISLAND PARK.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be hereby requested to locate and maintain a drinking fountain in Wood Island Park; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Park Department.

Passed. Sent down.

RELOCATION OF POLE.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts be hereby requested to relocate a pole now standing in front of premises 113 Havre St., East Boston, to a point 10 feet east or west of its present location.

Passed.

TAKING OF "AUTO" NUMBERS.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the trustees of the City Hospital be hereby requested by this Board to instruct their employees to make a record of the number of any automobile bringing a case to the City Hospital.

Ald. FINIGAN—I would like to say a word to the Board with reference to that order. On an occasion a short time ago a man was knocked down in Winter St. by an automobile; that automobile picked him up and took him to the City Hospital. When the automobile left the patient at the Relief Station its number was not recorded. When the man was relieved and left the hospital he went round to find out the owner of that automobile, as he had been the one who had inflicted the injury upon him; but he was unable to find out the number. The hospitals keep a record of the numbers of hacks, but they do not keep a record of the numbers of automobiles; that is the reason I offered that order.

The order was passed.

EMERGENCY LEAVE FOR FIREMEN.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner be hereby requested by this Board to allow any member of the department who has a death occur in his immediate family, three days' leave of absence without loss of pay.

Passed.

CLOSING OF WARWICK ST.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Warwick St., between Rugles and Sterling Sts., Wd. 13, to all public travel, during the time necessary for the completion of sewer improvements now in progress.

Passed.

VACATION FOR COURT HOUSE EMPLOYEES.

Ald. DRAPER offered an order—That the Register of Deeds be authorized to allow a two weeks' vacation, without loss of pay, to all employees in his office; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for County of Suffolk.

Passed.

HIGH SCHOOL, NORTH DORCHESTER.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Schoolhouse Commission, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to this Board at the earliest possible date, as to the advisability and cost of erecting a new high school building in the vicinity of North Dorchester.

Passed.

DORCHESTER DAY PROCEEDINGS.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the proceedings at the celebration of Dorchester Day, June 8th, 1907, be printed, with illustrated papers, as a public document, and that the Dorchester Historical Society be requested to edit the same; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Printing Dept.

Passed.

Later in the session Ald. DRAPER said:

Mr. Chairman, I move a reconsideration of the vote. The Board passed an order for printing the proceedings of Dorchester Day; if that order passes I shall move an amendment that the distribution be under the direction of the Joint Committee on Printing.

On a vote being taken, reconsideration prevailed.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I move to amend the order by inserting at the end thereof: "Such documents are to be distributed under the direction of the Joint Committee on Printing."

The amendment was adopted, and the order passed as amended. Sent down.

PETITION REFERRED.

Ald. WHELTON presented a petition of John Noble for compensation for special services in arranging the early files of Suffolk County.

Referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

CLOSING OF WHEELER ST.

Ald. BERWIN presented the petition of William H. Coblentz for leave to close Wheeler St., and in connection with the same offered an order—That permission be granted to William H. Coblentz to close against passage by vehicles Wheeler St., Wd. 7, from Shawmut Ave., for a distance of 100 feet southwesterly, on July 4, between the hours of 6 and 11:30 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of a celebration on said day.

Passed.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, MILK AND ARCH STS.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place an electric light at Milk and Arch Sts.

The order was passed.

Later in the session Ald. BANGS said:

Mr. Chairman, just previous to the recess there was an order passed by the Board with reference to an arc light at the corner of Arch and Milk

Sts., and it passed through without any discussion. It now occurs to me that I was lately in conference with a gentleman who is interested in some property at the corner of those two streets, and who is very unwilling to have that light placed on the corner that he is interested in. The light was formerly on the easterly corner of Arch and Milk Sts., but I think there is a disposition on the part of the Superintendent of Lamps to put it on the westerly corner of those streets, and the property owner, to whom I refer, objects to that. I do not understand that there is any objection on the part of the owner of the property on the westerly side to have it there. It seems to me that as this is a question in which some property interests are involved, it shouldn't pass through without some investigation on the part of the Board, and therefore I move the order be reconsidered, and that the matter be referred to the Committee on Electric Wires.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I am opposed to any reconsideration, for this reason—that the streets must be lighted to protect the welfare of the public. I presume that the same objection that has been raised by Ald. Bangs might be raised by every property owner in the city; certainly they have the same right to raise the objection that has been raised by him. But if the Board were to consider the inclinations or the wishes of every individual in a matter of this character there would be no lights placed on the public streets. Now, then, it isn't the desire of the Superintendent of Lamps that the light be placed there to embarrass the owner of the property; it is his desire that the light be placed there to benefit the public in general. Surely, Mr. Chairman, that is a fair proposition. Now, then, an examination of the police register will show that numerous arrests have taken place on Milk St. since the removal of this electric light pole. That section of the city—if any member of this Board has passed through there within the last three months—that section between Washington St. and Postoffice Sq., is darker than most alleysways in any section of the city. There are probably somewhere in the vicinity of from 400 to 500 girls employed in the New England Telephone Company, who leave the office located on Milk St., and who pass through this dark section of Milk St. between any of the hours between 8 o'clock in the evening and 5 o'clock in the morning. Now, then, Mr. Chairman, it is only fair to ask that they be afforded some protection. It has been customary, according to the police blotter, for certain undesirable characters to loiter in the vicinity of Milk St., where there is no light at the present time, and to not only insult, but to personally assault the operators who have occasion to go through that section of Milk St. in the late hours of the night or in the early hours of the morning. Numerous private citizens have been held up at that particular section, according to the police blotter. Now, then, Mr. Chairman, if the individual wishes of every property owner upon Washington St. were considered, there would be no lights upon Washington St. Certainly that would make an ideal condition of affairs, to walk through the city and have no light! But if one individual alone is to suffer, and the general public is to benefit, then I believe the light should be placed there. If some good argument could be made as to why the light should not be placed there, I might be in favor of it; but in view of the facts as they are, and as any member of this Board can find they are,

to his own satisfaction, by a trip through that section at night, then I move that the motion to reconsider shall not prevail.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, it is my opinion that almost every property owner in the city is in favor of having an electric light placed near his property, but in this particular case it is a disadvantage, because some of the tenants there object to it. This gentleman who spoke to me about it is very anxious not to have the light on his corner. I think that in most cases property owners would be glad to have a light near their property, but as he is unwilling to have it there it seems to me proper that this matter should be considered by the appropriate committee on electric wires. It seems unwise that this matter should be passed without consideration and investigation by this Board. If a person really does object to it, why should he not be heard?

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I have no desire to prolong the session. I believe it is possible for the Alderman, if he objects to having it placed on the easterly corner of Milk and Arch Sts.—I believe it is possible for him to confer with the Superintendent of Lamps and have it placed where he desires. I have here a plan of that vicinity, and for a distance of practically 500 feet there are but two lights, one at Washington St. and one at Post Office Sq. Now, I believe it is only fair for the protection of the public that a light should be placed between Washington St. and Post Office Sq. And I have here, further a communication sent to Mr. Sleeper, the owner of this property, by the Superintendent of Lamps. He says:

"June 3, 1907.

"Mr. Stephen W. Sleeper, 31 Milk St., Boston.

"Dear Sir:—Police Sergeant Fetridge of station 2 has today requested this department to have an electric arc light placed on Milk St. in the vicinity of Arch St. and Hawley St., and reports that owing to the darkness of the locality that several assaults and robberies have recently occurred there at night. I have visited the locality and find it unsafe at night for many reasons. In my opinion the proper location for a light is either at the corner of Arch and Milk Sts. or the next best place would be at the corner of Milk and Hawley Sts.

"So that if the gentleman objects to the corner of Arch and Milk Sts. it is possible to have the Superintendent place it at the corner of Milk and Hawley Sts.

"Either location would be in front of your building, which is half way between the light at the Postoffice and the one at the head of Milk St. at the Old South Church. I promised you several months ago to inform you if such action would be necessary, and I hereby make good my promise. If you visit the location at night you will see the necessity for a light in the immediate vicinity of your building. The Police and Fire Departments ask to have the post set on the southwesterly corner of Milk and Arch Sts., and that is where it should be placed, in my opinion.

"Yours very truly,
"D. J. Hern,
(Signed) "Superintendent of Lamps."

Now, then, Mr. Chairman, that is the situation and those are the facts in the case, and I believe it should be placed there, and I trust reconsideration will not prevail.

The CHAIR—The question comes on the motion of Ald. Bangs to reconsider the passage of this order. Members in favor of the reconsideration say aye, those opposed no, and it appears to be a vote.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I respectfully doubt the vote and ask for a rising vote.

On a rising vote being taken, and 5 voting in the affirmative and 4 in the negative, it was declared a vote.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I respectfully ask for a roll call.

The roll was called, and the motion to reconsider was lost, the vote being yeas 5, nays 5, as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Battis, Bangs, Berwin, Clark, Draper—5.
Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Whelton, Woods—5.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, at 4:10 P. M., on motion of Ald. WHELTON, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 4:40 P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. BERWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) recommending the passage of orders authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of the following estates, said sidewalks to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width and to be built of material named with granite edgestones, the owner to furnish said material, viz.:

(Artificial Stone.)

Samuel W. Flox, 39-41 Michigan Ave., Wd. 20.
P. O'Hearn, 180-212 Westville St., Wd. 20.
Samuel W. Flox, 71-73 Hancock St., Wd. 20.
W. H. Sullivan, 125-127 Hamilton St., Wd. 20.
Charles C. Ryder, 46 Bullard St., Wd. 20.
C. Crafts, 77 Glenark Road, Wd. 25.
P. O'Hearn, 79-83 Alney St., Wd. 20.
Wm. H. Crosby, 57-73 Hamilton St., Wd. 20.
William F. Bryan, 131-134 Cushing Ave., Wd. 20.
A. C. Chisholm, 210-216 Dudley St., Wd. 17.
Higgins & Scarr, 125-127 Capon St., Wd. 24.
James F. Cotter, 7-9 Waldeck St., Wd. 24.
Watson & Waite, 632 Ninth St., Wd. 14.
A. Diamond, 129-137 Hutchings St., Wd. 21.

(Brick.)

First Parish Church, Church and Winter Sts., Wd. 20.

James S. and Henry M. Cunningham, southeast corner A and Congress Sts., Wd. 13.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

(2) Report on message of the Mayor and order relative to closing the archway leading to the Massachusetts State Prison from Austin St., Charlestown—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Report on the petition of F. E. Gregory (referred today), for license to store and keep for use gasoline at 1515

Kilsyte Rd., Wd. 25—recommending reference to the Committee on Licenses.

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

(4) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), recommending the passage of orders authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to issue permits for the following purposes, the work in each case to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1907, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, viz.:

John P. Hickey, to construct a bulkhead opening at 51 Harvard St., Wd. 2.

Mrs. James Clogher, to construct a bulkhead opening and area at 56 West Canton St., Wd. 12.

Joseph Bruno, to construct a bulkhead opening at 264 Summer St., Wd. 2.

Celia Urofsky, to construct a bulkhead and area at 402-416 Market St., Wd. 25.

Estate of Elisha S. Converse, to place sidewalk light covers over area at 101 Milk St., Wd. 7.

George F. Mullett, to lay an iron pipe under and across sidewalk at 78 Henry St., Wd. 5.

Woodbury & Leighton Company, to erect guy posts with wires attached, on Appleton, Gray and Tremont S's. and Warren Ave.

Maguire & M. Penniman, to stretch a guy wire over Albany St., Wd. 17.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

(6) Report on the message of the Mayor and order (referred today) authorizing the transfer of \$3500 from the appropriation for "Hospital Building Improvement" to the appropriation for "East Boston Relief Station"—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 12, nays none. Sent down.

SIDEWALK, EAST FOURTH ST.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along both sides of East Fourth St., between I and K Sts., Wd. 14, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

CLOSING OF STREETS.

Ald. BANGS offered an order—That the Police Commissioner be authorized to close to travel by vehicles, except fire, police, hospital and mail wagons, North Harvard St., from the Cambridge line to Stadium St., on Thursday, June 20, 1907, from 1 o'clock until 5 o'clock in the afternoon.
Passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I move a general reconsideration of all votes taken this afternoon, hoping that the same will not prevail.

The motion was lost.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. CLARK, at 4:55 P. M., to meet on Monday, July 1, at 3 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, June 27, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 o'clock P. M., President BARRETT in the chair.

NEXT MEETING.

Mr. DALY of Wd. 12, under a suspension of the rules, offered an order—That when the Council adjourned it be to meet on Thursday, July 11, at 7.45 o'clock P. M.

The order was passed.

Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17 raised the point of order that there was not a quorum present.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I hope the gentleman will withdraw the point of order. It is perfectly silly for us to come down here these hot nights without at least disposing of any routine matters upon the calendar.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair is obliged to entertain the point of order. The Chair allowed Mr. Noyes to speak as a matter of courtesy, but will have to rule that no debate is in order.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I move that the roll be called to ascertain if there is a quorum present.

By direction of the President, the Clerk called the roll, with the following result:

Present—Anderson, Barrett, Bramhall, Carruth, Colcovs, Daly (12), Donovan, Ferguson, Feley, Hatton, Joyce Kelly, Kennedy, Lill, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Murphy, Noonan, Noyes, Penhorn, Sullivan (15), Wharton Willcutt—25.

Absent—Bagley, Brown, Buckley, Clark (20), Clark (24), Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Davidson, Doherty, Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), George, Green, Hackett Hanrahan, Harding, Hayes, Kohler, Leonard, Madden, McCabe, McGregor, McLennan, Mealey, Montague, Morgan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Pirce, Purcell, Rackowsky, Roberts, Rosenberg, Sacks, Santosuoso, Sheenan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Troy, Wentworth Woodside, Zetterman—50.

The PRESIDENT—Twenty-five members, or less than a quorum, being present, the Chair will declare the Council adjourned to meet on Thursday, July 11, at 7.45 o'clock P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, July 1, 1907.

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of drawing jurors, Ald. BALDWIN, senior member present, presiding, and a quorum present.

Eighty traverse jurors were drawn for the Superior Criminal Court, to appear July 15, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 514, Acts of 1894, viz.: Edward Linnehan, Wd. 3; James V. Devine, Wd. 22; Frederick A. Williams, Wd. 17; Joshua Matthews, Wd. 2; William C. Murray, Wd. 14; Henry C. Steltz, Wd. 21; Robert Callahan, Wd. 5; Edward J. Keeler, Wd. 19; Thomas Farwell, Wd. 16; Wilson Ourish, Wd. 20; John A. McCormack, Wd. 9; Harry P. Holt, Wd. 20; Moses H. Reinherz, Wd. 20; Michael Donahoe, Wd. 25; Charles H. Paine, Wd. 11; William A. Rogers, Wd. 14; Adam C. Cunningham, Wd. 14; Harold C. French, Wd. 20; Stephen Bullard, Wd. 11; Edmund T. Walsh, Wd. 15; Ralph L. Coburn, Wd. 10; Os-

car Lefever, Wd. 22; Ralph T. Jackson, Jr., Wd. 21; James Brodie, Wd. 14; Edward J. Snyder, Wd. 18; Nicholas J. Downs, Wd. 1; Charles A. Sampson, Wd. 11; Edward E. Chapman, Wd. 16; John B. Lyons, Wd. 19; Alexander Fuerst, Wd. 12; James O'Rourke, Wd. 17; John J. Grandison, Wd. 3; Charles E. W. Grinnell, Wd. 8; Andrew J. Roche, Wd. 24; George F. Horne, Wd. 16; Thomas W. Kenniston, Wd. 4; Arthur Rose, Wd. 23; John H. Keegan, Wd. 6; E. Minot Talbot, Wd. 20; Peter F. Conway, Wd. 11; Peter J. Leahy, Wd. 22; John P. Witherell, Wd. 10; Ambrose J. Mooney, Wd. 17; George H. Cadigan, Wd. 4; Harry W. Kimball, Wd. 20; Daniel Connor, Wd. 19; Henry C. Hess, Wd. 22; Henry M. Temple, Wd. 9; John F. Sessler, Wd. 19; James Anderson, Wd. 20; James Barrett, Wd. 13; Eben A. Folger, Wd. 1; Benjamin F. Hatch, Wd. 23; Harry J. Besarick, Wd. 20; John R. Marshall, Wd. 24; Lawrence J. Keenan, Wd. 6; John Tyrrell, Wd. 12; Almer P. Harthorn, Wd. 14; William J. Tracy, Wd. 15; Nathan H. Glover, Wd. 24; Charles L. Yeaton, Wd. 1; Fred W. Armstrong, Wd. 22; Bernard T. Marks, Wd. 19; James J. McDonald, Wd. 1; Harry O. Furbush, Wd. 20; David Welch, Wd. 13; Walter I. Jerrold, Wd. 25; Julius B. Goddard, Wd. 11; Edward Lyman, Wd. 17; Nicholas F. McCarthy, Wd. 14; Amos J. Gordon, Wd. 20; Peter McManus, Wd. 24; Michael J. Cadigan, Wd. 12; Ernst L. Willey, Wd. 19; Jeremiah J. Leary, Wd. 7; Charles H. Egan, Wd. 7; Thomas H. Baldwin, Wd. 25; Frank H. Chamberlain, Wd. 20; Jeremiah F. Tehan, Wd. 25; Charles H. S. Wetmore, Wd. 1.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, July 1, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Ald. ERWIN, senior member, presiding, and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. CLARK, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

TIME OFF FOR POLICEMEN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 1, 1907.
To the City Council:—

In my message to the City Council of this year I called attention to the fact that police officers were obliged to work continuously for 365 days in the year with the exception of a two weeks' vacation. I further stated that if Sunday labor was to be put under the ban of the law that I did not know why police officers were not entitled to ask for an arrangement whereby they might be given one day in seven off duty and that I would heartily favor the legislation necessary to bring this about.

The Massachusetts Legislature has recently passed an act providing that police officers in the city of Boston be allowed one day off in 15. This act takes effect upon its acceptance by the City Council. While this matter was pending in the Legislature, I took the opportunity of recording myself upon the subject, and wrote a letter in its approval which was read in the House of Representatives. I now take pleasure in recommending its acceptance by the City Council. A certified copy of the act is hereto annexed.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.
Sent down.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Dept. (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Bergkuist & Hanson, a sign from a post at 1600 Bue Hill Ave., Wd. 24.

John C. Good, an electric sign, at 179 Centre St., Wd. 22.

S. O. Perkins, a wooden sign, at 1600 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 24.

F. Gray Company, two signs, from building easterly corner of Washington and Hanover Sts., Wd. 6.

Rosario Antenucci, barber, sign, 371 371 Tremont St., Wd. 10.

F. A. Gest, an illuminated sign, at 843A Tremont St., Wd. 10.

Ang Company, an illuminated sign, at 109 Pinckney St., Wd. 11.

Saville, Simes & Co., two flag signs, at 55 Commercial St., Wd. 6.

Claims.

Gussie Silverman, for compensation for damage to clothing by Park Department wagon No. 3.

Mary Waldo Davis, for compensa-

tion for expense and trouble caused by the failure of the water supply at 154 Beacon St. in February last.

Faneuil Hall, etc.

United Italian Societies, for leave to decorate Faneuil Hall on July 4.

United Italian Societies, for the use of Faneuil Hall on July 4, from 4 P. M. until midnight.

Licenses.

Keene & Malone, for a license to run a passenger barge between Forest Hills and Forest Hills Cemetery, during the present season.

Memorial Day.

Reports of Memorial Day expenses, viz.:

Post 11, G. A. R.
Maj. George L. Stearns Post 149, G. A. R.

Kearsarge Association of Naval Veterans.

Roger Wolcott Camp 26, U. S. W. V.
Francis Washburn Post 92, G. A. R.
Gettysburg Regiment No. 19, U. V. U.

Railroads.

West End Street Railway Company, for a location for double tracks in portion of Appleton St., also curves at south corner Appleton and Berkeley Sts., and at north and south corners Dartmouth and Appleton Sts., etc.

Superintendent Public Grounds.

William K. Greeley, for the trimming of a tree in front of No. 50 Temple St., Wd. 24.

Public Improvements.

Mary Hickey, for leave to construct a wooden cover over area at 53 Havre St., Wd. 2.

H. P. Nawn, for leave to construct a wooden cover over area at 53 Havre St., Wd. 2.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

On petitions for licenses to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, viz.:

1. Patterson Lubricating Company, at 114 Broad St., Wd. 7.

2. The Patterson-Sargent Company, at 307 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7.

No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

3. Boston Automobile Renting Company, at the Copley-Sq. Garage, Irvington-St. side, Wd. 10.

Not having advertised in accordance with law, the petitioner was given leave to withdraw.

4. G. H. Proctor Supply Company, at the Copley-Sq. Garage, Irvington and Harcourt Sts., Wd. 10.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Board proceeded to take up Nos. 5, 6 and 7, unfinished business, and there being no objections they were acted on together, viz.:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz.:

5. James E. Kendall, to be a Constable.

6. David T. Dodge, to be an Inspector of Petroleum.

7. Frederick W. Nelson, to be a Measurer of Grain—all for the term ending April 30, 1908.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Whelton and Bangs. Whole number of ballots cast, 11; yes, 11, and the several appointments were confirmed.

ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions for licenses to store and keep oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum:

Edward H. C. Joy, 525-7 Columbia Road, Wd. 20 (for sale).

Timothy J. Murphy, 372 Dudley St., Wd. 17 (for use).

Edward F. Baker, 269 Newbury St., Wd. 11 (for use).

Orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Monday, July 22, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

On the petition of the Massachusetts Breweries Company for leave to lay a conduit under and across Conant St., Wd. 19—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, July 8, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

On the petition of Isaac Hirshberg for leave to project one bay window from building 115 Paris St., Wd. 2—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, July 15, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

COAL AND COKE LICENSES.

A notice was received from the Secretary of State notifying of the granting of a coal and coke license.

Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF PLAN.

Notice was received from the Railroad Commissioners of approval of plan 11,514, being footbridge over Commercial St., near North St., of Boston Elevated Railway Company.

Placed on file.

PROJECTIONS, ETC.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions severally referred today, for leave to project signs, etc.—that leave be granted, viz.: Saville, Simes & Co., two flag signs, 55 Commercial St., Wd. 6.

F. A. Gest, illuminated sign, 843A Tremont St., Wd. 10.

F. Gray Company, two signs from building easterly corner Washington and Hanover Sts., Wd. 6.

Bergkuist & Hanson, sign from post, 1600 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 24.

Ang Company, illuminated sign, 169 Pinckney St., Wd. 11.

Rosario Antenucci, barber sign, 371 Tremont St., Wd. 10.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of H. P. Hayden, Trustee (referred June 3), for leave to locate a boiler cellar at 535 Beacon St. at grade minus 12—Recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports on petitions severally referred June 24), for leave to project signs, etc.—Recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

John Schmitt, barber poles, 361 Washington St., Wd. 25.

Boston Baptist Social Union, sign, 15 Ashburton Pl., Wd. 8.

Bernard Forman, transparency, 48 Poplar St., Wd. 8.

Alfred W. Fuller, sign, 31 School St., Wd. 6.

Kay Danielson, electric sign, 171 Washington St., Wd. 24.

Louis Ansello, transparency, 322 Cambridge St., Wd. 11.

Sam Miller, sign, 419 Harrison Ave., Wd. 9.

Antonio C. Sousa, illuminated sign, 25 Fleet St., Wd. 6.

Boyle Bros., illuminated sign, 499 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Sam Miller, sign, 27 Oneida St., Wd. 9.

A. Hallparn, electric sign, 16-18 Winter St., Wd. 7.

B. Gray, wooden sign, 933 Tremont St., Wd. 18.

Fred De Vita, electric and board sign, 347 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Herman Rosenthal, pawnbroker's sign, 360 Washington St., Wd. 25.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

LOAN BILL.

Ald. BANGS submitted the following: The Committee on Finance, to whom were referred sundry orders, communications and petitions requesting appropriations for permanent improvements, having considered the various matters, respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying loan order of \$1,610,000 for various municipal purposes.

For the Committee,

Francis R. Bangs, Chairman.

Ald. BANGS and CLARK dissent from the foregoing report:

Ordered, That the sum of one million six hundred and ten thousand dollars be and hereby is appropriated, to be expended by the departments hereinafter named and for the purposes herein specified, and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purposes, viz.:

BATH DEPARTMENT.

Bath-house, Tenean beach	\$5,000
Bath-house, Charlestown	30,000
Bath-house, Dewey beach	2,000
Bathing establishment, Wd. 15, completion of.....	25,000
	\$62,000

BRIDGE DEPARTMENT.

Mt. Washington Ave. bridge, reconstruction.....	60,000
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CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

Mt. Hope Cemetery, enlargement.....	\$40,000
Evergreen Cemetery, enlargement.....	40,000
Dorchester North Burying Ground, stone wall and fence.....	6,000
	\$86,000

CONSUMPTIVES' HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

Consumptives' Hospital, buildings and equipment	140,000
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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Landing for fireboat and quarters for men.....	\$10,000	
New fireboat	75,000	
Ladder 1 house, rebuilding	8,000	
Engine 6 house, addition	6,000	
Engine 7 house, addition.....	2,000	
Engine 29, Ladder 11 house, alterations	4,000	
House and apparatus, Parker Hill	15,000	
House, land and apparatus, Forest Hills.....	20,000	
		140,000

INSANE HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

Boston Insane Hospital, land and buildings	125,000
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PARK DEPARTMENT.

Charlestown playground, gymnastic apparatus.....	\$3,000	
Charlesbank, addition to building and shower baths	5,000	
Playgrounds, Wd. 13	25,000	
First-St. playground, lockers and gymnastic apparatus.....	4,500	
Playground, Wd. 17	80,000	
Playground, Parker Hill	60,000	
Savin Hill Park	35,000	
Savin Hill playground, grading and improving	5,000	
Franklin Field, locker buildings	25,000	
Rogers Park, enlargement of	30,000	
		272,500

PUBLIC GROUNDS DEPARTMENT.

Independence Square, new walks	\$10,000	
Boston Common, parade ground, grading and lockers.....	12,000	
Franklin Square, sand gardens and gymnastic apparatus.....	2,500	
		24,500

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Street improvements	450,000
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STREET LAYING-OUT DEPARTMENT.

Highways, making of	250,000
	<u>\$1,610,000</u>

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. BANGS.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR POLICEMAN.

Ald. BANGS, for the Committee on Police, submitted a report on the report of the Committee on Claims, with Willie H. Burns for expense of suit order (referred last year), to reimburse against him as a police officer, amounting to \$98.13—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

LICENSES.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to seven newsboys, two bootblacks and one vendor. Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on petition of F. E. Gregory (referred June 24), for license to store and keep for use gasoline at 151 Kilsyth Rd., Wd. 25—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on petition of Keene & Malone (referred today), for license to run a passenger barge between Forest

Hills and Forest Hills Cemetery, during the present season—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

RAILROADS.

Ald. FINIGAN, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted a report on petition of West End Street Railway Company (referred today), for a location for double tracks in portion of Appleton St., also curves at south corner Appleton and Berkeley Sts. and at north and south corners Dartmouth and Appleton Sts.—recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon on Monday, July 22, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted; order of notice passed.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted the following:

Reports on petitions (severally referred today) of United Italian Societies (two), one for leave to decorate, and the other for leave to use Faneuil

Hall on July 4, from 4 P. M. until midnight—that leave be granted.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

DECORATING OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That permission be hereby granted to the New England Decorating Company to decorate Faneuil Hall for the Oration held under the auspices of the City of Boston on July 4, 1907.

Passed.

REPAIR OF ASHMONT ST.

Ald. CLARK offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to regulate the gravel sidewalks along Ashmont St. between Neponset Ave. and Adams St., Wd. 24, and place the same in proper condition for public travel.

Passed.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, at 3:26 P. M., on motion of Ald. BELL, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order at 6:23 P. M.

CLOSING OF ROADWAY.

Ald. BANGS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Gainsborough St., at St. Stephen St, Wd. 10, to public travel during the time necessary for the completion of sewer improvements by the Sewer Department.

Passed.

APPROPRIATION FOR BRIGHTON DAY.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the sum of \$3000 be set aside for the celebration of Brighton Day; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Mayor, Public Celebrations.

The order was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I ask a suspension of the rule at this time. This is public celebration money. The money has run down pretty low, and the Mayor asked me to put an order in and said he would approve it.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair has referred the order just read to the Committee on Finance and Ald. Woods asks that the rule be suspended that the order may take its second reading at this time. The question comes on suspending the rule.

The Chair was in doubt and called for a standing vote, and more than two-thirds of the members voted to suspend the rules.

The order was passed. Sent down.

PERMIT FOR FIREWORKS.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That permission be hereby granted to the Columbus Club for a display of fireworks on vacant land corner of Pleasant and Stoughton Sts., Wd. 20, on the evening of July 3, 1907.

Passed.

SMOKE NUISANCE ORDINANCE.

Ald. BALDWIN offered the following: An Ordinance in Regard to the Abatement of Smoke.

Be it Ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

Section 1. The smoke nuisance division of the Board of Health, as now established by said Board, shall continue under the designation of the smoke abatement division, and shall consist of a chief inspector of smoke abatement, who shall be the head of said division and shall receive a salary at the rate of \$2500 a year, and of such number of assistant inspectors as said board may from time to time determine. It shall be the duty of the Board of Health, by said chief inspector and his assistants, to enforce all provisions of law or ordinance relative to the abatement of smoke within the city limits, and for that purpose the inspector and his assistants are hereby authorized and empowered to enter upon any premises other than dwelling houses in which furnaces or steam boiler plants are situated, for the purpose of inspecting the same, in order to determine whether they are or can be operated without violation of any law or ordinance relative to the abatement of smoke.

Sec. 2. Said chief inspector shall as soon as possible compile a list of all boiler plants other than those in private dwelling-houses, and the persons owning or operating the same shall upon request furnish such information or returns as may be required by him relative to the service and the hours of operation of the same, the character and quantity of fuel consumed, the means of preventing the emission of smoke, and such other particulars as may be required. Said chief inspector shall make an annual report to the Board of Health covering the operations of said smoke abatement division and the Board of Health shall include such report in its annual report.

Sec. 3. Within six months of the date of the passage of this ordinance the owner, or the lessee in case the same is on leased premises, of every stationary boiler plant installed in any building other than a dwelling house shall cause the same to be provided with such furnace, fire box, setting, arches, smoke connections, means of securing full combustion or other appliances as will enable the same to be operated, with reasonable and usual care and attention, without violation of any provisions of law or ordinance relative to the discharge of smoke.

Sec. 4. Said inspector and his assistants on the request of the Building Commissioner, shall from time to time examine the boilers or furnaces maintained in buildings to see if said boilers or furnaces comply with the conditions prescribed by said Building Commissioner for their maintenance in respect to the discharge of smoke, and shall report to said Building Commissioner all failures to comply with said conditions.

Sec. 5. Any owner or lessee, as the case may be, of a boiler plant who fails to comply with any provision of this ordinance after the receipt of two written notices from said chief smoke inspector, dated not less than one month apart, requiring compliance with any provision of this ordinance, and specifying the changes and alterations in the installation deemed necessary by said chief inspector, if the same are called for, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for each offence.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances, on motion of Ald. BALDWIN.

LEAVE FOR VETERANS.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the heads of departments be requested, through His Honor the Mayor

to grant leave of absence, without loss of pay, and in part compensation for their services to the city of Boston, to all employees who are associated with the United Spanish War Veterans and who desire to attend their convention, to be held at Cedar Point, Lake Erie, Sept. 9, 10, and 11.

Passed. Sent down.

RESCISSION OF SIDEWALK ORDER.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the order of the Board of Aldermen approved July 12, 1906, authorizing the construction of gravel sidewalks with edgestones along Ashland St., between Brown Ave. and Washington St., Wd. 23, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893, be and the same is hereby rescinded; no work having been done under said order.

Passed.

CATCH-BASIN LOCATION.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order: That the Superintendent of Sewers be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to change location of catch basin in front of No. 542 Bremen St. to the corner of Glendon Pl. and Bremen St., East Boston.

Passed.

TRIMMING OF TREES.

Ald. BERWIN submitted a petition of L. B. Stockford and in connection with the same offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim the trees on West Newton St., from No. 193 to No. 211; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim two trees in front of estate No. 742 Saratoga St., East Boston; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

RELAYING OF SIDEWALK.

Ald. DRAPER offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to relay the brick sidewalk on Tremont St., at the King's Chapel Cemetery; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Street Improvements

Passed.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. CURLEY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted a report on petition of Boston Consolidated Gas Company (referred June 3), to relocate pole—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Boston Consolidated Gas Company to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at point designated by a black dot in a circle on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by J. A. Gould; said pole to be located as follows:

Washington St., northeast corner of Market St., Wd. 25; number of poles, 1; date of plan, May 25, 1907.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Washington St. one pole shown by a black dot on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the

conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. BERWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on order (referred June 24th), that the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along both sides of East Fourth St., between I and Fay Sts., Wd. 14, that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits as hereinafter stated, the work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1907, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, viz.:

Mary Hickey, for leave to place, maintain and use a wooden cover over the area at present existing under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 53 Harvard St., Wd. 2.

H. P. Nawn, to erect, maintain and use guy posts with ropes attached, as follows: One post in and over Oak St., at or near No. 21; one post in and over Ash St., at or near No. 34; for use during the construction of post foundations for the Boston Elevated Railway Company.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed.

(3) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for licenses to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum—recommending reference of the same to the Committee on Licenses, viz.:

G. H. Proctor Supply Co., Copley Sq. Garage, Irvington St. and Harcourt St., Wd. 10.

The Patterson Sargent Co., 307 Atlantic Ave.

Patterson Lubricating Co., rear of 114 Broad St., Wd. 7.

Reports severally accepted; said references ordered in concurrence.

(4) Report on the report of the Committee on Finance and loan order of \$1,610,000, recommending the passage of the loan order in a new draft, amounting to \$1,599,500, the changes being as follows:

Under Fire Department, increase amount for house, land and apparatus, Forest Hills, from \$20,000 to \$30,000.

Under Fire Department, insert an item of \$15,000, for house, land and apparatus, Orient Heights.

Under Park Department, insert the following items:

Removal of stone wall, Seaver St. side of Franklin Park, \$5000.

Marcella St. Playground, gymnastic apparatus and shower baths, \$7,500.

Cottage St. Playground, gymnastic apparatus, lockers and improving grounds, \$5000.

Under Street Department, reduce item for Street Improvements from \$450,000 to \$400,000.

The report of the committee was accepted, and the question came on adopting the various amendments.

The amendments were adopted except the item for Street Improvements, \$400,000.

The question came on the adoption of the item for Street Improvements, \$400,000.

Ald. BELL moved to strike out the

item, and the question came on the adoption of the motion offered by Ald. BELL.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I sincerely trust that this motion will not prevail. I want to say, Mr. Chairman, that the Street Department have expended for street work every year for the past ten years in excess of \$1,500,000; that the total appropriation for Street Department this year has been less than one million dollars; that there is a necessity for the work; there is a demand for it on the part of the public and on the part of the business interests in particular. The streets are in a bad condition at the present time; whole streets should be rebuilt. Nearly every street in the city, with the exception of those that have been repaired within the last ten years, is in need of repairs. There is a possibility that we will have a great influx of visitors here this year, on the occasion of the Old Home Week celebration, and the streets should be put into a proper condition. Mr. Chairman I want to say that at the time of the St. Louis Exposition the sum of \$5,000,000 was expended by that city on the improvement of existing streets and on the work on new streets laid out during that year. But here in the city of Boston the Street Department is handicapped for money with which to do its work, the amount appropriated this year is less than the amount appropriated for the last ten years. The question of whether it is a permanent improvement is a question that is open for discussion; but the past experience in this city government has been that work of this character has been done on loan orders. Now, if that policy is, as some members of this Board contend, a wrong financial policy, then let us rely on the judgment of the Financial Investigating Committee, which will undoubtedly sit some time this year. It has been the policy in the past, why should we oppose that this year? Why should we do it, in view of the fact that an investigation has been ordered, and will undoubtedly be held? No one questions the necessity for the expenditure of large sums of money on the city's highways. No member of this Board will dispute the statement that \$5,000,000 could be expended on our highways. And, in view of that fact, why oppose the expenditure of only \$400,000 on this order?

The CHAIR—The question comes on the motion of Ald. Bell to strike out the item for street improvements.

The motion was declared lost.

Ald. BELL doubted the vote and asked for a roll-call, which was taken, and the motion was lost, yeas 4, nays 9.

Yeas—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Clark—4.
Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Berwin, Curley, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—9.

The CHAIR—The question now comes on the adoption of the amendment reducing the item for the Street Department to \$400,000.

The amendment was adopted.

The CHAIR—The question now comes on the passage of the bill as amended.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I don't propose to take up a lot of time of the members of this Board in regard to this loan order. I see that the loan order is going through, and I may surprise some of my friends by voting for it. But, Mr. Chairman, I don't believe that the item of \$400,000 should be in this loan bill. I believe, as has been stated time and time again, that that money should be taken out of the tax levy, and not borrowed; because I believe we will all admit that it is not good financial policy to borrow money to pay current expenses. I wish that I

could vote for the loan order and at the same time vote against that particular item of street improvements, because I am against it and I believe that I am doing wrong when I vote for a loan bill that contains that item. But I also believe, Mr. Chairman, that there are some items in this loan bill that should be supported by every member of this board. I believe that the item of \$140,000 for the Consumptives' Hospital is one that should interest every member of this city government. When the loan bill is going through the Board of Aldermen, it seems a little unfair to ask the members of the Board to give my district \$76,000 worth of local improvements, and then for me to refuse to give one dollar for local improvements in any other part of the city. Perhaps, like all the other members of the Board, I want to get all I can, but I do believe that there should be some show of fairness. I believe that East Boston and Jamaica Plain and West Roxbury and Charlestown are entitled to some consideration when a loan bill is going through. The Finance Committee has, in my opinion, dealt fairly with Dorchester; they have given us \$76,000 for local improvements, and they have also given us \$140,000 for the Consumptives' Hospital. Realizing that I have been dealt fairly with by the members of the Finance Committee and by the members of the Board, I am going to reiterate what I have said before—that I am in favor of every item in the loan bill with the exception of the item of \$400,000 for the streets. I am going to vote for the bill as it stands. I do not advocate the passage of the bill, Mr. Chairman; I leave that to the consciences of the members of the Board.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I won't take up the time of the Board at this late hour in reiterating what I have said at almost every meeting of the Board—that I do not believe in borrowing money to pay for current expenses. The question is a matter of principle; it isn't a thing that can be compromised on. You can compromise on questions of amount, but you can't compromise on questions of principle. It seems to me that no one who understands finance in the slightest degree, who understands how to manage his own personal affairs without going into bankruptcy, has the slightest right to vote for borrowing money for the purpose for which it is proposed to borrow \$400,000. If any one in this Board believes that there are items in this loan bill that are good things, why can't they be voted on separately? Perhaps all the items except this Street Department item ought to pass, but I have got to vote against the bill, and I shall with great pleasure vote against the whole of the bill. Perhaps every item in this bill, except that one of \$400,000, may be a good item, but I will never vote for \$400,000 to mend the streets of Boston, because it is a matter of principle that the current expenses of Boston should be paid for out of the current receipts of Boston, and not be paid for by borrowed money. I don't come here to make any trades or ask anything. I consider that I represent the whole city of Boston, and not one ward or one precinct of it, and I consider that, as representing the whole city of Boston I have no right to vote for a bill which contains any such measure as that \$400,000 street loan.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I want to say as a member of this board that the shoe doesn't pinch my friend on the right any more than it does any other member of this Board. If it wasn't for the policy of the state in imposing bur-

dens upon Boston, it wouldn't be necessary to borrow this money in order that the city might have these public improvements. But where the city of Boston is obliged to pay, as it is this year, in excess of \$4,000,000 to the state for state tax assessments, it becomes necessary that the city borrow the money. Mr. Chairman, the curse is not on the city, the curse is on the state and the burdens the state imposes on the city. We have wrangled here from the beginning of the year on the question of an expenditure of \$500,000 for the Street Department, and the Massachusetts Legislature passes legislation during the past year for \$6,000,000 for state boulevards. Has any question ever been raised as to whether that money should be in the form of loans or whether it should be considered as a permanent improvement? No one has ever questioned the state's right to spend that money as it saw fit. If it wasn't for the fact that our state expenses have increased so rapidly during the past year, it would be possible to give to the city of Boston these improvements which we find so necessary. Mr. Chairman, take the water loan. The gross state debt on the water loan is forty millions, the city of Boston's portion of that debt is thirty-two millions. If our state tax assessment were one million dollars, as it should be, instead of four million dollars as it is, it would be possible for us out of the tax levy to furnish all these improvements for the citizens. Mr. Chairman, it is a question that shouldn't be considered from one point of view alone; it is a question that should be considered from every point of view, and I believe that the most essential point of view from which a question of this character should be considered is the

question of the state tax assessment on the city of Boston.

Ald. CLARK—Mr. Chairman, I am not going to try to change a single vote in this matter, because I realize as well as the other gentlemen who have spoken that the minds of the members of the Board and all made up. But I do want to say that I regret to feel obliged to vote against this bill. It contains many items that are meritorious and for which money can properly be borrowed, but I have told here in this Board and in the committees the reasons why I cannot vote to borrow \$400,000 to repair our streets. I have no fault to find with the other members of this Board who hold opinions different from my own, but I am casting my own vote here, and I am responsible, and I believe that I am casting a vote which the majority of the people of Boston will sustain.

The CHAIR—The question comes upon the passage of the bill as amended.

The bill as amended was passed, yeas 11, nays 2:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Curley, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—11.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Clark—2.

Ald. CURLEY moved reconsideration of the vote just passed, hoping that the same would not prevail. Reconsideration was lost. Sent down.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY the Board refused a reconsideration of its action on all motions, orders and resolutions acted upon today.

Adjourned at 6.50 P. M., on motion of Ald. WHELTON, to meet on Monday, July 8th, at 3 o'clock P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, July 8, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Ald. BERWIN, senior member, presiding, and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. WOODS, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Jacob Dold Packing Company, an illuminated sign, at 79 South Market St., Wd. 6.

Suffolk Storage Warehouse Company, an illuminated sign, at 108 Northampton St., Wd. 12.

Miss Lina S. Poor, an electric sign, at 494 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 12.

Knott & Co., an illuminated flag, at Old State House, Washington St., Wd. 6.

Michael Giffels, an illuminated sign, at 24 Main St., Wd. 5.

Knights of St. Rose, a transparency, at 17 Worcester St., Wd. 12.

Ralph Capone, a sign, at 28½ Brattle St., Wd. 6.

L. Goldstein, a wooden sign, at 111 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

Madison Tailoring Company, an illuminated sign, at 1102 Washington St., Wd. 9.

L. H. Sullivan, an illuminated sign, at 52 School St., Wd. 7.

Louis Howitz, an electric sign, at 5 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

Harry Novominsky, a sign, at 30 Staniford St., Wd. 8.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Petition for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

Knights of Equity, on Aug. 6 and 7, day and evening.

Electric Wires.

Petitions of the N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, viz.:

For leave to erect one pole at Haverhill St., near Main St., Wd. 4.

For leave to remove poles, viz.:

One on Chiswick Rd., at Commonwealth Ave., and one on Commonwealth Ave. at Chiswick Road, Wd. 25.

Memorial Day.

Reports of Memorial day expenses, viz.:

Robert G. Shaw Veteran Association.

Robert A. Bell post 134, G. A. R.

Gen. Joseph Hooker Command No. 9, U. V. U.

Public Improvements.

T. J. Billings, for leave to move a wooden building from 849 Blue Hill Ave. to corner Blue Hill Ave. and Calder St., Wd. 23.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:

Louis Salovitz, 166-168-170 Quincy St., 193-197 Howard Ave., Wd. 16.

Marks Harris, 210-212-214 Howard Ave. and on Quincy St., Wd. 16.

Charles Jenkins, 778 Beacon St., Wd. 11.

Gilbert O. Goudey, 48 Carruth St., Wd. 24.

Charles H. Stewart, 110 Harvard St., Wd. 20.

Rev. Francis J. Butler, St. Leo's Rectory, 177 Harvard St., corner Esmond St., Wd. 20.

Francis C. Welch, 58 Deerfield St., corner Bay State Road, Wd. 11.

C. C. Ryder, 60 Homes Ave., Wd. 20.

Bigelow, Kennard & Co., southwest corner Washington and West Sts., Wd. 7.

Street Commissioners.

John B. Mulvey et al., that Walk Hill St., between Blue Hill Ave. and Harvard St., be widened to 80 feet, etc.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

On petitions for leave to project bay windows, viz.:

1. Chescenzo Merola, two over Cottage St., and one over Everett St., from building 86 Cottage St., corner of Everett St., Wd. 2.

2. Crescenzo Merola, one over Cottage St. and two over Everett St., from building 89 Cottage St., corner of Everett St., Wd. 2.

3. On petition of M. B. Brandegee, for leave to project a marquee at 66 Sumner St., Wd. 7.

There being no objections, the several petitions were referred to the Committee on Building Department (Ald.).

4. On petition of the Massachusetts Breweries Company, for leave to lay a conduit under and across Conant St., from estates numbered respectively 70 Conant St. and 83-89 Conant St., Wd. 19.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

5. On petition of the Police Commissioner, for leave to erect posts for police boxes at locations as follows: One opposite 1401 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19; one opposite 1 Old Heath St., Wd. 22; one opposite 775 Dudley St., Wd. 16; one opposite 8 Wayland St., Wd. 16; one opposite 70 Second St., Wd. 13; one opposite 164 A St., Wd. 13; one opposite 241 A St., Wd. 13; one opposite 300 Sumner-St. extension, Wd. 13, and one opposite 305 Congress St., Wd. 13.

Thomas Connors objected to the erection of post in front of 164 A St. William P. Hickey also objected.

Recommitted to the Committee on Electric Wires.

EDGESTONE ASSESSMENTS.

Sidewalk schedules were received from the Superintendent of Streets recommending the passage of orders as follows: That the persons named in the within schedule be and they hereby are charged and assessed with one-half the sums set to their respective names, as their proportional parts of the cost of constructing gravel sidewalks with granite edgestones in front of their estates on the following streets, and the same is ordered to be certified, and notice given to the parties aforesaid, viz.:

East Third St., between K and L Sts., Wd. 14, \$373.35; Harvard St., Wd. 16, \$669.78.

The orders were passed.

NOTICES FROM RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Notice was received from the Railroad Commissioners of hearing July 5 on approval of 269th location of the West End Street Railway Company.

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Notice was received from the Railroad Commissioners of a hearing July 8th on petition of Boston Elevated Railway Company for approval of plans 26,853 to 26,860 showing fork and method of construction of its proposed railway from Lechmere Square in Cambridge to Causeway St., and a connection with the Boston subway and Washington St. tunnel.

Severally placed on file.

CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The City Treasurer, after having duly approved of the same, submitted the constable's bond of James P. Keliher.

Approved by the Board.

MARKET COMMITTEE REPORT.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Markets, submitted a report concerning the markets of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington (Document 101), and moved that the same be printed as a city document and referred to the Committee on Market Department.

The motion was carried and said reference ordered.

LICENSESES.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 12 newsboys, 7 bootblacks and 1 vendor.

Report severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted a report on petition of Knights of Equity (referred today), for use of Faneuil Hall on Aug. 6th and 7th, day and evening, for convention purposes—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

PROJECTION OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred July 1) for leave to project signs.—Recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

L. O. Perkins, wooden sign, 1600 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 24.

John C. Good, electric sign, 179 Centre St., Wd. 22.

Reports accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for leave to project signs, etc.—Recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

Harry Novominsky, sign, 50 Staniford St., Wd. 8.

Louis Howitz, electric sign, 5 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

L. H. Sullivan, illuminated sign, 52 School St., Wd. 7.

Madison Tailoring Company, illuminated sign 112 Washington St., Wd. 9.

L. Goldstein, wooden sign, 111 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

Ralph Capone, sign, 28½ Brattle St., Wd. 6.

Knights of St. Rose, transparency, 17 Worcester St., Wd. 12.

Suffolk Storage Warehouse Company, illuminated sign, 108 Northampton St., Wd. 12.

Lina S. Poor, electric sign, 494 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 12.

Knott & Co., illuminated flag, Old State House, Wd. 6.

Michael Giffels, illuminated sign, 24 Main St., Wd. 5.

Jacob Dold Packing Company, illuminated sign, 79 South Market St., Wd. 6.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

PETITION REFERRED.

Ald. CLARK presented the petition of Theodore C. Knott, et als., for edge-stones on Auckland St. between Savin Hill Ave. and Bay St.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. CLARK.

ROXBURY HIGH FORT.

Ald. DRAPER offered an order—That a special committee, to consist of two members of the Board of Aldermen and three members of the Common Council, be appointed to make arrangements for the exercises in connection with the old High Fort, Roxbury, during the Old Home Week celebration; the expense incurred to be charged to the appropriation for Public Celebrations.

Passed. Sent down.

Ald. Draper and Finigan were appointed on said committee.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two trees now standing in the sidewalk on Winter St., at the corner of Parish St., Wd. 20, the same being an obstruction to street improvements now in progress by the Street Department.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be directed to remove a tree standing in front of estate numbered 1548-1558 orchester Ave., Wd. 24, said tree interfering with building operations now in progress at said estate; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. CLARK offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in the sidewalk in front of the estate of Mrs. T. J. Barry, 70 Mayfield St., Wd. 20, as the roots of said tree are causing damage to the granolithic sidewalk at said location; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree now standing on South St. at Bradford Ave., Wd. 23, said tree being an obstruction in the roadway.

Passed.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove three trees now standing in the sidewalk on Wachusett St. at Varney St., Wd. 23; the same being in the centre of the sidewalk and dangerous to public travel.

Severally passed.

REPAIR OF BOARDMAN ST.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to have put in proper condition for public travel Boardman St., East Boston.
Passed.

REPAVING OF SARATOGA ST.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have Saratoga St., from Moore to Wordsworth Sts., repaved.
Passed.

OPENING OF SARATOGA ST.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the City Engineer be requested to inform this Board when, in his opinion, Saratoga St. will be open to public travel, at the point where the grade crossing is being separated.
Passed.

STREET CONSTRUCTION, EAST BOSTON.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to order at the earliest possible date the construction of Cottage, Frankfort and Bayswater streets, East Boston.
Passed.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted at 3:25 o'clock P. M., on motion of Ald. FLANAGAN, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 4:10 o'clock P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Chairman BERWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on petition of T. J. Billings (referred today), for leave to move wooden building—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to T. J. Billings to move a wooden building, hip roof, 20 feet in length by 12 feet in width, by 10 feet in height, from 849 Blue Hill Ave., along said avenue to the corner of Calder St., Wd. 24, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Report on petition of Theodore C. Knott et als. (referred today), for edgestones on Auckland St., between Savin Hill Ave. and Bay St.—recommending reference of same to the Superintendent of Streets.

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

(3) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for sidewalks, recom-

mending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks along the following-named streets in front of the hereinafter mentioned estates; said sidewalks to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built as specified, the owner to furnish said material, viz.:

(Artificial stone.)

Charles H. Stewart, 110 Harvard St., Wd. 20.

Francis C. Welch, 58 Deerfield St., corner Bay State Rd., Wd. 11.

Rev. Francis J. Butler, St. Leo's rectory, 177 Harvard St., corner Esmond St., Wd. 20.

Eigelow, Kennard & Co., southwest corner Washington and West Sts., Wd. 7.

C. C. Ryder, 60 Homes Ave., Wd. 20.
Gilbert O. Goudey, 48 Carruth St., Wd. 24.

(Brick.)

Marks Harris, 210-12-14 Howard Ave. and on Quincy St., Wd. 16.

Louis Salovitz, in front of estate 166-68-70 Quincy St., 193-7 Howard Ave., Wd. 16.

Charles Jenkins, 778 Beacon St., Wd. 11.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed.

ACCEPTANCE OF SPRING ST.

Ald. FINEGAN offered an order—That the Street Commissioners be requested to accept, lay out and construct Spring St., from Gardner St. to the Charles River Bridge.
Passed. Sent down.

REPAIR OF SIDEWALKS.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to repair the sidewalks on George St., at the corner of Woodward Ave., at the corner of Langdon St., and the corner of Clarence St., Wd. 17.
Passed.

SIDEWALK, EAST FOURTH ST.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along both sides of East Fourth St., between K and L Sts., Wd. 14, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of gravel, with granite edgestone. Under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.
Passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. BELL moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 4:12 o'clock P. M., on motion of Ald. WHELTON, to meet on Monday, July 15, at 3 o'clock P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Monday, July 8, 1907.

Special meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P. M., President BARRETT in the chair.

CALL FOR MEETING.

The Clerk read the call for the meeting, as follows:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, July 5, 1907.

To the Members of the Common Council:—

You are hereby requested to assemble in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, July 8, at 7:45 P. M., to take action upon financial orders of importance now pending before the Council and such other matters as may require consideration by the Council.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Placed on file.

The PRESIDENT—If there is no objection the Chair will dispense with the reading of the communications from the Mayor for the present, and take up papers from the Board of Aldermen.

There being no objection the Council proceeded to consider papers from the Board of Aldermen, as follows:

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Mayor's message transmitting a communication from the Fire Commissioner requesting that a pension be granted to the widow of Cornelius H. Tagen, a member of the Fire Department.

The passage of the following order is recommended in said message:

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 107 of the Acts of 1880, annuity of not exceeding three hundred dollars (\$300), the amount to be fixed by the Fire Commissioner, be paid as long as she remains unmarried to Mrs. Sarah E. Tagen, widow of Cornelius H. Tagen, formerly of the Fire Department, and who died from injuries received while in the discharge of his duty as a member of said department; the amount to be paid under the authority of this order, to be reckoned from the date of its approval, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department.

The message was placed on file and the Council voted, on motion of Mr. TROY of Wd. 14, to suspend the rule.

The order was passed in concurrence. Mr. TROY moved to reconsider; lost.

2. Mayor's message transmitting a request from the Superintendent of Street Cleaning and Watering for an appropriation of \$8000 for the construction of a tidewater dump at the Charlestown side of Charles River Ave.

The immediate passage of the following order is recommended in said message:

Ordered, That the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8000) be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Superintendent of Street Cleaning and

Watering for the construction of a tide-water dump at the Charlestown side of Charles River Ave.; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

The message was placed on file.

The order failed of passage (50 votes being required), yeas 43, nays 21:

Yeas—Barrett, Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (15), Daly (12), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hanrahan, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, McCabe, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, Montague, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), Purcell, Rackowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sheenan, Sorenson, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Zetterman—43.

Nays—Anderson, Bagley, Bramhall, Brown, Carruth, Clark (20), Clark (24), Davidson, Ferguson, Harding, Madden, McGregor, McLennan, Morgan, Noyes, Peshorn, Pierce, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside—21.

Absent or not voting—Buckley, George, Green, Hackett, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Roberts, Santosuosso, Spellman—11.

Mr. McCULLOUGH moved to reconsider, and that the question of reconsideration be assigned to 9.30 P. M.

The motion was carried.

3. Mayor's message transmitting communications received from the Superintendent of Bridges relative to the strengthening of the Meridian St. bridge to accommodate the heavy cars now using the same.

The immediate passage of the following order is recommended in said message:

Ordered, That the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Superintendent of Bridges for the improvement of the Meridian St. bridge; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

The message was placed on file.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2 moved assignment of the order to the next meeting.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I hope Mr. Doherty's motion will not prevail. We are not sure that we will get the members together again this summer. I want to say quite frankly that I shall vote "Yes" on this order when it comes up. I believe that the bridge needs repairing. I don't know, Mr. President, that I am allowed to speak on the general question at this time. I do think that there is a real necessity for the city to keep its part of contract with the public service corporation that has done its work in the way I understand that the Boston Elevated Railway has; it has spent from \$6000 to \$8000 on the bridge. I don't believe, of course, in borrowing money for running expenses, but this is a case where the bridge has to be fixed some way, and if that is the only way in which it can be done I believe in having it done that way. I hope the assignment will not prevail, but that the order will pass tonight.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I want to say that I desire to go on record also in favor of this order, and on the ultimate passage of the same I shall vote for it; but at the present time I feel as though this order ought to be held up for a week, at least to such time as we, the representatives of the people in East Boston, that section of Boston, receive some assurances from the Boston Elevated Railway that

they will not use this bridge to the disadvantage of the people in East Boston. There is no question but what the repairing of this bridge is going to be a great benefit to the Boston Elevated Railway. Now, I am not opposed to the Boston Elevated Railway in particular, but I want some assurances from the Boston Elevated Railway that they will not crowd the East Boston tunnel with Chelsea freight. That is my reason for opposing the order here at the present time, and I sincerely trust that the order will be assigned so as to give the representatives of East Boston an opportunity to confer with the Boston Elevated Railway and find out what they propose to do in connection with the car service of that section of Boston. As it is today, the repairing of this bridge has for its object the benefiting of the Boston Elevated Railway and its patrons on the other side at East Boston. I am in favor of the bill, but I want some provision to come in there, some understanding with the Elevated officials to show us in East Boston that the tunnel that is built for them will not be overcrowded by people living to the north of Boston, from Chelsea and other places in that vicinity.

Mr. WOODSIDE of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I see no reason why this order should be assigned. My brother from Wd. 2 says that he wants more time. He knows as well as you do, Mr. President, that this order has been on the calendar for a month. As it is now, there is no traffic at all over what we call Meridian-St. bridge; all Chelsea cars, East Boston and Chelsea cars, from the tunnel, have to run around from the old bridge; it is a loss of seven or eight minutes in time. In addition to that, there are three different lines of traffic going up Bennington St. in East Boston, making it very much congested there; the bridge at the present time is not open to anything but foot passengers. I see no reason why the order should not pass tonight, and I hope it will.

Mr. DOHERTY—I want to say to the members of this body, Mr. President, that this bill is not going to benefit the people of my section any. We have cars at the present time running the whole length of Meridian St. clear to the bridge. This bill is going to benefit the citizens of Chelsea, and the citizens of Chelsea—or the city government of Chelsea—should pay some proportionate share of the cost of this expenditure. Now, the Council may do as they please; all I ask is for time so that the people of my district can receive assurances from the officials of the Boston Elevated Railway as to how they intend to treat us in the matter of car service, and not crowd us out with all the car service that they can pack in there for the benefit of their patrons to the north of East Boston. I respectfully hope that the assignment will prevail.

Mr. GEORGE of Wd. 21—Mr. President, I am not a representative from East Boston; I am not particularly interested in this bill, but I should like to say for the benefit of the members of the Council that I know as a matter of fact that the Boston Elevated Railway expended a large sum of money in improving this bridge on distinct assurance from the representatives of the city of Boston that the sum of \$10,000 would be expended by the city in order to put the bridge in final shape. The Elevated road expended that money on that understanding, and they have been waiting ever since to run their cars over that bridge. They have done everything that was expected they

should do, and they have been waiting for this appropriation in order that the city might on its side do what it had agreed to do. The Elevated road has done its part of the job, and the city is now merely waiting for the Council to appropriate \$10,000 so that it may do its share. Now, I know that as a fact from a personal friend of mine who happens to be an employee in very good standing of the Boston Elevated, and as far as the citizens of East Boston are concerned, I think there is a difference of opinion between the representatives of East Boston here tonight. The citizens of East Boston will not be hurt by any expenditure to improve the bridge. I trust that the motion for assignment will not prevail. This order has been on the calendar for something over a month, and if Mr. Doherty desires to see the Boston Elevated representatives, he has plenty of opportunity to do so.

Mr. WOODSIDE—Mr. President, I would just like to say a word in answer to the gentleman from the fourth division (Mr. Doherty) as to the city of Chelsea bearing a portion of the expenditure for the repairing of this bridge. At the time that this bridge was constructed the city of Chelsea paid its share in a lump sum for the building of this bridge, and the understanding was had at that time that thereafter the city of Boston was to pay all expenses on the bridge. I would just say a word as to the traffic on that bridge. Prior to the time that the draw was closed, cars went over there on three-minute time both ways, and you can imagine now what the congestion is when not a car is allowed to go over there on account of the draw.

Mr. DOHERTY—I have got but one word, Mr. President, and gentlemen of the Council, to say in relation to what the Boston Elevated has expended. It is true they have expended some money. Do you suppose, gentlemen, for a moment, that the Boston Elevated Railway expended one cent of their money for the benefit of East Boston or any other section of Boston, or was it for the benefit of their own pockets? Why, is it not their duty to repair the streets over which their tracks are laid and over which their cars run? In other sections of this country corporations like the Boston Elevated Railway have to pay a tax to the cities for their franchise, and they contribute in many cities of this country quite a large sum of money for the privilege which they enjoy. Now, the Boston Elevated Railway wants that bridge repaired, they are very much interested in the repairing of that bridge, and I have had their representatives—through friends—speak to me in relation to it. But I know this—that the patronage of the Chelsea service on the Boston Elevated Railway system running into the East Boston tunnel has fallen off over 60 per cent, since this bridge was closed to the large cars of the Boston Elevated Railway. I know that the Boston Elevated Railway have refused to run a car from their barn in Chelsea to the draw on the Chelsea side of this bridge and give transfers to their cars on the opposite side of the bridge. You see what their object is. Their object is to accommodate, as I have said before, not the people of East Boston, but the people of Chelsea, and the patrons that they may expect from cities to the north of East Boston. Now, that is the true situation. The Elevated has spent some money, has spent it on other bridges; in fact, they have done more of that than any other public service corporation in this city. But what are they doing? It is merely a means of getting rid of their surplus

water. And they are only giving the citizens of Boston what they should be giving in taxes into the public treasury. If the city of Boston got its just deserts from public service corporations, like the Boston Elevated Railway and other similar corporations, they would have to take care of the streets entirely, as they have just agreed to do in Chicago, where the traction companies of Chicago have agreed to give to the citizens of Chicago—repave all the streets on which their cars are running, keep the same in constant repair and water and clean them, a saving of millions of dollars to the citizens of Chicago. The same condition exists in Buffalo, where the public service corporations pay into the city treasury millions of dollars. If this city was to receive from the public service corporations that which is due it in the way of taxation for the benefits that they receive, this city would be enriched millions of dollars, the taxes would be down to a minimum and we would have money for every purpose, and there wouldn't be much fight over the expenditure of money in the way of loan bills that come before us. Now, gentlemen, if you intend to vote for this money, I want you to understand the true situation of affairs. You are not doing it for the citizens of East Boston, I don't want you to say to me, "Here, we voted to give you \$10,000 in East Boston," and hold me to vote for you on some return measure. You are not giving that to the citizens of East Boston. Our bridge is all right as it stands today, although it is not of sufficient strength to uphold the large cars that the Boston Elevated Railway has recently built, cars which they have built for the benefit of their patrons, not the people of East Boston, but the people of Chelsea and other sections in that vicinity. I sincerely trust, Mr. President and gentlemen of the Council, that assignment will prevail.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentlemen from Wd. 2 in whose section this bridge is whether or not he believes that the people of his section are interested in the passage of this order, or whether or not he believes the Boston Elevated Railway Company are more interested?

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, I will answer the question of the gentlemen from Wd. 13 by saying that not one ordinary citizen of East Boston has asked me to vote for this bill, but men who are high in the financial world of our small sphere in East Boston have asked me, and they have asked me, as they said, because the officials of the Boston Elevated Railway have asked them to see me, and in reply I would say that the Boston Elevated Railway officials are the ones most vitally interested in the passage of this order here this evening.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I move you, sir, that the further consideration of this matter be referred to the Committee on Street Department on the part of the Council.

Mr. GEORGE of Wd. 21—Mr. President, I have only one word to add, and that is to Mr. Doherty's statement that the Boston Elevated Road is most interested in having this order passed. I presume that is so, and it is perfectly natural they should be. The Elevated Road has done its share of the work, and why should not the city do its share? I think the city is perfectly willing to do it as soon as the money is appropriated, and the Elevated Road, having done its part, it is interested in having the city do its part. One other thing about the gentleman's tirade against the public

service corporations not paying sufficient taxes and taking care of the streets. I would say for his information that an act was passed by the Legislature in 1893 under which all street railways in Massachusetts have to pay a tax of 2 per cent. of their gross earnings, which tax is expended by the city or town through which the railway operates for the maintenance and improvements of the streets of that city or town in which the tracks are laid, and that tax is assessed in lieu of any obligation which may be imposed in the original grants of any street railways in this state, and it was done in order to avoid the troubles which there have been between the street railways and the towns. I think the Legislature has settled that question once and for all, and I think they do pay a fair proportion of the cost of maintaining the streets through which they go, and there is no question what they may have to do under their charters or franchises, but what has been settled by statute in the last nine years.

The question came on the assignment. The motion to assign was declared lost. Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2 doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and the Council stood divided, 4 members voting in the affirmative and 17 in the negative.

The question then came on the motion of Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 to refer to the Committee on Street Department on the part of the Council.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I hope Mr. McCullough's motion to refer to the committee will not prevail. Later I may have an opportunity to tell about the workings of some of these committees of the Common Council. I do not think the Council as a whole will learn anything that it does not know of the situation. Mr. Doherty told the story very completely. Mr. George has also told us why this bill should pass, and I believe we should vote on the matter tonight.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, the reason I moved a reference to the Committee on Street Department is that the two gentlemen who have participated in this debate from East Boston have disagreed. I agree that it is only fair to both of the representatives from East Boston, and also to the residents of that section, that if this order has been jammed through the upper branch of this body, and if, as the gentleman from Wd. 2 in the fourth division says, that the most interested party is the Boston Elevated Railway Company, I believe that the people of East Boston should be given an opportunity to say whether or not they desire this improvement. If this order is referred to the Committee on Street Department on the part of the Council, the gentleman from East Boston, in the fourth division, and the gentleman from East Boston in the first division, will be given ample opportunity to prove their case. Now, Mr. President, I am one of those who believe that of the 30 odd committees that are appointed at the first of the year, some of those committees at the right time should be given some work to do, and I believe that in all fairness to a section of the city that brings no demand into either branch of the city government for such an improvement, and where there is a difference of opinion between its representatives, that such an order ought to be referred to a special committee. You have refused assignment until the next meeting of the Council. Why not let the two representatives from East Boston have their

little differences before a committee? I am not interested, but I believe as a matter of principle that such matters ought to be referred to a committee, where the rules of this body specify that all matters of this kind ought to be referred to a committee.

Mr. WOODSIDE of Wd. 1.—Mr. President, I am very much gratified to learn that the gentleman from the third division is not interested in this matter in any way, and I am much surprised to find the gentleman in the fourth division opposed, but I think everyone in this body knows what it means to refer this order to a committee. They know how long the traffic in that bridge will be tied up, and I think the order ought to be disposed of tonight either one way or the other. The gentleman from Wd. 2 says he is in favor of the bill, but he wants a little time. His argument throughout the entire evening has been in opposition to the bill and nothing else. I hope that a vote will be taken on this order tonight.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2.—Mr. President, I just want to add one word, and that is, that the traffic on that bridge at the present time is not tied up. The bridge is open and in operation at the present time, and if the Boston Elevated Railway saw fit to run their cars over it, why, nobody is going to object to it.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1.—Mr. President, it seems to me this matter has taken on an aspect which does not speak well for the city of Boston, more particularly the members of the City Government. As the gentleman from Wd. 11 said, the Elevated Road has expended six or eight thousand dollars on this particular bridge. The time of the last improvement an understanding was reached between the officials of the road and the representatives from the city of Boston that the city should stand the future expense. This order passed the Board of Aldermen May 27, by a vote of 9 to 3. There were three Democratic members who voted against the bill. It seems to me that when the gentleman from Wd. 2 says there is no particular talk of this needed improvement in East Boston, I think he is mistaken. I think, if he would move up in that part of the section through which the Chelsea cars pass, namely, the entire length of Meridian St., he will find that people in that section are complaining continually, and why? Simply for the reason that the service on that line is bad. The cars which they run at the present time are rightfully called cuspidors. That is a right name for them. They are about as large as a cigar box and will not hold many more people than a cigar box. The cars which the Boston Elevated Railway contemplate putting over this line are the new steel cars which will accommodate 100 passengers. The line comes over from Chelsea and will accommodate people, not only from what we call the "hill" section, but down the entire line. It seems to me very lax on the part of the city if the members of this body refuse to pass this order, and I certainly hope it will not be referred to the Committee on Street Department.

The question came on the motion to refer to the Committee on Street Department, which was declared lost.

The order was passed in concurrence, yeas 54, nays 11.

Yeas—Bagley, Barrett, Brown, Carruth, Clark (20), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Daly (17), Daly (12), Davidson, Donovan, Driscoll, Ducey, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (3), Foley, George, Hanrahan, Harding, Hatton, Hayes, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Lill, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McGregor, Mc-

Lennan, Mealey, Montague, Morgan, Noyes, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Penshorn, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sheenan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—54.

Nays—Anderson, Bramhall, Cronin, Doherty, Doyle, Green, Joyce, Madden, Murphy, Pierce, Wharton—11.

Absent or not voting—Buckley, Clark (24), Fitzgerald (14), Hackett, Leonard, Noonan, Pendergast, Purcell, Santososso, Sullivan (5)—10.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11 moved to reconsider.

Mr. DOHERTY moved to assign question of reconsideration to the next meeting. The motion to assign was lost, and the question came on reconsideration. Reconsideration was lost.

4. Mayor's message relative to an act passed by the Legislature providing for the preservation, as an historic and patriotic memorial, of the Old Provincial State House.

The passage of the following order is recommended in said message:

Ordered, That the sum of seventy-five hundred dollars (\$7500) be appropriated, to be expended by His Honor the Mayor to meet the city's portion of the expense of restoring the Old Provincial State House in the city of Boston, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 385 of the Acts of the Massachusetts Legislature of 1907, and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to the said amount.

The message was placed on file. The order was read a second time and passed in concurrence, yeas 65, nays 0:

Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Barrett, Bramhall, Brown, Carruth, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (3), George, Green, Hanrahan, Harding, Hatton, Hayes, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McGregor, McLennan, Mealey, Montague, Morgan, Murphy, Noyes, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Penshorn, Pierce, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sheenan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside—65.

Nays—0.

Absent or not voting—Buckley, Daly (17), Fitzgerald (14), Foley, Hackett, Joyce, Noonan, Pendergast, Santososso, Zetterman—10.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11 moved to reconsider; lost.

5. Mayor's message transmitting a communication from the City Auditor relative to a deficit in the appropriation for "Brandon St. and Belgrade Ave."

The passage of the following order is recommended in said message:

Ordered, That the sum of seventy-two hundred dollars (\$7200) be appropriated to meet a deficit in the appropriation for "Brandon St. and Belgrade Ave.," caused by an execution of court and an award of the Board of Street Commissioners; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The message was placed on file. The order was passed in concurrence, yeas 59, nays 3:

Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Barrett, Bramhall, Brown, Carruth, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Costello, Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), George, Green, Hard-

ing, Hatton, Hayes, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McGregor, McLennan, Mealey, Montague, Morgan, Noyes, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (14), Penshorn, Pierce, Purcell, Roberts, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sheenan, Sorenson, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—59.

Nays—Hanrahan, Madden, Murphy—3.
Absent or not voting—Buckley, Cose, Cronin, Daly (17), Foley, Hackett, Joyce, Noonan, O'Brien (18), Pendergast, Rachkowsky, Santosuosso, Spellman—13.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3 moved to reconsider.

Mr. MURPHY—Mr. President, I move assignment of reconsideration to the next meeting. Mr. Chairman, my reason for moving assignment on this order is that the Board of Street Commissioners are going to be allowed \$250,000 in the loan bill which is coming before this body in a short time. I cannot see, Mr. President, why it should be necessary to appropriate this money tonight. I feel —

The PRESIDENT—The Chair begs to call the attention of the gentleman to the fact that this is an execution of court and cannot be delayed; it must be paid.

Mr. MURPHY—I would like to inquire if it could not properly be paid out of the loan order?

The PRESIDENT—It could not be paid out of the loan order of \$250,000.

The question came on assignment of reconsideration to the next meeting. The motion was lost, and reconsideration was refused.

6. Mayor's message transmitting a request from the President of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital for a transfer of a certain appropriation.

The passage of the following order is recommended in said message:

Ordered, That the City Auditor be authorized to transfer the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars (\$3500) from the appropriation for "Hospital buildings improvements" to the appropriation for "East Boston Relief Station."

The communication was placed on file. The order was passed in concurrence, yeas 63, nays 0:

Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Barrett, Bramhall, Brown, Carruth, Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (3), Green, Hanrahan, Hatton, Hayes, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCullough, McGivern, McGregor, McLennan, Mealey, Montague, Morgan, Murphy, Noyes, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Penshorn, Pierce, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sheehan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—63.

Absent or not voting—Buckley, Clark (20), Fitzgerald (14), Foley, George, Hackett, Harding, Joyce, McCormack, Noonan, Pendergast, Santosuosso—12.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15 moved to reconsider; lost.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair wishes to call the attention of members to that rule which requires that members shall rise in their places when they wish to vote.

7. Mayor's message recommending the acceptance by the City Council of Chapter 513 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1907, entitled "An Act to Relieve Members of the Police Force of the City of Boston from Police Duty at Certain Times"

The communication was placed on file.

The chair called up No. 26, past assignment, viz.:

26. Whereas, There was enacted in the House of Representatives on the 12th day of June, 1907, and enacted in the Honorable Senate and signed by His Excellency the Governor on the 13th day of said June, an act entitled: "An act to relieve members of the police force of the city of Boston from Police Duty at Certain Times," and being the bill designated as House Bill No. 1526 as amended, and

Whereas, It is provided in said act that it be accepted by the Mayor and City Council of said city of Boston, be it

Ordered, That said act be and is hereby accepted.

Mr. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I desire to offer this substitute for the order now before the Council:

Ordered—That Chapter 513 of the Acts of the Legislature of the year 1907, entitled "An act to relieve members of the police force of the city of Boston from police duty at certain times," be and the same is hereby accepted by the Mayor and City Council of the city of Boston, and that written assent to said act and acceptance thereof be filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Inasmuch as the member from the Charlestown district (Mr. Donovan) has offered that substitute, I move you, sir, that the same be assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

The PRESIDENT—The question comes on the assignment.

Mr. DONOVAN—I can hardly see the necessity for the assignment of this order, for the reason that the substitute order pertains to the same subject matter as No. 26 on the calendar, the only difference being in the wording, and the occasion for the change in the wording is this: At the time of the introduction of the order on the calendar the act of the Legislature had not been assigned to its chapter, and consequently it was necessary to introduce the order in the form of a resolution. Since that time the act has been assigned to its regular chapter, and that is Chapter 513 of the Acts of 1907, and it seems to me there is absolutely no reason why this order should be further assigned. It has been on the calendar for three or four weeks, and if there was any desire to make a change in the order the members of the Council have had an opportunity to do it. It is the identical order that has been on the calendar for three or four weeks, and it seems to me that assignment ought not to be had at this time.

Mr. LILL of Wd. 8.—I sincerely trust, Mr. President and members of the Council, that this order will not be assigned tonight. If it is assigned to the next meeting of the Council, we do not know at the present time whether we are going to meet this week or next week. It may be that we will not meet until the fall, and I think it is a matter that should be taken up and disposed of. It has been on the calendar long enough for all the members to thoroughly understand it, and, as the gentleman in the fourth division (Mr. Donovan) has already stated, what he has just introduced is no different from what is now on the calendar. It is merely in conformity with law, and merely mentions the chapter which has been assigned. I sincerely trust that assignment will not take place.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman in the fourth division (Mr. Donovan), who has charge of No. 26 on the calendar wheth-

er or not he has filed with the Clerk of the Council a copy of House Bill No. 1526.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I will answer the gentleman by saying that I have not.

The PRESIDENT—The question comes on assignment.

The motion to assign was declared lost.

The PRESIDENT—The question comes on the adoption of the substitute.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—My point of order is that Rule 24 of the Rules of the Common Council reads as follows: "When an order or resolution relates to a subject which may properly be examined and reported upon by an existing committee of the City Council, such order or resolution shall, upon presentation, be referred to such committee." My point of order is, Mr. President, that No. 26 on the calendar must under the existing rules of the Common Council be referred to the Committee on Police Department.

Mr. DONOVAN—Mr. President, it is true, I believe, that there is such a rule, which says that a matter which may properly be considered by a committee shall be referred to that committee upon presentation. This resolution, however, was not referred to the committee on presentation, so that the rule in this case does not apply. Further, admitting that there might be something in the statement of the gentleman from Wd. 13, I move that the rules be suspended, that this order may go upon its passage.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the motion is not in order. Inasmuch as the order was not referred upon presentation, and was allowed to go upon the calendar, the Chair feels that the question now comes upon the adoption of the substitute. Rule 24 of the Common Council, referred to, has been honored by the breach in the past other than in the observance.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—I don't desire to press my point of order, Mr. President, neither will I raise the point of order that I would have raised concerning Rule 8 of the Joint Rules of the City Council, but inasmuch as the gentleman from Wd. 23 in the fourth division, who evidently has charge of this matter, has not offered to the members of the body a copy of the House Bill that is quoted in the order, and inasmuch as we have had no opportunity to observe the substitute motion, I now move you, sir, that this order be referred to the Committee on Police Department jointly.

The PRESIDENT—The question comes on reference to the Committee on Police Department.

Mr. DONOVAN—I fail to see, Mr. President, any reason why a copy of this act should have been submitted to the members of the Council. If that were done it would be the first time in my short experience here that such a step was taken.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the gentleman to suspend. The Chair will state that he is in error in entertaining the motion to refer, that the motion to amend takes precedence over the motion to refer. The question is still on the adoption of the substitute.

The question came on the adoption of the substitute, and it was declared to be a vote.

The PRESIDENT—The question now is on the passage of the order.

The order was passed.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, as I understand it, the only redress

the members of this body have now, if they wish to oppose the passage of No. 26 on the calendar, is to gain reconsideration and then argue upon the merits of the bill. And I ought to call to your attention, Mr. President, and to other members of the body, the attitude of the gentleman from Charlestown, in the fourth division, when recognized.

Mr. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, or, rather, I rise to make a motion that we reconsider the vote whereby we passed the substitute for No. 26 on the calendar, hoping the same will not prevail.

The PRESIDENT—The chair will state that Mr. McCullough has the floor, so that the motion cannot be entertained.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—If the gentleman from Charlestown has not had it made clear to him by the Chair, I want to notify him that I made a motion to reconsider the action of the Council a few minutes ago. And I also want to remind the members of this body that the Chair—and, mind you, I am not criticising the Chair—recognized the gentleman from Wd. 3 presumably to argue upon the passage of this order, and that he sat silently in his seat, and that the Chair then very properly put the question to the body—and maybe we were very properly defeated. Now, Mr. President, I want to call to your attention what No. 26 on the calendar means; I want every member of this body to look at it. Number 26 on the calendar reads as follows:

"Whereas, There was enacted in the House of Representatives on the 12th day of June, 1907, and enacted in the Honorable Senate and signed by His Excellency the Governor on the 13th day of said June, an act entitled "An act to relieve members of the police force of the city of Boston from police duty at certain times," and being the bill designated as House Bill No. 1526 as amended, and

"Whereas, It is provided in said act that it be accepted by the Mayor and City Council of said city of Boston, be it

"Ordered, That said act be and is hereby accepted."

Now, Mr. President, and fellow members of the Council, you read House Bill 1526; have you read the amendments that were attached thereto in the Senate and then concurred with in the House? You may well argue that you know it to be one thing, that you know the purport of the bill, and that is that it means that the police officers of the city of Boston shall be given one day's vacation in fifteen without loss of pay. You have not had the opportunity to discuss this question. I have not. I have discussed this bill privately with the gentleman from Wd. 3 in the fourth division, and I have discussed it with other members of the body, but I have at least expected that whoever fathered or fostered this little scheme would present to every member of this body a copy of the bill as presented and passed by the Massachusetts Legislature. Why, Mr. President, I know what is going on. I have been opposed to this bill for four months, for certain reasons that I may not give now, but may ten minutes later. I know what is going on, and I know the methods that have been pursued by a new organization, a new organization of intimidators—the men who wear the blue and the brass, who have threatened members of the city government into voting for the acceptance of this act. Now, Mr. President, I do not want to be misunderstood; I don't want it understood that I opposed the

acceptance of this act when I will have had time to look into it, to see what is in it. My friends, I don't want it understood, and I mean it in the fullest sense of the words that I have used—I don't want it understood, Mr. President, that I have opposed the acceptance of this act when it will have properly been put before us, but I want to call to your mind just what the history of this little baby has been. If I am wrong I want my learned friend in the fourth division (Mr. Donovan) to correct me. On the 13th day of June this order was passed by the Massachusetts Senate. If I am correct the 13th day of June was a Thursday, and on the 13th day of June, without even the newspapers of Boston knowing it, and without their either knowing it on the following day, this order was introduced, notifying the City Council of Boston that the act had been accepted and signed by the Governor. There must have been some loophole in the Governor's office, and because of certain things the order was assigned again and again, and you know that we haven't had a meeting until this night. The gentleman from Ward 3 in the fourth division, who has charge of this order, although being fairly recognized by the President on the question, Shall the order pass? sits silently in his seat, knowing or believing that the votes are on the line to passage. Now, what does it mean? I don't know, Mr. President, any more than you know about this order. I do not know how many sections there are in the act; I do not know what the first section is. I do not know whether it means that captains, that lieutenants, sergeants, police officers and reserve men, shall get one day off in fifteen, or whether it means only police officers. And I dare say you don't. I don't know when the act shall take effect if this City Council accepts it. But I do know this, Mr. President, I know that the police officers of Boston have bound themselves together into a protective, defensive and offensive alliance. I know that they intend to take an active part in the politics of Boston. I know that they have already intimidated members of the Board of Aldermen and men who intend to be candidates for that office running at large throughout the city, and have threatened that if they were against the acceptance of this act, that they shall feel the result. I know, Mr. President, that as an ordinary member of the Common Council—and I have never said so before tonight—that I have been threatened by members of the police force of the city of Boston, that if I did not vote for the acceptance of this act, that I would feel the strength of that new baby political organization in the city of Boston.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President—

The PRESIDENT—Does the gentleman yield for a question?

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 12—I do not, Mr. President, for this reason, that if I did I might transgress upon the rules of the Council, and I do not want to violate them as often as the gentleman from Wd. 11 does. Now, Mr. President, what does this act mean? I will tell you. If the gentleman from Wd. 3 in Charlestown does not want to be fair, I will tell you what it means. It means—and I may be wrong—that 1200 employees of the city of Boston, employed on the street in the police department, will be given one day's vacation in 15 at the expense of the taxpay-

ers of Boston. It means, Mr. President, if I am right—and if I am wrong I want my learned friend to correct me—that 1200 employees of the police department at \$3 per day will increase the appropriation for police department expenses \$87,000. Do you know what that means, Mr. President? Eighty-seven thousand six hundred dollars, granting that they are only policemen and they come in here without any message from His Honor the Mayor, except the one sent to the Board of Aldermen on Thursday last, and except the desire that he expressed in his inaugural address, with an act that you never read and you will never know the purport or the sense of it. Now, why not be fair? I ask you in all fairness, and when I made the motion only an hour ago that the Meridian St. proposition be referred to a special committee, I did it for the purpose of giving the committees some work to do. Now, then, this is the 8th of July. This order may pass here tonight. We have got 75 members, mind you. The Board of Aldermen has got 13. They might stay there for months and months and months; they will send it to the Committee on Public Improvements; they will eventually, for some reason or other, resurrect it and they will pass it. Now, Mr. President, I ask the members of this body to be consistent and to be loyal to the arguments that they have advanced in the past. I have with pleasure sat in my seat and listened to members of this body oppose certain loans and certain appropriations because of their love and their feeling for the two-dollar-a-day laborer. But I want to call to their minds that it was only on the first day of this month that they received the 25 cents a day increase. What does it mean? The policeman has a good job. He works eight hours a day and he gets \$21 a week. He works seven days a week. You want to give him one day off in fifteen; take from the revenue and the taxes—yes, of the people from Wd. 11, of the taxes from the people of Wd. 19, of the taxes from the people of Wd. 21, when you have been arguing against not to expend, except to spend for street improvements by that. And after the appropriation bill has been passed, you want to go and ask that \$87,000 be taken from somewhere, presumably the reserve fund, and given to these men when they can reasonably wait. Why not wait until loan bills are passed? Why not wait until we have settled this question of finance? We have disagreed with several gentlemen from the Back Bay as to our financial policy. We have disagreed with them as to how we shall spend our money for street improvements. Why not wait until we have settled that question before we settle this question of increasing the police officers' pay. Why, my friends, to establish this precedent—why, it may be argued that the Legislature gave us the right to. Only two weeks ago I sat in this chamber and saw some of the men that I know are in favor of the passage of this bill fight and oppose the acceptance of the act that we had to pass in a poor, good, old servant of the city of Boston. I ask you, Mr. President and members, to go slow. I say that it means \$87,000 expended. Let it go to the Committee on Police Department, if section identification prevails. There are eight members of this body, there are five Democrats and there are three Republicans. I am willing to trust them—I am not one of the committee—and I say that every other member of this body ought to be willing to maintain the dignity of this body, maintain the reasons for which the committees are appointed, and re-

fer this to the Committee on Police Department.

MR. DONOVAN of Ward 3—Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT—Mr. Donovan of Ward 3. The question comes on reconsideration.

MR. DONOVAN of Ward 3—Mr. President, I have no desire to be unfair in this matter. I have no desire to jam the thing through this body. I only trust that the matter will be considered and will be argued fairly to the satisfaction of the gentleman from Ward 13, and although he pleads ignorance of the bill and in the same breath tells all about it, yet for his benefit and for those perhaps of the parties who do not know the bill in detail, I will read it.

(Chap. 513.)

An Act to relieve members of the police force of the city of Boston from police duty at certain times. Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Subject to the provisions of this act, members of the regular and reserve police force of the city of Boston shall be relieved of police duties, without loss of pay, once in each fifteen days, for a period of not less than twenty-four consecutive hours except for the time required to answer at roll call immediately before the beginning or immediately after the end of a tour of duty. The time and the manner of such relief shall be determined in each instance by the police commissioner of the city of Boston, or, under his authority, by the superintendent of police or other superior officer or officers. A member so relieved shall be exempt for the time from actual police service and from presence for duty, but otherwise shall be subject during such relief to all laws, rules, orders and regulations for the government of the force which may be in effect from time to time. Should the exigencies of the service, in the judgment of the commissioner, or of the superintendent or other superior officer authorized thereto by the commissioner, require at any time that a member of the force should be deprived of his period of relief or that it should be curtailed, the time so lost shall be made up to him as soon thereafter as may be practicable.

Section 2. The police commissioner of the city of Boston, on receipt of the notice from the secretary of the Commonwealth hereinafter provided for, shall prepare to put the provisions of section one of this act into effect within six months thereafter. For that purpose he is hereby authorized and directed to appoint in the manner now prescribed by law such additional members of the police force, including the reserve, as he shall deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

Section 3. This act shall take effect only when it is accepted by the mayor and city council of the city of Boston by written assent filed with the secretary of the Commonwealth, who shall at once send notice thereof to the police commissioner of the city of Boston.

Section 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. (Approved June 13, 1907.)

That is the act, Mr. President, which is referred to by the substitute order adopted here tonight, and I am surprised, Mr. President, to note the attitude of the gentleman from Wd. 13. It is true, no doubt, he has discussed the bill with various members of the body, and with myself, I may say, and he has told me in confidence the real reason why he opposes this bill, and, Mr. Chairman, when that member from Wd. 13 gazes upon the member in seat 18 with eyes which tell only too truly the ugly nature of the man, with his features contorted, Mr. President, into those of the demon which reposes within him —

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will request the member to refer to members of the body by their proper designation and refrain from personalities.

Mr. DONOVAN—I do not know that I am transgressing the rules or taking any more latitude than other members of this body.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state to the gentleman that he is getting pretty close to the line.

Mr. DONOVAN—As long as I do not go over, I am all right.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will request the gentleman to desist from that course of action.

Mr. DONOVAN—In the course of his remarks, the gentleman from Wd. 13 stated that he did not know what was going on, but that he had an idea as to what was going on, and that probably within the course of 10 minutes he would tell the body about it. I failed to hear him, however, state what in his opinion was going on, although I listened for it attentively, for I believed, or I thought, rather, that he was going to tell us something very, very interesting. But, on the other hand, Mr. Chairman, I just want to say this to the members of the body, that during the private discussion of this bill it was said that every member, almost unanimously, was in favor of its ultimate passage, but that they favored a reference to the committee because they thought there was something doing. Now, Mr. President, I do not know what was meant by those words, but I leave every member of the body to make his own interpretation. Further than that, Mr. President, reference was made to the fact that the bill was passed and signed on the 13th day of June and that on the evening of that day the order was introduced for its acceptance here in this body. That is true; that is so; but, Mr. President, that was not an attempt to jam the thing through the body, because the person who introduced the order made the motion himself that the matter be assigned to the next meeting of the Council, and that was done, and it has been assigned once or twice since that time, so that it is apparent on the face of it that there was no attempt made to jam the thing through the body and that every opportunity was given to the members here to make their own investigation. Another objection we hear is the one to the effect that it will cost the city of Boston \$87,000 to put this bill into operation. As a matter of fact, there are 1200 police officers in the city of Boston at the present time. To give a man one day off in 15, that means that 80 will have to go each day, and that again means that to bring the force up to its present standard numerically there will have to be eighty newly appointed policemen. Newly-appointed policemen get \$2 a day for the first year; then, if this goes into operation 80 new police officers are appointed, they get \$2 a day for the first year; that is \$160 a day, about \$60,000 a year; the second year they get \$2.50 a day; that makes an amount slightly in excess of \$67,000, but not \$87,000, and they do not get their full pay until they are regularly appointed, so that I believe it is clear that to put this bill into operation will not necessitate the appropriation of \$87,000, and even if we pass this bill tonight and it goes to the Board of Aldermen at the next meeting and there goes through the customary channels and goes over two or three weeks, or even if it is passed immediately, the bill will not, I do not believe, be put into operation for six months, because after the City Government assents to it and after the Mayor affixes his signature then notice

must be sent to the Secretary of State, and he in turn must notify the Police Commissioner, who at any time within six months thereafter puts this bill into operation. So that if this bill is passed immediately the chances are ten to one that it will not go into operation until the first of February, any way. Mr. President, there is no question about it but that this is a fair measure. At the present time police officers have absolutely no time off duty except an annual vacation of two weeks, and even if during that vacation they have a case in court or some other police matter that requires attention, and that is frequently so, they are obliged to come back from their vacation and attend to that matter. At all times of the year they cannot leave the city limits without the permission of their superiors. Every one of us, no matter how humble is his station, has personal matters demanding our attention outside of the city limits, and most of us, fortunately, are able to attend to them, but it is not so with the officer. If he has something outside of the city limits, either business, family affairs or otherwise, he must first seek the permission of his superior before he can leave the city, and if that permission is not granted him then he must forego transacting his business or get somebody else to attend to it for him. In other words, the police officer must be within the call of duty at all times. Not only is he expected to perform his duty day and night, but he is called upon on various occasions to perform extra detail duty. Very often his day lengthens to 15, 18 and sometimes 20 and more hours. For instance, to take the actual case of a police officer of which I have personal knowledge; he reported for duty at 8 o'clock in the morning, patrolled until 6; there was a public celebration going on; he was told by his superior to go out and do patrol duty until 1 o'clock; he did so, came back and went to bed at 2 o'clock, got up at 3, reported for duty, performed it until 6 o'clock that night. That officer was on duty 3½ hours out of 36; and that is frequently the case. All public celebrations, all public meetings, all cases where public gatherings are had, police officers are called upon to do extra duty without extra compensation. Every man, whether he is in the employ of the city or some corporation, expects one day off once in a while, and expects at least when he is off duty to be able to go wherever he pleases; but the police officer cannot do that, and he simply asks to have one day off in 15, something that is fair, something which he is entitled to, something which I believe the members of this body are going to give them. The Mayor in his last inaugural recognized the necessity of giving them this when he said that he believed they should have one day off in seven, and said that if such a measure should come up to him he would do what he could to carry it through. And that that is his position today is further evidenced by the fact that at the second last meeting of the Board of Aldermen, on the first day of July, he sent this message to the City Council:

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, July 1, 1907.

To the City Council:—

In my message to the City Council of this year I called attention to the fact that police officers were obliged to work continuously for 365 days in the year with the exception of a two weeks' vacation. I further stated that if Sunday labor was to be put under the ban of the law that I did not know

why police officers were not entitled to ask for an arrangement whereby they might be given one day in seven off duty and that I would heartily favor the legislation necessary to bring this about.

The Massachusetts Legislature has recently passed an act providing that police officers in the city of Boston be allowed one day off in 15. This act takes effect upon its acceptance by the City Council. While this matter was pending in the Legislature, I took the opportunity of recording myself upon the subject and wrote a letter in its approval which was read in the House of Representatives. I now take pleasure in recommending its acceptance by the City Council. A certified copy of the act is hereto annexed.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Does it not seem strange, Mr. President, that the member in this body who is always upholding the administration, for which I do not criticize him, and is always fighting and asking for the passage of orders favored by the administration should at this time ask that this matter be delayed, in the face of the fact that the Mayor recommends its passage? Isn't there something in that, Mr. President, which attracts our attention, and which is well worthy of our consideration? It seems to me, Mr. President, that in view of the fact that this is a fair proposition, so fair, in fact, that almost every individual recognizes its fairness, in view of the fact that the administration, through His Honor the Mayor, recognized its passage and submitted this order, I believe and I trust that it will be accepted.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I hope and I trust that this chapter and the bill will not be referred to committee, because I know well committees cause great delay. There has a bill been referred to the committee the first of the year, and they have never, as I understand, reported on that,—that is, the Committee on Police, and if this is referred to the committee you will find that they will take their own time before they will report it. This is a fair measure, and it is a measure that comes to this body to vote upon. It is not a measure which emanated from the Council, but it is a bill and order that comes in here to be voted on, and therefore I hope that it will not be referred to committee. As I understand, this does not involve any expenditure on the part of the city of Boston. It is merely that in different divisions throughout the city more men will have to be on duty. In Division 12, where there are about 65 officers, there will have to be 2; in Division 6, where there are between 50 and 60, there will have to be 3 men, and so on; it takes only about five men off, which makes about 45 in the whole number, and the expense to the city is nothing, and if it were I should gladly vote against this bill, but as I see it calls for the incurring of no expense I should therefore certainly recommend its passage, and I call for the yeas and nays on it.

Mr. DRISCOLL of Wd. 9—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman from Wd. 3, through the Chair, whether that bill calls for one day off in 15 for patrolmen, sergeants, lieutenants and captains?

Mr. DONOVAN—It calls for one day off in 15 for every man of the police department.

Mr. DRISCOLL—Does the order read so? I would like to ask, through the Chair, if the order reads so. The reason

for my question at this time is that we all know that the members of the City Council voted to increase the pay of laboring men to \$2.25 a day, and we all know that we granted that increase, as we thought, to men who received \$2 a day. Now, it seems to me that we thought when we passed that order that \$2 a day was not sufficient for the man in ordinary life to live on and bring up a family. Now, we know that in the bath department of the city of Boston the Mayor states that some people who are working there, designated as janitors and others, receive \$2 a day, and in that department alone they refuse to give them the raise. It will be the same thing on this question, as it is on that if this order does not call for lieutenants, sergeants and captains having one day off in 15. It will be found after we pass the order that they will not be allowed one day off in 15 because the order does not so read. As I understand it now it is before the Corporation Counsel to send in a report whether these men who are working in the bath department at the present time receiving \$2 a day are not entitled to the 25 cents raise, as all the rest of the men who are receiving \$2 a day in other departments of the city of Boston.

The PRESIDENT—The question comes on the motion to reconsider.

Mr. McLENNAN of Wd. 12.—Mr. President, I want respectfully to call the attention of the Chair to Rule 36.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair thanks the gentleman for calling his attention to Rule 36, which is: "Debate on motions to reconsider shall be limited to 30 minutes, and no member shall speak more than five minutes." Inasmuch as the Council has already consumed more than 30 minutes on this question, the Chair will state that the question comes on the motion to reconsider.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, The PRESIDENT—Does the gentleman rise to a point of order?

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to make a statement.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair refuses to put the motion.

The motion to reconsider was declared lost.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Do I understand, Mr. President, that the Chair will allow debate?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state now that the only thing that he recognizes the gentleman on was on a question of doubting the vote.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I doubt the vote and call for a rising vote.

The question was put and the Council stood divided on a rising vote, and the motion to reconsider was declared lost.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT—The Clerk has a message from His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman is not in order.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, The PRESIDENT—The gentleman is not in order.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, The PRESIDENT—The gentleman is not in order.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. Chairman, I think I am in order.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will be in order. The Clerk has an order that the Chair has asked him to read.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman might as well desist, because the Clerk is going to read this message and there will be no other business done.

The Clerk read a portion of the message.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President. THE PRESIDENT—The Chair will request the gentleman to maintain order.

The Clerk continued reading the message.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President. Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President. Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—Will the gentleman state his point of order?

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, my point of order is that we are proceeding out of order and that the next thing on the calendar is No. 8.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that messages from His Honor the Mayor take precedence over the calendar.

Mr. PIERCE—That being so, it seems to me that No. 8 is now in order.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that No. 8 will be taken up next, but a message from His Honor the Mayor has precedence.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—I rise to a point of order, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT—Will the gentleman state his point of order?

Mr. McCULLOUGH—My point of order is that the Chair, upon a rising vote, decided that the question of reconsideration did not prevail, but the gentleman from Wd. 13, in the third division, arose to doubt the vote, and the Chair, recognizing no member in the body, stated to the body that the Clerk was reading a message from His Honor the Mayor. My point of order is that I was entitled in all fairness to a doubt of the vote by a roll call.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that he thinks he gave the gentleman ample time to doubt the vote, as he had on the previous occasion, and that the Chair in due course directed the Clerk to read the message. The Chair will declare the point of order not well taken.

ANNUITY TO WIDOW.

The following was received:
City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, July 3, 1907.

To the City Council:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner asking that provision be made for the payment of an annuity to the widow of Patrick H. Disken, who died from injuries received while in the discharge of his duty as a member of the Fire Department, and I would recommend the passage of the accompanying order, which would authorize the annuity.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Fire Department,

City of Boston, June 28, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Sir:—I enclose herewith a petition from Mrs. Mary A. Disken that she be allowed a pension. The facts are as stated in the petition, and I do not see any reason why the late Commissioner took the position that he did. The fact that public subscription had been raised should not have cut these people off from their pension, but they apparently accepted the decision without protest. Mrs. Disken is the only one left, and I recommend that she be allowed a pension at the rate of \$300 per annum, commencing from the date of the passage of the order.

Yours respectfully,

Benj. W. Wells, Commissioner.

(Enclosed was a petition from Mrs. Mary A. Disken referred to.)

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 107 of the Acts of 1880, an annuity of not exceeding three hundred dollars (the amount to be fixed by the Fire Commissioner) be paid, as long as she remains unmarried, to Mrs. Mary A. Disken, widow of Patrick H. Disken, formerly of the Fire Department, and who died from injuries received while in the discharge of his duty as a member of the said department; the amount to be paid under the authority of this order to be reckoned from the date of its approval, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department.

The communication was sent up, and the order was passed. Mr. WOODSIDE of Wd. 1 moved to reconsider, lost. Sent up.

LOAN ORDER.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 8, viz.:

8. Loan order for \$1,599,500, for various municipal purposes, as recommended by the Committee on Public Improvements and passed by the Board of Aldermen July 1, 1907. (City document 104.)

The question came on placing the report on file and ordering the order to a second reading.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3 moved to suspend the rules that the order might be put upon its passage at this time. The rules were declared suspended. Mr. Pierce of Wd. 11 doubted the vote, and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and the rules were declared suspended, 38 members voting in the affirmative and 20 in the negative. Mr. Zetterman of Wd. 25 further doubted the vote, and asked for a roll call, which was taken. The rules were suspended, yeas 49, nays 23:

Yeas—Barrett, Buckley, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hanrahan, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McGregor, Mealey, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Purcell, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sheenan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy—49.

Nays—Anderson, Bagley, Bramhall, Brown, Carruth, Davidson, Ferguson, George, Green, Harding, McCabe, McLennan, Montague, Morgan, Noyes, Penhorn, Pierce, Roberts, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—23.

Absent or not voting—Hackett, Pendergast, Santosuosso—3.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. MONTAGUE of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I desire to offer an amendment which the Clerk will read.

The CLERK—Mr. Montague moves to "Amend by striking out the item 'Street Department, street improvements \$400,000,' and that the total be changed to conform to such amendment."

The PRESIDENT—The question comes on the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. MONTAGUE—Mr. President, I have the honor to be a member of the Committee on Finance. When this loan bill was made up, which bill I believe contains a great many worthy items, and which as a whole seems to me should be passed, this matter was brought up and considered, and I was known by some of the members on

the committee to be personally opposed to the idea of paying for street improvements out of borrowed money. The argument was made, however,—which struck me with some force, and does yet,—that the item being so small in comparison with what has been borrowed in this way heretofore, and there being so many items of merit in the loan bill, that perhaps we ought not to object to it; and I filed no formal dissent. It seems to me, however, on further consideration of the matter that there are some very good arguments against borrowing money for street improvements. Whatever may be said, we all know from our own experience that the money which has been borrowed and spent for street improvements is not as a rule spent, or very likely to be spent, for improvements which last during the lifetime of the bonds, or anything near it; but it is spent for improvements which are forgotten—not only have disappeared, but are forgotten, before the end of the lifetime of the bonds. And there should be a change made. Almost every one believes in principle that there should be such a change. It did seem to me when we were considering this bill that perhaps we ought not to make that change now, that the amount being so small we ought to allow a small amount to be borrowed for that purpose. But on further consideration it seems to me that as the secretary of the treasury said at the time specie payments were resumed, "The way to resume is to resume," and it sometimes is said that the way to reform is to reform, if we are to do it at all. Mr. President, I hope that this amendment will be adopted.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19 asked that the amendment be read again, and the amendment was again read by the clerk.

The question coming on the adoption of the amendment, it was declared not to be a vote.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11 doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote. There being 22 in the affirmative and 41 in the negative it was declared not to be a vote, and the amendment was rejected.

Mr. PIERCE still further doubted the vote and asked for yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the amendment was rejected, yeas 25, nays 47:

Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Bramhall, Brown, Carruth, Clark (24), Davidson, Ferguson, George, Green, Harding, McCabe, McGregor, McLennan, Montague, Morgan, Noyes, Penhorn, Pierce, Roberts, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—25.

Nays—Barrett, Buckley, Clark (20), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hanrahan, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Purcell, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sheenan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy—47.

Absent or not voting—Hackett, Pendergast, Santosuosso—3.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 moved to amend as follows: "In the appropriation for 'Park Department' to strike out 'Rogers Park, enlargement of, \$30,000,' and insert in place thereof, 'Gymnasium and gymnastic apparatus, Rogers Park, \$21,000, gymnasium and gymnastic apparatus, North Brighton Playground, \$9000, total \$30,000.'"

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Ward 25—Mr. President, this proposition of Rogers

Park playground has not met with favor among citizens of that neighborhood. Our present playground there is in very poor condition and needs improving. It seems to me that property should be improved so as to make it a better playground and in better condition so that the children of that neighborhood can use it to better advantage. My proposition in offering this amendment is, that in the early part of this year an appropriation was secured for \$12,000 for a gymnasium on the North Brighton playground. At the present time the construction of this gymnasium has not been begun, and I understand the sum of money that has been appropriated is not sufficient for building the apparatus, therefore, have inserted that amendment, that \$9000 of this appropriation be added to the previous appropriation for this gymnasium; also that \$21,000 of this \$30,000 be appropriated for the building of this gymnasium and gymnastic apparatus at Rogers Park, giving both sections in my ward an equal appropriation for the same purpose. I think this will satisfy the wishes of my citizens, and I sincerely hope that this amendment will be passed.

The question then came on the adoption of the amendment, which was declared lost. Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 further doubted the vote, and asked for a rising vote. The Council stood divided and the motion was lost, 18 members voting in the affirmative and 24 in the negative. Mr. ZETTERMAN further doubted the vote and asked for a rollcall. The Council refused to order a rollcall, less than one-fifth of the members voting in the affirmative.

The PRESIDENT—The question is on the passage of the order.

Mr. GREEN of Wd. 24 offered an amendment to reduce the item for street improvements to \$300,000, and increase the item for highways, making of, to \$350,000.

Mr. GREEN of Wd. 24.—Mr. President, as it is rather late I do not want to say much on this amendment, but the order on the original item, I understand, was to be \$300,000 for that highway order, and it was cut down in order to give to other parts of the city the money that they wanted, and the Street Commissioners of today have not any money to build new streets. I believe most of their money has been taken for court claims against the city. I do not want to talk much. I do not suppose it will do any good. It seems to me they should have another \$100,000, and it seems to me that is the only place it should come from.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman from Wd. 24 if it is not also true that the original item of the Committee on Street Improvements was \$100,000 less than has been reported by the Committee on Finance.

Mr. GREEN—I will answer the gentleman in the same division by saying that I am opposed to the city borrowing money by loans to repair streets, but I am willing to compromise, and that is the only way I will compromise.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Do I understand, Mr. President, through you, that the gentleman from Wd. 24 believes in borrowing money for the Street Department to expend \$350,000, merely because \$350,000 was recommended by the Committee on Finance, and was cut to \$250,000, or does he desire to compromise by giving the Street Laying-Out Department \$300,000 because \$600,000 was recommended and \$100,000 cut off the Street Laying-Out Department?

Mr. GREEN—Mr. President, I do not want to spend any more time in the Council tonight, but this Street Laying-Out Department have had an order

in there for \$500,000 pretty near the whole year, and it has been cut down to \$250,000, which is practically all eaten up, as I understand it now. I think the Street Laying-Out Department should have at least \$1,000,000 more. If they get it, I am willing to vote \$300,000 for the Street Department, even though I do not believe it ought to come in that way.

The amendment was declared rejected. Mr. GREEN doubted the vote and asked for a roll call, which was taken, and the amendment was rejected, Yeas 21, Nays 45:

Yeas—Bagley, Bramhall, Brown, Caruth, Clark (20), Clark (24), Davidson, Ferguson, George, Green, Harding, Madden, McGregor, Montague, Morgan, Murphy, Noyes, Pierce, Roberts, Wentworth, Zetterman—21.

Nays—Anderson, Barrett, Buckley, Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (23), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Peshorn, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sheenan, Sorenson, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy, Wharton, Willcutt—45.

Absent or not voting—Foley, Hackett, Hanrahan, Kelly, McLennan, Noonan, Santosuoso, Spellman, Woodside—9.

The PRESIDENT—The question now comes on the passage of the order.

Mr. MORGAN of Wd. 22—Mr. President, I do not believe it is good financial policy to borrow money for current expenses. All money for street improvements, I think, should be raised from the tax levy. I think possibly every other item in this loan order should pass, with the exception of the one for \$400,000 to improve streets. At any rate, those calling for much-needed local improvements and the most urgent public necessities, should pass. Notwithstanding the fact that my district will be benefited by the passage of this order, I cannot favor the bill while it contains the item of \$400,000 for improving the streets, because the current expenses should be paid out of the current revenue of the city.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I am surprised that the gentleman from Wd. 22 objected to any item in this loan bill. The gentleman should realize that he has tried very hard all the year to obtain an improvement for the district which he represents in part in this body. He tried to secure an improvement for the Marcella-St. Playground, which was passed by both branches of the city government, but vetoed by His Honor the Mayor. Now, Mr. President, in this order we have \$4500 set aside for the Marcella-St. Playground gymnastic apparatus, and the shower baths. That will mean that the people in that vicinity will be enabled to enjoy good baseball sitting on bleachers; good shower baths, and every facility for enjoying themselves on any day which they may have for going to that playground. The gentleman should realize that in order to secure some of those improvements he must compromise, and that is my position here tonight. I have at different times during the year felt compelled to vote against orders which were favored by His Honor the Mayor and the present administration. I did so because I felt that he neglected to take care of the district which I represented in this body and which he had promised to do. Now, Mr. President, I see my chance to secure an improvement for my district. My hopes are being realized. I have fought consistently

for three years for an improvement for my district. And even though I thought at this time that it might be bad policy to vote away \$400,000 for street improvements or street repairs, yet I feel that the benefit which will come to the district which I represent will pay me well to vote away that money at this time. I am particularly interested in the items for a playground and fire house on Parker Hill. The residents of that section have made a fight for both those improvements for many years, and I have also made a fight in this body. I would not throw away my chances for securing that improvement to vote against an order such as is in this loan bill for \$400,000, because I remember when a very young fellow there was nothing near Wd. 19 in which you could enjoy yourself on a Saturday afternoon or at any other time. I used to have to walk because I could not get the car fare away down to the gymnasium which they enjoyed down in Wd. 8, the Charlesbank gymnasium. I remember that, and now knowing how the young children of the district which I represent must feel in regard to a matter of this kind, I am here ready to vote for that loan bill tonight, even though it does contain an item for \$400,000 for street repairs which some people say should come from the current revenue of the city. Therefore, Mr. President, I should hope that the gentleman from Wd. 22 will withdraw any objection to this order.

Mr. DALY of Wd. 12—I desire to move at this time to the previous question.

The PRESIDENT—The question is, shall the main question be now put?

This motion was carried.

The order was passed in concurrence, yeas 50, nays 22:

Yeas—Barrett, Bramhall, Buckley, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hanrahan, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McGregor, Mealey, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Purcell, Rachowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sheenan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy—50.

Nays—Anderson, Bagley, Brown, Caruth, Davidson, Ferguson, George, Green, Harding, McCabe, Montague, Morgan, Naves, Peishor, Pierce, Roberts, Wen'worth, Wharton, Wilcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—22.

Absent or not voting—Hackett, Pendergast, Santosuosso—3.

Mr. SHEENAN of Wd. 17 moved reconsideration, hoping that the same would not prevail.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, through all this debate I have waited for one word of reason in favor of this order. Not one reason has been advanced for the passage of this order. As a matter of fact, Mr. President, it is the most irrational and the most dishonest order that has been passed by this Council during my four years of service. It is an insult to the people of the city; it is a monstrous outrage. Mr. President, it is worse than the so-called grab loan order that created so much criticism a few years ago. It is irrational because it is not passed with a view to the actual needs of the city. It is dishonest for the same reason, and also for the fact that it spends the taxpayers' money for purposes which are entirely unnecessary. Mr. President, it is also dishonest—

Mr. McGIVERN of Wd. 16—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. The

gentleman is not speaking to the question.

The PRESIDENT—The point of order Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Now, Mr. President, there are many items in this loan order which have merit in them. But, Mr. President, you know the history of this order; one million and more dollars is going to be given away for the sake of getting a campaign fund of \$400,000 for the present Mayor of the city of Boston. Mr. President, there has been a principle of finance which a large group—

Mr. LILL of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. The gentleman on the floor has spoken more than five minutes.

The PRESIDENT—The rule is that each member must not speak for more than five minutes on reconsideration. The gentleman has spoken over five minutes.

Mr. SHEENAN of Wd. 1—Mr. President, it is certainly painfully pathetic to hear the argument of my esteemed friend from Wd. 11. He has said that not a single word has been uttered in favor of this bill, and I can reply to him that not a single word was uttered against this bill, either by him or by any other pseudo-reformers in this body. If he had attacked this bill, or if any member of this body had attacked this bill, then I, and perhaps others, would have risen to defend the bill, but in view of the fact that he remained silent and allowed this so-called outrageous bill to go through this body is no account of mine or the members of this body. If his usually alert and keen mind was temporarily dulled, and he did not perceive the danger of the situation into which he had placed himself, certainly the members of this body should not be blamed for it. There is abundant merit in this bill. It is conceded by those who have made reference to one item in it that it is a meritorious bill, and all objection was made solely to one item. Now, Mr. President, there is no question but any member of this body who voted in favor of that bill can justify his vote this year or next year or at any time, and I sincerely trust that we will not reconsider the vote but that we will adhere to our action which is justified by the circumstances.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11—Mr. President, for some reason or other I was named as a member of that Committee on Finance. More out of curiosity than for any other reason I attended some of those meetings. I know that as far as my vote was concerned it was not worth that (snapping his fingers). And, Mr. President, I want to say now, as I said to the gentlemen in the lobby, all honor and credit to Mr. Curley; it is not the Mayor's appropriation bill; it is Mr. Curley's appropriation bill, and I know no more charming or attractive member of this City Council than he. When Mr. Curley smiles a bath-house had its being; when Mr. Curley frowned pleading posterity failed to get a playground, and if Mr. Curley smiled it was like the touch of Midas—and I must say to the credit of Mr. Curley that he smiled often. Now, you say there are very good items in that bill. To be sure we all want playgrounds. We all want bath-houses, and I notice that you have added \$287,000 to the Park Department. What about maintaining those portions of the Park Department? When the members of the Park Department come next year before some committee of this body and ask for some appropriation for maintenance, will you give it to them? We are tottering, so the experts say, on the verge of financial ruin, and we rush in and pass a loan order of nearly \$1,600,000. It is wrong, all wrong. Some Re-

publicans have fastened their criticism only on the matter of street improvements, \$400,000. There is the department under the direction of the Hon. James Henry Doyle, Superintendent of Streets, which is criticised more than any other department for corruption, mismanagement, inefficiency, every kind of ugly term. I am saying, it is charged with this. What is the answer? One of the answers we see in rotten streets. I believe the department was given \$900,000 to begin this financial year with. What has become of that money? I am perfectly willing to say to Mr. Doyle, if that money is properly spent, and he and his party will come in with a new bill I will vote for it. But in goodness' name, isn't that money enough until election day? I say it is. Now, another thing. I suggested having the Finance Committee see the Fire Department, but that was changed, and in a very decent sort of way, to have the head of the Fire Department come before the committee; which he did, and made a very fair statement. Also Mr. George Sargent of the Insane Hospital Trustees came before that committee and made a very intelligent plea for the needs of that department. And Mr. McSweeney came before that committee and made a very long and intelligent plea for the needs of the Consumers' Hospital Department. And I believe on my suggestion we sent for the honorable Superintendent of Streets, but he was away, and some representative came and I believe he wasn't in that room more than two minutes, possibly three. There were three or four or five, or possibly six, questions asked—primer questions. They were simply, "What do you need for this year, how much?" "Five hundred thousand dollars." "Can you get along on that?" "I think \$500,000 will be enough." "That will be all?" And that is the way you voted away the people's money. It is a short, very short step from "borrowing Boston" to "bankrupt Boston," and it is not a long road from civic corruption and inefficiency to a financial commission. And as I told one of the newspaper men tonight, I couldn't help thinking as I came here from New Hampshire to be present at this meeting, to return tomorrow, that some almost witty wag had changed the city's seal. You will find it in your own Common Council paper, which has its blue die, and I suppose it goes through the Board of Aldermen as well. The city seal, as you know, reads: "Sicut patribus, sit Deus nobis," which freely translated means, as it were, "Let God be with us, as He was with our forefathers, or forbears." Now, the witty wag, whether by design or not, has changed that to "Sicut patribus, sit Deus nubis." He has simply changed the "o" to "u." Now, how does it read? "God in the clouds, as he was with our forbears." There are other translations—"God in humiliation and in dust." And in some ways perhaps that would be the best thing to do, to have that adopted as our city seal. I say that this bill should not be passed, and I for once acted at the dictate of my party and did not speak, because I had intended to put in an order, and it reads like this: "Ordered—That action on the loan order be postponed until the Finance Commission is appointed, and that the loan order be referred to that commission with the request to report." And one of my reasons for that was that when the honorable Mayor, Mr. Fitzgerald, sent the order to the City Council for the appointment of a Finance Commission, he stated two or three of the questions which they are to consider:

(8) Whether any changes should be made in the present distribution of powers relative to appropriations, loans and expenditures.

(9) Whether the general taxation laws of the state, and particularly those relating to the taxation of the property of corporations, operate fairly in respect to the interests of Boston, and, if not, what changes should be made in them.

(10) Whether appropriations and loans for the several departments of the city are larger than necessary.

It is evident that a number of these loans are wrong. I read in the paper that our net debt has made a jump of \$180,000, and with this tremendous loan added you can see where we are going. Mr. President, I hope reconsideration will prevail.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—I rise to a question of personal privilege, Mr. President. In the course of this debate I have been referred to as a "pseudo-reformer." Now, Mr. President, I do not pose as a reformer, but I do claim to have some regard for the welfare of my city. And, Mr. President, when a man votes to expend the borrowing capacity of this city up to within \$600,000 of its limit, he has forgotten his patriotism, he has forgotten his regard for the welfare of his city. When we are facing bankruptcy, Mr. President, it is no time to borrow money for luxuries.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I sincerely hope that reconsideration will not fail. I don't want to take up the time of the Council, but I want to remind the members, Mr. President, that I have had the pleasure of serving with the gentleman from Wd. 11 in the first division for at least four years, and that at no time during those four years has the gentleman from Wd. 11 voted for an expenditure of money for street improvements. He may argue here tonight that he believes the financial policy of the administration is wrong, but it has only been for two years that this policy has been in vogue; and when the money was taken from the tax levy, even in those two years, his first two years of service in this body, he voted against any expenditure of money for street improvements. The gentleman from Wd. 11, in the first division, has never voted to expend one dollar on our streets. The gentleman from Wd. 11 has never voted for the expenditure—

Mr. PIERCE of Ward 11—I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. PIERCE—The gentleman is making a statement which is not correct.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that is not a point of order.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Ward 13—Mr. President, I am willing to allow the gentleman from Ward 11 in the first division an opportunity to reply. I reiterate that the gentleman from Ward 11 during four years never voted for the expenditure of one dollar for street improvements; and when he attempts to get his party associates to vote against an expenditure of money because it is by loan, I tell you, Mr. President, and his colleagues, that he is joshing and jollyng them. He voted against the expenditure of money by loan this year and last year; but the year before that he voted for it coming in an appropriation bill, as he did also the year before that. Now, Mr. President, if he were sincere, and if his colleagues from Ward 11 in the fourth division were sincere, why didn't they attempt to amend the appropriation bill when we brought it in here after months of consideration? Why didn't they attempt to put in an item in the loan bill, asking that \$500,000, or any

amount, be taken from the appropriation? Now they ask—after sitting in their seats silently, after doing their work under cover, after not offering one word to their colleagues, they ask for reconsideration. When did you ever hear of the gentleman from Ward 11 in the first division asking for an appropriation in his district? Never. When did you ever hear of the gentleman from Ward 11 in the fourth division asking for anything for street improvements? No. For district improvements? No. For Copley square? Yes; \$40,000 or \$200,000, one-fifth of the money got by the sale of Deer Island.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—But not by a loan.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, they ask for reconsideration. Sitting in their seats tonight, playing politics, they got their licking—and let them keep it. Now, Mr. President, they have not shown any reason why this order should be reconsidered. I say they have been unfair. They have argued through their little organ, "City Affairs," that the city of Boston is not run right financially, that we should not borrow money because it is not for permanent improvements, and so on. Why, the first year, Mr. President, my friend from Wd. 11 in the first division came in here and practically admitted that he was against certain improvements because he believed in non-partisan ideas, and that he believed that "City Affairs" should be a new non-partisan paper. Now, Mr. President, unless some reason is given, why don't they tell us why they did not attempt to amend the appropriation? Why don't they tell us why the gentleman from Wd. 11 found time to go to South Boston and Roxbury when certain loan orders were introduced here for local improvements, and come in here and tell us they were not needed?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the time for debate has expired.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, in the course of the gentleman's remarks he referred to me a number of times, and he said he would be willing to allow me the latitude to reply. He said that I never voted for anything for street purposes. Now, Mr. President, I have voted time and time again for the item of laying out of streets, and Mr. President, if you look—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair understood the gentleman to say that you never voted for an item of street improvement. The Chair will state that the gentleman is out of order.

The question coming on reconsideration, it was declared not to be a vote, and reconsideration was refused.

Mr. PIERCE doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote.

On a rising vote being taken there were 29 in the affirmative and 42 in the negative. It was declared not to be a vote, and reconsideration was refused.

LOAN FOR WATER MAINS.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3 called up No. 35, past assignment, viz.:

35. Ordered, That the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) be appropriated, to be expended by the Water Commissioner for the construction of new and the replacing of old water pipes; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

The question came on motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, Wd. 3, to reconsider the vote of April 25, whereby the above order was rejected.

Mr. FITZGERALD, of Wd. 3, called up No. 35 on the calendar, which the clerk read.

Mr. PURCELL, of Wd. 6, moved that No. 35 on the calendar be assigned to the next meeting, and it was so voted.

On motion of Mr. HANRAHAN of Wd. 2 the Council adjourned at 11.30.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, July 11, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P. M., President BARRETT in the chair.

ILLUMINATED NUMBERS—AUTOMOBILES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, June 20, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Massachusetts Highway Commission in answer to your order requesting the said Commission to cause illuminated numbers to be placed on the back of all automobiles.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Massachusetts Highway Commission,
15 Ashburton Place, Boston,

June 7, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:—The Commission is in receipt of a copy of an order of the Common Council as follows:

"Ordered, That the Highway Commission be requested to cause an illuminated number to be placed on the back of all automobiles."

The question of the better identification of motor vehicles operated at sundown is receiving the careful consideration of the Commission. It is a rather perplexing subject and the Board has not yet reached its solution.

Yours truly,

A. B. Fletcher, Secretary.

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PURCHASE OF BERKELEY TEMPLE

The following was received:

City of Boston

Office of the Mayor, June 20, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Schoolhouse Department in answer to your order requesting that the expediency of purchasing the site of the Berkeley Temple, at the junction of Berkeley St., Warren Ave. and Gray St., and of erecting thereon a new building, be considered, and, also, that the expediency of remodeling the old Brimmer Schoolhouse be considered.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Schoolhouse Department,

120 Boylston St., May 31, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:—Acting for the Board of Schoolhouse Commissioners, I desire to acknowledge the receipt of the following order passed by the Common Council on May 23, 1907:

"That the Schoolhouse Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to consider the expediency of purchasing the site of the Berkeley

Temple at the junction of Berkeley St., Warren Ave. and Gray St., and of erecting thereon a new building for the Brimmer School; also to consider the expediency of remodeling the old Brimmer School building so as to take the place of the old Winthrop School building."

I would report that the Commissioners now have under consideration the question of providing a new building for the Brimmer School in connection with other problems of a similar character, and it will be disposed of at an early date.

Very respectfully yours,

H. B. Fisher, Secretary.

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CONVENIENCE STATIONS, WD. 12.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, June 20, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Bath Department in answer to your order requesting that two underground convenience stations, one in Franklin Square and one in Blackstone Square, be provided.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Department of Baths,

May 22, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of the City of Boston.

Dear Sir:—Replying to order received from the Common Council under date of April 25, 1907, "requesting the Bath Trustees, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide two underground convenience stations, one on Franklin Square and one on Blackstone Square, Wd. 12." I wish to state that the Bath Trustees approve of stations being erected at these locations, but it would be necessary to obtain an appropriation of at least forty-five thousand (\$45,000) dollars for the purpose.

Respectfully yours,

Henry Ehrlich,

Chairman pro tem, Bath Trustees.

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SOAP FACTORY NUISANCE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, June 21, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Health Department in answer to your order requesting that the soap factory on Dorchester Ave., Wd. 13, Precinct 7, be investigated.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Health Department,

Old Court House, June 6, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Dear Sir:—In compliance with a request of the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, the Board of Health has examined the Soap Factory on Dorchester Ave., Wd. 13, Precinct 7, and beg to make the following statement:

The board visited said factory on May 28th, and found it generally offensive in and about the plant, principally from want of care and cleanliness. A week was given for putting the factory and premises in proper condition, and the board again visited the plant June 5th, and found the premises and factory in a greatly improved sanitary condition, and free from offensive odors outside the building. Promise is given by the

proprietor that the improved condition will be maintained. The board will repeat its visits.

Very truly yours,
Samuel H. Durgin, Chairman.
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SMOKE NUISANCE, ALLSTON.

The following was received:
City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 20, 1907.
To the Common Council:—
I transmit herewith a communication from the Health Department in answer to your order requesting that the nuisance caused by smoke from the Boston & Albany car shops and locomotives at Allston be investigated.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Health Department,
Old Court House, June 19, 1907.
Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, Boston, Mass.:
Dear Sir:—The order of the Common Council, transmitted by His Honor the Mayor, requesting the Board of Health to investigate the nuisance caused by smoke from the Boston & Albany car shops and locomotives at Allston, has been received.

In reply we beg to state that the locomotives are exempt from the operation of the smoke law, and therefore cannot be affected by the Board of Health. Two chimneys belonging to the car shops and one belonging to a blacksmith shop have been found discharging an excessive amount of smoke, and the New York Central Railroad Company has been requested to comply with the law. Yours very respectfully,

Samuel H. Durgin, Chairman.
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MARINE PARK HEADHOUSE.

The following was received:
City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 20, 1907.
To the Common Council:—
I transmit herewith a communication from the Park Department in answer to your order requesting a report as to the terms of the present contract for the lease of the headhouse at Marine Park.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks,
Jamaica Plain, Mass., June 18, 1907.
Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, City Hall, Boston.

Dear Sir:—Regarding the enclosed order of the Common Council of May 23, requesting this Board to report to the Common Council the terms of the present contract for the lease of the headhouse, at Marine Park, how long said lease will run, and whether a call for bids for said contract was advertised, we would report as follows:

The original contract for the lease of the headhouse was made on May 15, 1897, after advertising for proposals; this lease extended until Dec. 31, 1901. Under its terms the lessee was to pay water rates and make all material repairs, including renewals and repairs of fixtures. If the gross receipts exceeded \$10,000 and did not exceed \$20,000, the lessee was to pay the city 5 per cent. on said gross receipts. If the gross receipts exceeded \$20,000 the lessee was to pay 7½ per cent. on said excess above \$20,000; the sums paid by the lessee for heating the building and for lighting

the pier to be credited to the lessee. This lease was approved by John T. Wheelwright, Assistant Corporation Counsel, and by Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

An extension of the concession was entered into on Dec. 23, 1901, extending to Dec. 31, 1904, under which the lessee was to pay \$1500 per annum and to have an allowance of \$251 per annum for the care of the pier and toilet rooms for five months, including soap, towels and toilet paper; also \$212 for lighting the toilet rooms five months and services of a matron for four months; and \$75 for interior repairs to headhouse and bath houses. This lease was approved by A. J. Bailey, Corporation Counsel, and by Thomas N. Hart, Mayor, and was extended to the 31st day of December 1907, at a rental of \$1000 per annum, subject in all other respects to the provisions of the original lease. This extension was dated March 25, 1905, and was approved by Roscoe P. Owen, City Conveyancer, and Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Yours respectfully,
George F. Clarke, Secretary.
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APPLICATION OF 48-HOUR LAW.

The following was received:
City of Boston,
Law Department, June 19, 1907.
To the Common Council, City Hall, Boston, Mass.:

Gentlemen:—I am requested by your honorable body to report the department of the city of Boston to which the 48-hour law, so-called, applies.

In my opinion it applies to all departments who hire or employ laborers, workmen or mechanics, or who make contracts for work requiring the employment of laborers, workmen or mechanics. It does not apply to departments all of whose employees are clerks, professional people or public officers.

I am not familiar enough with the inside workings of all the departments to know as to the means of all departments which do employ laborers, workmen or mechanics and who make contracts for the employment of such laborers, workmen or mechanics.

Yours truly,
Thomas M. Babson,
Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

SAND GARDENS, WD. 16.

The following was received:
City of Boston,
In School Committee, June 25, 1907.
The following communication was received:

Boston Public Schools,
Superintendent's Office, June 25, 1907.
To the School Committee:—

In response to your reference to me of the order of the Common Council that the School Committee be requested to establish in all the school yards of Wd. 16, and in the yard of the Phillips Brooks School, sand gardens for children, I have to say that provision has already been made for sand gardens in the yards of the Phillips Brooks and William E. Russell Schools, and it does not seem to me advisable to recommend, at the present time, the opening for sand garden purposes of other school yards in Wd. 16.

Yours very respectfully,
Stratton D. Brooks,
Superintendent of Public Schools.
Accepted, placed on file, and a copy ordered to be sent to the Common Council.

Attest:
Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary.
Placed on file.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Ordered, That the proceedings at the celebration of Dorchester Day, June 8, 1907, be printed, with illustrative papers, as a public document, and that the Dorchester Historical Society be requested to edit the same, the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Printing Department; such documents to be distributed under the direction of the Joint Committee on Printing.

Passed in concurrence.

2. Ordered, That the Superintendent of the Sanitary Department and the Street Cleaning and Watering Department be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to allow employees of said departments leave of absence, without loss of pay, in part compensation for services, on Tuesday, July 30, 1907, the day of their annual picnic.

Passed in concurrence.

3. Ordered, That the Schoolhouse Commission, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to install a system of shower baths in the basement of the Dearborn schoolhouse.

Passed in concurrence.

4. Ordered, That the various heads of departments be instructed, through His Honor the Mayor, to have all horses shod with shoes bearing the label of the Journeymen Horseshoers' Union.

Passed in concurrence.

5. Ordered, That a special committee, to consist of two members of the Board of Aldermen (Draper and Finnigan) and three members of the Common Council, be appointed to make arrangements for the exercises in connection with the old High Fort, Roxbury, during the Old Home Week celebration; the expense incurred to be charged to the appropriation for public celebrations.

Passed in concurrence.

6. Ordered, That the Street Commissioners be requested to accept, lay out and construct Spring St., from Gardner St. to the Charles river bridge.

Passed in concurrence.

7. Ordered, That the heads of departments be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to grant leave of absence, without loss of pay and in part compensation for their services to the city of Boston, to all employees who are associated with the United Spanish War Veterans and who desire to attend their convention to be held at Cedar Point, Lake Erie, Sept. 9, 10 and 11.

Passed in concurrence.

8. Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be hereby requested to locate and maintain drinking fountains in Wood Island Park, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Park Department.

Passed in concurrence.

9. Ordered, That the sum of \$3000 be set aside for the celebration of Brighton day; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Mayor, public celebrations.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I desire to offer the following amendment:

The PRESIDENT—Mr. Doherty of Wd. 2 offers an amendment which the Clerk will read.

The CLERK—Mr. Doherty moves to amend the order by adding thereto "and \$3000 for the celebration of East Boston day, Old Home Week," so that the order will read as follows:

"Ordered, That the sum of \$3000 be set aside for the celebration of Brighton day, and \$3000 for the celebration of East Boston day, Old Home Week; said sums to be charged to the appropriation for Mayor, Public Celebrations."

Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I desire to offer a further amendment;

to insert "\$3000 for the celebration of Roxbury day, Old Home Week."

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I would like to ask both those gentlemen who offer these amendments to give an explanation of why they offer them. I don't see their bearing on No. 9 in the calendar.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President and members of the Council, the explanation is a very simple one: every section of Boston at the present time, within recent years, has got into the habit of trying to get some money from the public treasury for local celebrations, and in the past have been successful. Dorchester has a local celebration of its own which is known as Dorchester day; Charlestown has the celebration of the 17th of June; South Boston has the celebration of Evacuation day, and now comes Brighton looking for a local celebration to be known as Brighton day. I think it is no more than fair to the people of East Boston, if this method is to prevail in other sections of Boston, that we in East Boston should receive a similar courtesy and consideration from the hands of the government, at the expense of the city treasury.

Mr. JOYCE—Mr. President, I do not believe that there is much more that I can add outside of what Mr. Doherty has said, except that Wd. 12, Wd. 17, Wd. 18 and Wd. 19 haven't had any public celebration, and we are entitled to one just as much as Dorchester, Charlestown or any other section—especially Brighton. And if they are going to have that money for Brighton, I believe that the Roxbury district is entitled to some consideration. That is why I offer that amendment.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25—Mr. President, I see no reason why these gentlemen should seek to insert in our order for Brighton their orders. Why not introduce new orders in the Council if they wish to have a celebration in their districts. Regarding our celebration, we would say that we do not expect to have the celebration every year. This is to be the 100th anniversary of the founding of the town of Brighton, and I believe we are entitled to this sum of money. Therefore, Mr. President, I see no reason why East Boston and other sections of the city, who have no particular celebration this year as we have, why they should insert in our order a sum of money for any such purpose. I sincerely hope that the order will pass as on the calendar, and that there will be no amendments to it.

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24—Mr. President, Mr. Doherty of Wd. 2 gave as his reason for offering his amendment that he thought East Boston should have money appropriated because Dorchester and other sections of the city had received money for celebrations. Now, when we wanted any money appropriated we introduced our order; we did not put an amendment on anybody else's order. We did not have money appropriated on the Fourth of July for a carnival, either. And that is the only reason why I have objected to the amendments offered by Mr. Doherty and Mr. Joyce.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, I would like to reply to the distinguished representative from Dorchester. He said that they did not have any money on July 4 for a carnival in Dorchester—neither did East Boston. Probably it was not the fault of the representatives from Dorchester on the Fourth of July Committee that they did not get more money on that day. Their representative, in the person of Ald. Bell, tried to kidnap \$600 for the celebration of the Fourth of July in Dorchester, irrespective of the large amount

which they had for the celebration of Dorchester day. Now, in reply to the gentleman who hails from Brighton, the distinguished place that is noted on account of its representative—that famous representative in the city of Boston who once presided over the deliberations of this body—the Hon. John H. Lee—Brighton is only noted, as far as I can find, because of the fact that it is the residence of that distinguished gentleman—I further wish to add, Mr. President and gentlemen of the Council, that the 100th anniversary of the founding of the town of Brighton has come and gone. The celebration which they wish to enact during Old Home Week is not the real anniversary of Brighton. I would like to ask the representative from Brighton in the second division if he will tell the date on which the 100th anniversary of Brighton should take place.

Mr. ZETTERMAN—Mr. President, in reply to the remarks of the gentleman in the fourth division I will say that it is not my fault that the celebration of this anniversary will take place during Old Home Week. I understand that the day on which we should have celebrated this 100th anniversary was the 28th of February last, and the reason why the Alderman from my district changed that date, and placed the order in the Board of Aldermen for the public celebration, was that he thought that it would be a better time for a parade and celebration in August rather than in February. Gentlemen, I see no reason why there should be any objection to our order on the calendar. If the district of East Boston desires to have a celebration, I think they ought to put in a separate order, and not introduce it with our order. I believe our order should be passed tonight in its present condition, and I think it is nothing more than courtesy to our district that the order should not be tampered with, for I believe we are entitled to this sum of money. The celebration has already been planned for, and ways and means have already been made for the expenditure of \$3000 and also an equal sum of money has been subscribed by local business men of Brighton. So I hope that the gentleman of the fourth division will not further object to this order.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that after some deliberation he has come to the conclusion that the amendments offered are not germane, for the reason that this order calls for a specific celebration for Brighton, and the others call for celebrations for East Boston and Roxbury in Old Home Week. The Chair will state that the Clerk coincides with this opinion.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, I ask for unanimous consent to withdraw that part of my amendment which says "Old Home Week."

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that even then he would feel constrained to rule it out.

Mr. DOHERTY—My only reason, Mr. President and gentlemen, for putting in my amendment is pure politics; I am trying to protect my amendment when it goes back to the Board of Aldermen. I want to give the right to East Boston and the Board of Aldermen an opportunity to get the votes of the representatives from Dorchester on a similar matter, and these amendments are attached to the regular order and sent back to the Board of Aldermen. There is no question in my mind but that they will all go through, or none at all, and I want to put the amendment in for that sole reason Mr. President. Further, Mr. President, if it is contrary to the rules of this body, and

that is your decision, I am sorry it is such; I presume that it will have to stand.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will repeat that he feels his ruling is right.

Mr. JOYCE—Mr. President, I would like to ask if the Mayor hasn't the right to give the money without our voting on it at all? Then this order, Mr. President, is really not needed, because our passing upon it would not have any weight whatever.

The PRESIDENT—It simply puts it up to the Mayor.

Mr. JOYCE—Then I think, Mr. President, the best thing would be to withdraw the order altogether. I move that the matter be assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I hope that this matter will not be assigned to the next meeting. I cannot see why the gentleman from Wd. 2 and the gentleman from Wd. 17 should try to place any obstacles in the way of this order passing tonight. The gentleman from Wd. 2 must remember that in the past Wd. 2, or East Boston, has been well taken care of. On the Fourth of July that district has, I believe, received \$1000 or over every year for their public celebration, while other parts of the city have to go with less than \$150 or \$200. Now, the gentleman from Wd. 17 wants to have Roxbury day. Well, I, as a representative from one of the Roxbury wards, would like to see a Roxbury day, too; but I don't know about the time that Roxbury was founded, and since the people of Brighton wish to celebrate their 100th anniversary, I see no reason why they should be stopped from so doing at this time. The Alderman from the district—Wds. 19 and 25—is very much interested in having this order passed at once; arrangements are being made at present, and if this money or matter is delayed at this time it will keep them back so much longer, and they cannot make arrangements in time. I should hope that this matter would not be assigned to the next meeting. We may not have another meeting for a few weeks, and that would delay it too long. Mr. President, I hope the gentlemen from Wd. 17 and Wd. 2 will withdraw their amendments to the order.

Mr. WOODSIDE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I came in late, and I ask for a little information. I would like to ask the gentleman from Wd. 25, through the Chair, what day Brighton day is. It is a holiday that I am not acquainted with. And I would like to know just what it is before I vote on the order.

Mr. ZETTERMAN—Mr. President, I understand the gentleman wishes to know which is Brighton day. We are going to celebrate Brighton day on Aug. 1st, during Old Home Week.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, I don't wish to keep this thing up all night, but I feel that I am bound to make answer to the remarks to the gentleman from Wd. 19, who says that we have received \$1000 annually for carnival purposes. Well, we did, Mr. President, when we could get it—and this year we did not get it, but we gave the people of Boston the greatest run for their money of any section in Boston. We gave them the greatest pleasure of any section in Boston in the line of a celebration of its kind, Mr. President. Speaking about what Wd. 2 gets, the gentleman should bear in mind what Wd. 19 received Monday night, compared with that which Wd.

2 received, \$5000, a miserly sum compared to \$75,000 which his ward received, \$60,000 for a playground on top of a mountain (laughter), where they will have to put elevators or escalators or some other means to bring the people up there, in a district where everybody has a playground in their back yard. Every person's yard there is an acre or more. Then the gentleman didn't kick about that. He says Wd. 2 receives \$1000.

Mr. ZETTERMAN—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. The gentleman is not talking on the question.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule that the point of order is not well taken.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, I will close, but I sincerely hope that the assignment will prevail so that we may perfect amendments to put them in here in perfectly legal form. I do not believe, Mr. President, notwithstanding your judgment on the question, but what any matter that comes before us can be properly amended, and if this matter is assigned to the next meeting of the Council, I am sure my brother from Roxbury and myself, with the able assistance of our clerk, will very likely be able to present an amendment here that will be perfectly legal and satisfactory to the rules and orders of this body.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman from Wd. 25, through you, if he understood that when the Committee on Appropriations presented its report to this body, the sum of \$3000 was included in the item entitled "Mayor's office, public celebrations"?

Mr. ZETTERMAN—Mr. President, in reply to the gentleman in the fourth division, I would say that at that time I did not think anything about Brighton day celebration and that the money could be taken from that item did not enter my mind at all. Later on, I thought the money would have to be loaned outside of this appropriation bill. I now understand it has got to be taken from the Mayor's account.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman from Wd. 25, through you, if he voted for the item for Mayor's public celebrations in the appropriation bill?

Mr. ZETTERMAN—Mr. President, I believe I voted for that appropriation bill and voted for it as a whole, not separately, and I believe that explains the matter thoroughly.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—I would like again to ask the gentleman from Wd. 25 through you, Mr. President, whether or not he voted for the item, Mayor's office, public celebrations, as recommended to this body by the Committee on Appropriations?

Mr. ZETTERMAN—Mr. President, as far as I remember I did not vote on that item separately, as I said before.

The PRESIDENT—The question comes on assignment. Mr. Murphy of Wd. 19—

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I still cannot see why the gentleman from Wd. 2 objects to Brighton day celebration. Does it make any difference if Brighton should be allowed or this money set aside for this day? Does it make any difference, or do you suppose that it would prevent the East Boston district from having some celebration during Old Home Week? I feel satisfied that during Old Home Week there will be money spent for public celebrations in every section of this city. I know now that while we have not a Roxbury day set aside, that in one ward alone in Roxbury there is going to be \$1500 spent on a public cel-

bration. I feel that the same thing will be carried on throughout the different sections of the city, and when the gentleman refers to Wd. 19 being handed such a nice package tonight having \$60,000 in it for a playground, as he called it, on top of a mountain, in private conversation with the gentleman he told me that it was an ideal spot for a playground, one of the most beautiful places in the city on which to place a playground. And, Mr. President, if the gentleman looks over East Boston at all he will find one of the most beautiful playgrounds and gymnasiums in this whole city. Wood Island Park is an ideal spot. I feel that East Boston has been well taken care of at all times. When they kicked over there for a tunnel, and when they got the tunnel, and were satisfied to pay a cent toll, they came here with another argument and a fight to cut that one cent toll out. I appreciate that the gentleman should at all times be given the support of his district for the grand fights that he has made for it here, and I know they do appreciate his efforts, but when the gentleman objects to another district in the city receiving some money, I do not think he is acting fairly. I think that he should assist in obtaining that.

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 21—Mr. President, I move the previous question. The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the previous question cuts off the motion to assign. The question is, Shall the main question be now put?

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President and gentlemen of the Council, I do not object to Brighton getting \$3000, and I do not object to any other section getting \$3000, but I do insist that what one section will get, my section will receive at least equal consideration. All I am asking for is that which the gentlemen from Brighton and Wd. 19 are asking for their district. I am not objecting to Brighton getting \$3000, but if Brighton is going to get \$3000, then before they can get my vote in this body they have got to give East Boston \$3000 also.

Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I do not believe there is much need of more talk on the matter, this wonderful order coming from a wonderful Alderman. You have no right to interfere at all in the giving of this money, because we have no power whatever. His Honor the Mayor has the right to appropriate the money, and I understand on good authority that he has assured the Alderman from the district that he will give them \$300 for Brighton, and I believe if the matter should be referred rightly it should be referred to the Committee on Garbage. (Laughter.)

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I asked the gentleman from Wd. 25, through you, sir, if he had remembered how he voted when the appropriation bill came in here on the question of the Mayor's office, public celebrations, and he replied in a way that I did not understand him, and I do not believe—

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. I believe the motion is for assignment and I fail to see where Mr. McCullough is talking on an assignment.

The PRESIDENT—The question is now on the previous question. The gentleman has not proceeded far enough for the Chair to get his remarks.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—I did not understand his answer to be yes or no, and I do not believe any other member of the body did. Therefore, I am going to vote for the previous question after I call to the attention of the members just what did happen when the Committee on Appropriations reported. On Jan. 28 a similar order that was on the

calendar was introduced by the Alderman from Brighton. On April 11 this body received the report of the Committee on Appropriations. In that report there was an item for public celebrations to be taken from the same source that the gentleman from Wd. 25 desires this money to be taken—on April 11—and the gentleman from Wd. 25 voted against that appropriation. Now, Mr. President, I think I can see the handwriting on the wall. Certain gentlemen from Brighton have gone to the Mayor's office, having opposed his appropriation, and have asked him to give them a sum to celebrate Brighton day. I would not be surprised if they suggested to him, "Why, we voted against giving you any money for any appropriations, but we will try at this late day and get \$3000 for Brighton authorized by the City Government." Now, the Mayor can give them this money without our sanction, and I do not believe in encouraging any such action as happened on April 11, led in great sense by the gentleman from Wd. 25 in the second division, in opposing an appropriation for every other section of the city, allowing him to come in here and bamboozle the members and not reply in firm tone and give us a sound answer. If we defeat this order tonight, and the Mayor feels that he wants to give Brighton \$3000, he can do it. Do not let us encourage any such action as happened on April 11.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I should like to ask the gentleman in the fourth division how Ald. Woods voted on the appropriation bill?

The PRESIDENT—The question is, shall the main question be now put?

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, cannot this whole matter, the original order together with the amendment, be referred to His Honor the Mayor? I make that motion, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT—The main order can be referred, but not the amendments. The Chair has stated that the amendments were not in order.

Mr. DOHERTY—For reference to His Honor the Mayor?

The PRESIDENT—They are not before the body. The Chair has really ruled the amendments out. The question is, shall the main question be now put?

Mr. McCABE of Wd. 25—Mr. President, I was one of the gentlemen from Wd. 25 who went into the Mayor's office and solicited money for our Brighton day. The Mayor explained to us that there was no money in the public celebration fund, and he suggested that he put the order in the City Council for \$3000, and he promised for that he would deliver the Democratic votes to us. I guess he has taken them away again. (Laughter.)

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, I have now got the real gist of the matter (laughter), or, as some great man said, we have got to the meat of the coconut. As I understand it we, that is, the City Government, asked for an appropriation of \$50,000 for the celebration of Old Home Week, and now evidently this order calls for \$3000 appropriation outside of that \$50,000 which was originally appropriated for the celebration of Old Home Week. That being the case, I shall certainly object to it.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman from Wd. 25, in the fourth row in the second division, whether or not he voted for the appropriation for Mayor's office, public celebrations.

Mr. McCABE—Mr. President, I will say that I believe I did.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I

would like to call his attention to page 277 of the minutes of the City Council.

Mr. DUCEY of Wd. 4—Mr. President, I move the debate cease on this question at five minutes past nine.

The PRESIDENT—The question is, Shall the main question be now put?

The main question was ordered.

The PRESIDENT—The question now comes on the passage of the order, No. 9 on the calendar.

The order was rejected. Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote. The Council stood divided, and the order was declared rejected, 20 members voting in the affirmative and 22 in the negative. Mr. Zetterman further doubted the vote, and asked for a roll call, which was ordered, and the order was passed, yeas 27, nays 12:

Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Bramhall, Carruth, Colpoys, Davidson, Ducey, Fitzgerald (3), George, Lill, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McGivern, McGregor, Mcaley, Morgan, Murphy, Pierce, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Sacks, Troy, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—27.

Nays—Daly (12), Doherty, Doyle, Hanrahan, Joyce, Kennedy, Leonard, McCullough, Penshorn, Sheehan, Spellman, Wentworth—12.

Absent or not voting—Barrett, Brown, Buckley, Clark (20), Clark (24), Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Donovan, Driscoll, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Foley, Green, Hackett, Harding, Hatton, Hayes, Kelly, Kohler, Madden, McLennan, Montague, Noonan, Noyes, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Purcell, Rosenberg, Santosuoso, Sorenson, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15)—35.

Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17 moved reconsideration and that the question of reconsideration be assigned to the next meeting.

The question came on assignment.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I hope that assignment of reconsideration to the next meeting will not prevail. I cannot see why the gentleman from Wd. 17 insists on practically defeating this order. It will not injure his district in any way to allow Brighton to enjoy that celebration, and he knows well that if this matter is assigned it will keep the people in that section from arranging to celebrate that day in the manner in which it should be celebrated. They are all getting ready; the only setback now is that the money is not ready for them. I cannot see why the gentleman from Wd. 17 still places an obstacle in the way of this order. I hope, Mr. President, that this matter will not be assigned to the next meeting.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25—Mr. President, I move the previous question.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that moving the previous question cuts off the motion to assign. The question is, shall the main question be now put?

Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I hope the main question will not be now put, as I am surprised at the gentleman from Wd. 19 talking in the way that he has talked here tonight, as Ald. Woods openly declared that he could deliver Mr. Murphy's vote in this body until Mr. Murphy called him down and told him he could not deliver it, and when the gentleman from Wd. 25, Mr. McCabe, stands up in this body and tells the members, the Democratic members, right to their teeth that His Honor the Mayor has made a deal whereby he can deliver the 25 members, or the Democratic members of this

body, I think it is time for the members of this body to stand up and vote to defeat this measure.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19.—Mr. President, in answer to the gentleman from Wd. 17, I would say that I know every member here must know that there is not one man in Boston that can ever deliver me or my vote—not one man, I have always stood here in this body and voted the way I thought best, and always shall, whether in this body or any other. I do not care any more about the Alderman from Wds. 19 and 25. I do not care about the Mayor of Boston or any other man in high office. No man, either in my ward or the city of Boston, can control me at any time, and the sooner they know the better it is for them. I have always succeeded politically without any leaders or any man in my district. I have come to this body, the choice of the people of Wd. 19, regardless of factions, leaders or anything else which might bring up in the ward which I come from, and I am satisfied that I will go ahead on the same line. When the gentleman says the Alderman from Wd. 25 is sure of my vote, I do not know that he is. He never led me to believe that he was sure of my vote, or no other man. But if I did criticize or call down the Alderman from Wd. 25 because he asked me to vote for a measure which I did not think was right, it was no reason that he should at any time have thought that he had my vote.

The PRESIDENT—The question is, shall the main question be now put?

Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17.—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman if he did not hear it rumored around that Ald. Woods said he controlled the votes of Wds. 19 and 25?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the gentleman's remarks are not in order. The question is, shall the main question be now put?

This motion was declared carried. The question then came on reconsideration, which was refused. Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17 respectfully doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote. The Council stood divided, 22 members voting in the affirmative and 16 in the negative, and the motion was declared carried.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25.—Mr. President, I doubt that vote.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that it is now too late for a doubt. We will be back on the same question in a few moments. The question now comes on the passage of the order No. 9 on the calendar.

This order was declared lost. Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 respectfully doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote. The Council stood divided, and the motion was declared lost, 17 members voting in the affirmative and 21 in the negative. Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 further doubted the vote and asked for a rollcall, which was ordered, and the order was passed in concurrence, yeas 24, nays 19:

Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Bramhall, Colpoys, Davidson, Donovan, Fitzgerald (3), George, Lill, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormick, McGregor, Mealey, Morgan, Murphy, O'Brien (18), Pierce, Roberts, Sacks, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—24.

Nays—Carruth, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Doherty, Doyle, Fitzgerald (4), Hanrahan, Joyce, Kennedy, Leonard, McCullough, McGivern, Noonan, Penschorn, Sheenan, Spellman, Wentworth—19.

Absent or not voting—Barrett, Brown, Buckley, Clark (20), Clark (24), Cose, Driscoll, Ducey, Ferguson, Foley, Green, Hackett, Harding, Hutton, Hayes, Kelly, Kohler, Madden, McLen-

nan, Montague, Noyes, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Santososso, Sorenson, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy—32.

10. Report of Committee on Police, that the following order, referred June 21, 1906, ought to pass:

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Willie H. Burns the sum of ninety-eight dollars and thirteen cents (\$98.13), being the expense incurred by him and in the defence of a suit brought against him on account of his acts as a police officer of the city of Boston; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department.

The question came on the acceptance of the report.

Mr. HANRAHAN of Wd 2.—Mr. President, I move indefinite postponement.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2.—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that No. 10 on the calendar is not properly before us. Rule 9 of the joint rules of the City Council says that whenever any subject is specially referred to a committee they shall report within four weeks, or ask for further time. Now, this matter was referred, I believe, last year, Mr. President. My point of order is, that under Rule 9, joint rules of the City Council, No. 10 on the calendar is not properly before us.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the committee, of course should have reported sooner, but the body is bound to receive its report when it does—accept or reject it. The Chair will rule that the point of order is not well taken. The question is on the acceptance of the committee's report. Mr. Hanrahan moves it be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. McCARTHY of Wd. 8.—Mr. President, Mr. Burns appeared before the members of this committee, and from the story we were told there we were led to believe this man was not the man who committed the assault. Ald. Bangs, who was chairman of that committee, was at the time, I believe, counsel for the Police Board, and he was counsel for the officer. He made a statement there, saying that he knew positively that this officer was not the man who struck this man, but it was an officer named O'Keefe. O'Keefe appeared and testified to the same thing, and also appeared before the Committee on Claims and testified to that, and appeared the other day before the Committee of Police ready to testify and told the individual members that he was the officer who struck this man and not Officer Burns, and that he was willing to appear any time, anywhere, and testify to the same thing. I think it is an injustice to Mr. Burns that he should have to stand the payment of this money. If we do not reimburse him, it is up to him, I suppose, to pay it. Or, he has already paid it and he is looking now for the City Government to reimburse him. We have paid these same claims in the past and I do not see why we should not do it now. Of course, I realize that a great many gentlemen in this body are opposed to police officers more or less. They all have their reasons, no doubt, but I should not think they would allow their own personal feelings to stand between a man and what really belongs to him.

Mr. DUCEY of Wd. 4.—Mr. President, I desire to say at this time that Mr. O'Keefe is a resident of my ward, and I have been well acquainted with him for the past several months, and he has told me personally that he appeared in court, and he also appeared before the

Committee on Claims, and he takes all responsibility upon his shoulders. He told me that Mr. Burns was detained there, and two minutes before he arrived the assault was committed. He says he will appear before any court or committee and acknowledge that he committed the assault, and says he merely struck the man, knocking his glasses from his nose. The man's nose was not broken or injured in any way, and he says Mr. Burns was not on the scene at the time of the assault. This man, Mr. O'Keefe, in whom I have the greatest of confidence, a man of great veracity, has called upon me and says he will go before any judge, jury or committee and frankly assert that Burns was not present at the time of the assault, and he says it is an injustice to any officer—in fact, he says he did not know the man; if he had met him he would hardly know him, a man whom he had not met only during the court proceedings, and he says that he will certainly stand the brunt of the whole assault, and that if it is not made good, he practically admitted he would reimburse him himself. I think it is an injustice for the city of Boston to have this man Burns pay that money to fight the suit.

Mr. LILL of Wd. 8.—Mr. President, I would like to ask Mr. Hanrahan his reasons for having No. 10 on the calendar indefinitely postponed?

Mr. HANRAHAN of Wd. 2.—Mr. President, I do not know as the members of this council go into court much of any, but it seems to me an officer has gone before this committee and did not tell the truth, although there is no doubt in my mind but what the other officer came in and stated that he is the one who committed the assault. It is no longer than a couple of weeks ago that a big, burly sergeant in our town assaulted a blind fellow. There is no doubt in my mind but that later in the year this young fellow will cite him into court, and then this big, burly man will come into the committee and ask to be reimbursed—these officers knocking the heads off the people and then coming back here and asking to be reimbursed.

Mr. LILL of Wd. 8.—Mr. President, the gentleman has not given the Council any good reason for having No. 10 on the calendar postponed. If, as he says, he desires to defeat the order, why, it would be all very well to vote against the report of the committee. But, Mr. President, I understand that this matter was thrashed out last year, and it comes to us again this year in the form of a report from the committee that the order ought to pass. Now, gentlemen, I think that we should dispose of this matter tonight. You probably all know more about it than I do, having served in the Council last year—that is, the majority of you, and for that reason I do hope that the gentleman in the fourth division will withdraw his motion. If he thinks he has the votes here to defeat it, that would be another proposition.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3.—Mr. President, I simply rise at this time to state that since this order came up before the body last year I was talking to a friend of mine who was at the Lexington Hotel where the assault took place, and he told me that the statement of this Officer O'Keefe in the matter was that Burns did not strike the party who was struck, that he did not commit the assault. So it seems to me that if there is any question about the veracity of the officer this little bit of evidence in corroboration might satisfy those who might otherwise have doubts on the matter. I think that when we have the testimony

of the other officer, who comes up and confesses that he himself committed the assault, we must agree that the officer would not say that if it was not true. I trust, therefore, that the order will pass, it has hung fire long enough.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13.—Mr. President, I am going to vote for this order tonight because I have confidence in the Committee on Police, as I had confidence in the same committee on Monday last. I am going to vote for this order because I believe that it is properly before us, without a dissenting voice from one of the thirteen members of that committee—with the exception of possibly one. This matter was originally referred to the Committee on Claims. At the time that the Committee on Claims referred the order back to this body, asking for favorable action, I believe I was the one at that time who moved that the order be referred to the Committee on Police. Now, I am satisfied that the Committee on Police had an opportunity to decide whether or not Mr. Burns' contention was true, or whether the plaintiffs in the original suit were right. Now, if I may be allowed the latitude, Mr. President, I hope that this order will pass tonight as nearly unanimous as possible, because it will help to establish a precedent in this body which will insure us that all matters that should rightfully belong to committees—and especially to the Committee on Police—will hereafter go to that committee. Police questions are serious ones. This is a case where a man was assaulted and was acquitted in court. He then sued for damages, and he recovered those damages before a jury of 12 men. But there was some additional evidence, as I understand it, given to the Committee on Claims in his behalf; and, as I understand it, the plaintiffs in the original suit against Burns did not present any other evidence. I believed at that time that the order should go to the Committee on Police. It has gone, and this is the result. I hope it will pass. I hope it will have a tendency towards making members believe that this body believes in committee work, and not an unfair jammung of measures through without proper discussion.

Mr. ANDERSON of Wd. 10.—Mr. President, I am one of the members of the Committee on Police, and I attended the meeting at which this matter came up. The meeting lasted, I think, about four or five minutes, and there was barely a quorum at the meeting. Ald. Bangs, chairman of the committee, read a statement of the case, and what Mr. Ducey has said is practically that statement—that Mr. Burns did not commit the assault, but was convicted; that Mr. O'Keefe did commit the assault. Now it seems to me in all logic that it is not up to the city of Boston to reimburse Mr. Burns, but it is up to Mr. O'Keefe. This is sticking the city of Boston for something that Mr. O'Keefe ought to pay, and I hope the members of the Council will see that. I did not dissent from the committee's report because the committee meeting lasted, as I said, four minutes; there were only eight members there, and neither of these men—Mr. Burns or Mr. O'Keefe—appeared before the committee, although in fairness it should be stated that they were in the ante room and willing to appear. The Board of Aldermen was anxious to go into session, and Ald. Leary and Ald. Bangs were anxious to get away. We had no discussion. I think this order ought to be defeated.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2.—Mr. Presi-

dent and members of the Council, I haven't got any particular grouch against any particular policeman. The policemen whom I know, who serve in my district, are very friendly to me, and I have a high regard for a great many of them. But I was one of those members who a year ago opposed this measure, Mr. President, and up to date no argument, or no good, substantial reason, has been given to me as to why I should change my course, as to why I should change my vote on this subject. Now, I think the gentleman who has just spoken gives a pretty fair idea of what the committee did in connection with the hearing held in this matter. They rushed into session, sat down, had a paper read by a former counsel for the Police Department,—a man well known to the citizens of Boston as being particularly the policeman's friend,—a motion was jammed through that the gentleman be reimbursed, carried, and the meeting called off. There was no show in that meeting for any member to question those so-called Mr. O'Keefe's witnesses as to what occurred. Now, gentlemen of the City Council, if you want to place a premium on clubs, if you want to place a premium on strong-arm work by the policemen of the city of Boston, go on here tonight and reimburse the policemen that will come to you when you establish this precedent that is before you. Establish this precedent, and no policeman will be afraid to assault a citizen. The thing that keeps them afraid today is the fact that they know that a civil suit will ensue, and that unless they are in the right judgment will be given against them. You show them that they are to be reimbursed by the city of Boston, and they will not care as to how they use their clubs. And they will use them, gentlemen, as you well know, in a very indiscriminate manner. The gentleman of the committee who has just spoken strikes the right chord. When Mr. Anderson said it is the duty of Mr. O'Keefe to reimburse Officer Burns, not the city of Boston, he spoke the truth, and he stated a fact, and a fact which this government should take cognizance of, and vote in favor of his motion. Mr. O'Keefe did not appear at the trial to assist his brother officer; he did not show up when his brother officer was on trial and say: "No, this is not the gentleman that committed the assault; I am the gentleman that committed it." He did nothing of the kind, but when Officer Burns came before a committee of this city government looking to be reimbursed for a judgment that was found against him by a jury of his peers, in a court where a policeman always gets the best of it on every occasion, his good friend, Mr. O'Keefe, comes and tried to bamboozle the members of the Committee on Claims, and tell them that he is the culprit, he is the real offender, and that Burns is an innocent party. Do you suppose for a minute that if Burns was the innocent party and O'Keefe was the real offender, and the fact was established in court, the court would have ordered a verdict against Burns, even though a jury of Suffolk county—which is noted in many ways for the giving of verdicts—even though a jury, I say, of Suffolk county, should award a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs in this case? The judge, on the question of the facts and the evidence that was offered, the evidence that was so, had O'Keefe committed this assault—would have set aside that verdict. Now, gentlemen, Mr. Burns has received a fair and square trial, with all the due consideration and protection

that the laws of this Commonwealth give to any citizen tried before a jury of his peers; found guilty, adjudged guilty by the judge of the court which sat on that case. Isn't the judgment of those twelve men who heard both sides of the question, and the judgment of that judge who affirmed the judgment of the twelve men, sufficient judgment for you gentlemen to go by; or do you want to put a premium on clubism, on the indiscriminate beating of our fellow-citizens by policemen? This matter was brought up here two years ago; it was re-introduced again last year, and is now re-introduced again this year. Do you suppose the Board of Police and the police themselves are fighting for the small sum of \$98.13? Why, a mere nothing, a mere nothing to that policeman or to his friends! It is the precedent that they want to establish, and, as my colleague from Wd. 2 has said, if the sergeant of police who assaulted the blind boy in East Boston has judgment found against him he will come forthwith and ask the city of Boston to reimburse him for his brutal act, and he will cite as a reason why he should be reimbursed the fact that the city of Boston paid to Officer Burns \$98.13. Now, gentlemen, there is the case, it is up to you, and I would not want to go on record as being in favor of a matter of this description. It is not fair. It is not fair to the taxpayers of the city of Boston; it is not fair to your own good judgment, regardless of what pressure may have been brought to bear upon you by friends of this man. The fact was never brought out in court, as I said before, that O'Keefe was the offender. He had ample opportunity of showing it in court, but it was brought out, as I have said, to bamboozle the Committee on Claims, to reimburse this man and establish a precedent which will go down in history for all time to the benefit of the police force as against an injured citizen of our community. Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I respectfully hope that the order will be defeated at this time.

Mr. SHEENAN of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I had intended to vote for this order, until I heard the statement made by my friend from Wd. 10. I am not moved by the question of precedent; I believe every one of these cases should be determined by the circumstances incident to it. My attitude in these matters is this: If a police officer is innocent, and if he is sued unjustly and unwarrantably, and judgment is obtained against him, he, being in the employ of the city of Boston, is well justified in coming before the city of Boston and asking for reimbursement. But, on the other hand, if a man commits an atrociously wicked assault and judgment is obtained against him he alone should bear that punishment, and not the city of Boston. I had been led to believe by what had been said by speakers who spoke prior to my friend, Mr. Anderson, that this officer was entirely innocent; that the Committee on Police had investigated the matter and had reached the conclusion unanimously that he was innocent, and that therefore he should be reimbursed or such expenses as he incurred in the defense of that suit. But Mr. Anderson informs us that the meeting lasted four minutes, that a bare quorum was present, that the Officers O'Keefe and Burns were not before the committee, and that the only evidence tending to show the innocence of Burns was a statement made by his former counsel. Now, Mr. President, if any one should pay Mr. Burns the money that he has expended in this litigation it is the man who cowardly stood by during the trial of that suit and allowed that unjust and unwarrantable verdict to be rendered against him. If O'Keefe is so manly that after

judgment has been obtained against Burns he comes before a committee of this body—or tells any member of this body that he committed the assault, and not Burns, then it is his duty as a man to reimburse Burns for paying the damages that he himself should have no paid, and not for the city of Boston to bear his burden. I shall vote upon every one of these orders as the facts present themselves. If I think a police officer is rightfully entitled to money, I shall vote for it, and if I feel that he is not entitled to it I shall vote fearlessly against it. I am not one of those who entertain an antipathy towards the Police Department. My relations with that department are friendly; I have more friends than enemies there—I don't know of any enemy in the department, and I know of a great many friends. I always will stand by a policeman when he is in the right, and in view of the popular prejudice if I have any doubt I will stand by a policeman. But where there is absolutely no doubt, where there has been a judicial determination of this matter, and where no circumstances have been presented to alter the conclusion reached by that court, I feel abundantly justified in taking the position that I assume tonight—in being adverse to this order. Mr. President, I shall vote against it, and I trust that members of this body will discourage police officers wielding their clubs indiscriminately, brutally and wantonly; having judgment obtained against them, and then coming before the City Council to have the city government, or rather the city of Boston, pay the expenses that they themselves should pay, because the payment, or rather the satisfaction of that judgment, is more or less the infliction of a punishment upon them. I shall vote against it.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I move the assignment of this order to the next meeting.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3—I trust, Mr. President, that this order will not be assigned. I think this matter can be settled here just as well as later. There is no new information to be obtained on the matter, as far as I can see. My position on this whole matter of reimbursing police officers when they have had judgment entered against them for assault in the course of their duty is practically the same as that of my friend of Wd. 17 in the third division. But I reach a different conclusion, because of the facts that my understanding and my belief in reference to the facts in this case are somewhat different from the belief of my friend in the third division. In the first place, I think there cannot be any reasonable doubt about the fact that it was O'Keefe, and not Burns who struck the plaintiff in this suit. I believe, furthermore, that there isn't any doubt about this fact, that when the case was tried, Police Officer O'Keefe, instead of acting cowardly in the matter and allowing the other man to suffer for his actions, did go to court and did testify before the jury that he struck the blow. My friend in the third division is mistaken in reference to that. And I think that with that fact and a few others which I could mention, I think my friend, taking the same position that I do on that, must come to the same conclusion that I do. But O'Keefe, while admitting that he struck the blow, says further that he was justified in doing it, that it was absolutely necessary for him to do it in self-defense. And the testimony of people who were there at the time in the Lexington Hotel, whom I have spoken to since that matter

came up in the Council a year ago, is that O'Keefe's statement is absolutely correct. This assault took place in the Lexington Hotel on the night of one of the Harvard-Yale football games, I believe. There was a crowd in there, and there was confusion there; somebody there—I don't know whether it was the party assaulted or not, I think it was—had a cane, and he put up a fight, and O'Keefe attempted to arrest him and was obliged to strike him in self-defense. On these facts, Mr. President, it seems to me there is but one conclusion to come to. This is just such a case as my friend cites, where a police officer had been compelled to satisfy a judgment which has been unjustly obtained against him. Perhaps it may be that the jury from the evidence which was before them felt that they were just in it. Perhaps, and in all probability, the evidence was not corroborated at the trial. It may be there was some negligence on the part of somebody and that it was not corroborated, but I do not think it hurts Burns' case. It seems to me the whole case stands this way, that Burns has been obliged to pay a judgment unjustly in the performance of his duty, and that O'Keefe, on the other hand, it seems to me, if he honestly believes that he was justified in hitting the man at the time, would not be called upon to make good to Burns for the judgment that he has been obliged to pay, because O'Keefe, if he were a defendant in the action, could not rightly or justly have a judgment found against him. I think that he can be justified in saying that it is not up to him to make good to Burns, but it seems to me a clear case where the city should pay it.

Mr. SHEENAN of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I would ask the gentleman from the fourth division whether or not a motion for a new trial was made in that case, and if so, what disposition was made of the motion?

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I would state that I am not informed on that question as to whether there was a motion for a new trial or not.

Mr. SHEENAN of Wd. 17—Mr. President, if I honestly and conscientiously believed that Burns was not rightly sued, was entirely innocent, I should vote to reimburse him. However, I am surprised at the attitude of my friend who is a member of the bar in regard to the conclusion that he reaches upon the circumstances that have been presented. As I understand it, and perhaps I may be in error, a trial was had, a jury returned a verdict, and I think he will agree with me that it is a fair assumption that a motion for a new trial was made and that the court denied it. Now, if a jury after a trial decides against the officer, and if the court refuses to set aside the verdict because it believes it a just verdict, I do not feel that I should set up my opinion against the court and the jury, particularly when I never saw either officer, nor have I seen any of the witnesses in the case. Perhaps if I had seen them I might reach a different conclusion. But it is evident that the judge and the jury did not believe Officer O'Keefe. If Officer O'Keefe went before that jury, went to the court and testified, then I withdraw any reference that I have made to him pertaining to cowardice, and I do not know but it might be just as well to put this matter over and state it this way: That my opinion tonight is that this man should not be reimbursed because of the judgment obtained in the trial before a jury, and because of the undoubted fact that the court denied a motion for a new trial, and there

was no question but what the officer was guilty of the assault. But if it should be shown to me affirmatively and conclusively that this man is innocent, then I shall recede from my position, withdraw what I said, and vote for this order. But as it is tonight, I shall vote against it.

Mr. McCARTHY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, in reply to the gentleman in this division who was on the Committee on Police, I would like to say that the Committee on Police sat for a good deal longer than four minutes. We took up this case of Burns and that was finished. Then we took up another matter that was referred to a later meeting, and, furthermore, of this case of Burns I should say that Mr. Burns was not in the hotel at the time the assault was committed. He was on duty outside the hotel and the assault was committed in the inside, in the bar-room. O'Keefe was on duty inside and he was struck by this man and in turn he struck the man and knocked him down. Then he allowed the man to get away. The man went up to the station house then and complained and came back with the sergeant, and at the door of the hotel was Mr. Burns, and he picked Burns out, he being the first officer he could find there, and that is the way the mistake came about.

Mr. WILCUTT of Wd. 24—Mr. President, the amount before us this evening for discussion is \$98.13. This council, in my opinion, regarding the testimony and speechmaking they have had here before, are acting penny wise and pound foolish. How long have we considered five million dollar appropriation bills and a million dollar and a half loan bills here, and what arguments were put up against and in favor of those. In my opinion it is simply a personal matter against the man who wears the blue and the brass, and that is all. Now there is no question in anybody's mind here, I don't care who he may be, but what Mr. O'Keefe struck the blow, but simply to get back at the police department, certain members are allowing personal spite to get back of their better judgment.

Mr. McGLIVERN of Wd. 16—Mr. President, I move the previous question.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I hope that the main question will not be ordered. If it is not, I will move to recommit this order to the Committee on Police. As I said before tonight, Mr. President, I am prepared to vote for this order tonight because of private conversations that I have had with members of the Committee on Police. If I remember right, everything that has been said here tonight was said a year ago. In arguing at that time why this order should be referred to the Committee on Police, I did so because I believed that both sides would have an opportunity of presenting their case to that committee. Now, I believe that the history of the case from the beginning of the suit until the hearing before the Committee on Police should be given to the members of this body. I am surprised that some member of the Committee on Police had not attempted to enlighten the members. Personally I am satisfied with what private investigation I made that Burns is entitled to reimbursement if such a precedent is to be established by the city. This is my third year in this body and I have always opposed orders of this kind. I have opposed them because I, like the gentleman from Wd. 17 and the gentleman from Wd. 3, act upon the cases individually. It is not, as members of the police department have frequently said within the past month, or it has not been, rather, because of my prejudice against them that I have voted against the

orders. I have many good friends in the police department, but I yield to none of them in my sense of right and wrong. I say, Mr. President, that I have been against every one of these orders. I voted against one day off in 15 on last Monday night because I believed that it should be delayed until it could be properly investigated, and I hope, Mr. President, that the main question will not be ordered in order that I may move recommitment to the Committee on Police Department.

Mr. SHEENAN of Wd. 17—Mr. President, in view of what Mr. McCullough has said, I trust the main question will not be put so that recommitment may be had, or even assignment. I should feel profoundly sorry if I voted against this order, if it were meritorious. On the other hand, I should not apologize for voting against it, if it were not meritorious, but I wish to resent strongly the remark of the gentleman in the first division so far as it exposes me to the imputation of being prompted by any ulterior motive or by any ill will or ill feeling towards the police department of this city, because if there is a strong advocate of that department, it is myself. I am in favor of the department, I am in favor of matters pertaining to it because I know the popular prejudice against it. I know it is not popular to speak in favor of the Boston Police Department, yet I would stand and support any measure in its favor that I thought meritorious, irrespective of the consequences of my action. I state this, that I am entirely in woeful ignorance of the history of this case. I did not even know that it came up last year. I am voting, or I am rather considering this matter, entirely upon what I have heard in this body tonight, and if, upon recommitment or an assignment, I can make a personal investigation and find that I am wrong, I will fearlessly take the floor of this body and admit I am wrong, withdraw what I said and vote for the order. On the other hand, if I find I am right I will adhere to my position rigorously. I trust that this matter will be recommitment or assigned.

Mr. ANDERSON of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I do not intend to prolong the debate, but I do feel like my brother, Mr. Sheenan, that the imputation cast by the gentleman in the fourth division is unwarranted. Perhaps he did not mean to be so sweeping as to include everybody, I trust not. I have no personal interest in this matter. I do not know either of the officers. I have nothing against the police department. I have the greatest respect for it. I further add that in this case the alleged assault occurred, I think, in 1901, certainly four or five years ago, and now it is proposed this evening, having already been before the City Government in one form or another that it should be recommitment to a committee or that the question should be postponed in a way so that we could not dispose of the matter tonight. Now, it seems to me that we have had a pretty full debate here. We have the facts probably as well as they ever can be placed before this body, and it seems to me we ought to pass this order or kill it. In my judgment, in all fairness, the order ought not to pass.

Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I sincerely hope that this officer will not be reimbursed, because I do not think it is fair. I believe Mr. O'Keefe is the real cause of it and I believe if we defeat this order tonight we will establish a precedent here which will stop policemen from coming down to this body and asking to be reimbursed.

Why, gentlemen, in this city today we have the Boston American baseball team, and the only reason they can't win is because they have not got hitters, and I can name five men who could go out now, and if they are as successful hitting a ball with a baseball bat as they are at hitting a man over the head with a club and with such regularity and such surety they can be called in in the ninth innings and there would not be a pitcher on any opposing team that they would not be able to knock a home run off of. I believe the members should get together and they should stand here tonight and stop officers from coming down here and asking to be reimbursed. They are getting too much. They get two weeks' vacation in the summer time, and when they are going on their vacation they go to their friend the saloonkeeper: "How are you, Jack?" "I am pretty fair." "What will you have, Jack?" "You might pass out a quart or two of whiskey," if the man is a drinking officer. He goes to the next place. "What will you have, Jack?" "A few cigars; you know I am going away a couple of weeks." "Take those, here is a hundred for you." So it goes all along the line and he gets paid for his two weeks' vacation and he gets enough stuff to serve a regiment. (Laughter.) He goes up country and he lays off for two weeks. Then he comes back to the city and when he comes back he goes into the station house and meets the officer who has been on the same beat that he had. "Well, what happened since I went?" "Well, so and so had a little trouble with me at the box the other night, but I landed him all right, but he got out of it." "Did he? I will attend to him." Next night the poor fellow is walking along minding his own business about 12 o'clock, and he is walking along the street going home. "Hello, there, where are you going?" "Well, I am going home." "Well, come here till I say a few words to you." And immediately that gentleman is invited to have a few words at the box. He arrives at the box and the officer says, "You had trouble with So and So." "Yes, what of it?" "What of it!" And he is immediately smashed in the jaw and the next morning the newspaper comes out with big headlines, "Officer So and So brutally assaulted by a group of ruffians at the box." (Laughter.) After a vigorous fight with the assailants, Officer So and So came to the front and after a hard tussle in which they had to use their clubs, the poor fellow was arrested—whom they had a grudge against. He is brought into court, after getting his head knocked off (laughter) and he is charged with drunkenness and assault on an officer. The patrolman, the wagon man, who is in the wagon, go up to court in the morning and the driver goes up to court, and the judge says, "What do you know about this man?" "Well, when I arrived at the box he was putting up a terrible fight and he was so drunk that we had to carry him into the wagon," and the judge has to accept the evidence that the police submit, and that poor fellow is sent away from three to six months. That is the kind of thing that is going on, gentlemen, and especially in the Roxbury district. I believe that we should stand here tonight and refuse to reimburse this man, because it will save them from using the club so freely out in our district. The other night an officer named Kingsley was assaulted, and Mr. Kingsley looks for trouble all the time. A man is walking along the street feeling kind of happy, going home minding his own business, not troubling anyone. Mr. Kingsley puts himself out to go

across the street and as soon as the man says anything to him Mr. Kingsley is always ready to hit a three-base hit off his head. So, I think, gentlemen, this order is not fair, and I would not say it unless I believed it, and I sincerely hope that the members will vote tonight not to reimburse these heavy hitters. (Laughter.)

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that 10 minutes allowed for debate has expired. The question is, Shall the main question be now put?

The motion was carried. The question then came on accepting the committee's report. The report was declared rejected. Mr. LILL doubted the vote, and asked for a rising vote.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will call the attention of the members to the fact that the question is on accepting the committee's report. Then we will afterwards act on the order.

On a rising vote the Council stood divided, and the report was accepted, 20 members voting in the affirmative and 10 in the negative.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. LILL of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I desire to call the attention of the members of the Council to the fact that this case is not establishing a precedent in matters of this kind. A very similar case came before this body in 1905, of which I have personal knowledge, and the officer was reimbursed. Now, I hope, gentlemen, that this matter will be carried tonight, and that the officer will be reimbursed. It has been before us long enough, and I think that is the only solution we should arrive at.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I stated before I hoped the motion to assign the order for the acceptance of the report would not be assigned. In view of the statement of my friend in the third division from Wd. 17 that he is not informed on the matter, feeling that there may be others in the same position which he is in, I feel differently about the matter. Perhaps while I am on my feet I may state that up to the time of Mayor Collins' administration it was customary for members of the Police Department to come here after a judgment had been recovered against them and get reimbursement from the city almost as a matter of course. During Mayor Collins' administration he vetoed the first order, I think it was, of that sort that came before him, and after that they were no longer as a matter of course. Then last year this order was reported to the committee because it was felt that it was the most meritorious of all the orders which had been referred to the committee. Therefore, I think myself that that is true, but as I stated before, in view of the fact that my friend in the third division would like further information on the matter, and feeling that there may be others in the same position which he is, I move an assignment to the next meeting.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I move as a substitute motion that this order be recommitted to the Committee of Police. I make this substitute motion, Mr. President. Do I understand that such a motion is not in order?

The PRESIDENT—The motion to assign takes precedence, and will have to be disposed of first.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I am going to vote against the assignment in order that I may make a substitute motion that this order be recommitted to the Committee of Police. I make this motion because I believe

the Committee upon Police should make investigation, and not every individual member.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I withdraw my motion to assign.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I move this matter be recommitted to the Committee on Police.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I hope that this matter will not be referred back to the Committee on Police. It has been before that committee some time now, and I believe that that committee has tried to get a quorum together on a few occasions and they were not successful. At one time that they were ready to report back to this body and receive the views from the representatives of the Police Commissioner's office, it appeared from one of the members that there was not a quorum present at that meeting. But, however, Mr. President, I think we have heard enough on this order tonight to go ahead and vote on it. I do not know Officer Burns, I do not know Officer O'Keefe, I do not know anyone connected with the affair whatever, but I do know what Harvard night at the Lexington Hotel means. I have been in that vicinity on different occasions when they have celebrated such events called Harvard night and I know that any officer, any man paid by the city of Boston, to go there and do his duty is placed in a very hard position. I know that if I were an officer in the Lexington Hotel on a Harvard night that I would use some people roughly. I have been there. I have been in that crowd viewing the sights and the happenings of those nights, and I have been jostled and I have seen officers jostled and knocked around, and I know the howling mob that goes into the Lexington Hotel on those nights. No officer can be blamed if he does treat some of the people roughly on such occasions. The trouble here seems to be that some of the members do not view an officer as a human being. They imagine an officer is someone to be turned down and trampled upon every chance they get. I think, Mr. President, whether Mr. O'Keefe or Mr. Burns committed that assault on that night, that they must have had some reason for committing it, and I would ask that the members here take action on this matter tonight and get it over with.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14—Mr. President, As a member of the Committee on Police I will state that I had a talk with Mr. O'Keefe before I entered the meeting, and I will say for the information of my friend Mr. Sheehan, of the third division, that he told me he had appeared in court and testified that he was the man that committed the assault. And though I agree with Mr. Joyce, of the fourth division, in some of his remarks, I believe in this case that it is one which has happened to a man who had not committed the deed. If the man had committed the assault I would not be here advocating the passage of this order. But I believe this man did not commit the assault, and I believe the order should pass tonight, that he should be reimbursed. Mr. President, I sincerely hope the order will pass tonight, that the officer will be reimbursed.

Mr. SHEENAN—Mr. President, I trust the matter will be recommitted. It is a new matter to me. I am a first year man and there are a number of first year men in this body; this is the first time a matter of this kind has come before us. I said I am woefully ignorant of the history of this matter; I understand it has been here four years. I would like an opportunity to look into it, and I trust that the matter will be

recommitted so that I and other first year men may be afforded an opportunity to inquire into it.

Mr. DUCFY of Wd. 4—I also at this time would vote for recommittting this order. I had an interview with the man, and I got the man's own words. As I said, he committed no assault; O'Keefe himself said that when he hit the man he merely knocked his glasses off, injuring his nose in no way whatever; and he said that Mr. Burns was not on the premises. There may be some here whom I know have personal grievances against police officers, and they are not going to judge the whole police department—which comprised 1200 men—by some little trivial matter which they have had themselves with police officers. I think every fair-minded man in this body should vote for recommitting.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that he knows the man who was assaulted, and the Chair will say that if the gentleman's nose had not been fastened on pretty well it would have gone with the glasses. He got a bad scar.

Mr. LILL moved the previous question, which motion was carried.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will take its second reading at the next meeting.

Mr. LILL moved a suspension of the rules.

Mr. SHEENAN of Ward 17—Mr. President, the situation has now developed where a motion for recommitment may be rendered unnecessary. If this matter goes over until the next meeting, then we will have an opportunity to inquire into the matter, and, therefore, I strenuously oppose a suspension of the rules solely for the reason that I may be afforded an opportunity to inquire into the facts.

Mr. McCABE—Mr. President, I would state that probably the next meeting will not be until September. The members of the Council have an order that is going to be put in, that we adjourn until September.

Mr. LILL—I withdraw my motion. (There being no objection, the motion was declared withdrawn.)

The PRESIDENT—The order will take its second reading at the next meeting.

RULES REPORT.

The President, for the Committee on Rules, submitted a report on the order (referred April 25), concerning an amendment to Common Council Rule 41—No action necessary.

Mr. WILLCUTT—Mr. President, I would like to ask some member of the Committee as to why they thought no action was necessary.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the rules cover the matter completely.

Mr. WILLCUT—I am awfully sorry to disagree with the President of this body, and to say that I do not think he enforces the rules. During my membership last year and this year at times we have had the east and the west ante-room, and even the doorways and the chairs of this Council, occupied by various parties—sometimes members of ward committees, sometimes influential politicians, and sometimes influential heads of departments. Now, last Monday night—I think no one will contradict me on it—this ante-room here and the ante-room there were packed, not only with members of the city government, not only with members of the Board of Aldermen, not only with heads of departments, not

only with the Democratic city committee, but every Democratic contractor and politician that had any influence whatever. They were not only outside, they were not only in this ante-room, but they were in the other ante-room, Mr. President, and they were standing in the doorway, Mr. President, three or four deep, and in some instances they were sitting 'n chairs. I did not see you, as President of this body, enforcing the rules, and for that reason I introduced the amendment, and I hope the same will prevail.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that he is disposed to allow considerable latitude in the enforcement of the rule, when, as in the case of last Monday night, it tends to enliven the proceedings and he hears no objection. The question is on the acceptance of the committee's report and on the rejection of the order.

The report was accepted, and the amendment rejected.

NEXT MEETING.

Mr. DOYLE of Wd. 13 offered an order—That when this Council adjourns it be to meet on Thursday, Sept. 26, 1907, at 7.45 o'clock P. M.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Do I understand, Mr. President, that if this order is passed, His Honor the Mayor may call a special meeting at any time?

The PRESIDENT—Yes.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I will vote for it on that understanding. But if it were not such I wouldn't vote for it, unless some action were taken upon the passage of the consideration of some loan to the Water Department. I want to call to the attention of the members of this body the fact that unless something is done to that department very soon it may mean the laying off of hundreds of laborers.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—On that point I should like to say, that is perfect nonsense. The department, without the \$300,000 loan which they had last year, will have more money than it had last year with the \$300,000 loan, so that any such statement as that cannot be correct.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the Mayor has the power to call a special meeting at any time.

The order was passed.

LAMP, BIRD ST.

Mr. COSTELLO of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a gas lamp on Bird St., between Columbia Rd. and Virginia St., Wd. 16.

Referred to the Mayor.

POLICE, CHARLESBANK.

Mr. ROSENBERG of Wd. 8 offered an order—That the Police Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to detail an additional police officer on the Charlesbank Park between the hours of 7 and 11 P. M.

Referred to the Mayor.

WARD 9 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. LEONARD of Wd. 9 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have placed on Savoy St., Wd. 9, one gas lamp.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. LEONARD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor, the Mayor, to have Union Pk., Wd. 9, placed in proper condition for Old Home Week, by having placed therein flower beds and flowers and have the water fountains placed in good working order.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. LEONARD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor, the Mayor, to have placed on the corner of Cobb St. and Shawmut Ave., Wd. 9, one gas lamp.

Referred to the Mayor.

SUNDAY OPENING OF LIBRARY.

Mr. ANDERSON of Wd. 10 offered an order—That the Trustees of the Boston Public Library be respectfully requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to open the Central Library in Copley Square on Sunday mornings that the public in general may further enjoy the privileges of the institution.

Mr. ANDERSON—Mr. President, there are just a few words that I would like to say in connection with that order. I think, perhaps, a good many members did not hear it. It is an order which calls for the request of the opening of the Public Library in Copley Square on Sunday mornings. As you probably all know, the Public Library is opened at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Now, in response to quite a number of requests from constituents of mine living in Wd. 10, and from people who live in other parts of the city, I have introduced this order. It seems to me that the Public Library is not doing all that it can for the people of Boston when it is closed for a part of the day on one of the days when the laboring man would have the greatest opportunity to go there. I go to the Public Library, Mr. President, very frequently, and I have been impressed by the sight of a great many deserving young men, apparently of limited means, who are there in pursuit of study. I find that a great many of them are seen about the steps of the Public Library Sunday afternoons before 2 o'clock, waiting for the library to open. Now, it seems to me that the Public Library makes for good morals, and that it would be extending the usefulness of this institution if it was opened a longer time on Sunday. I realize that if this request is complied with, it may cost the city a little more; and I realize, too, that there may be some objections, that church influences may, perhaps, object to the opening of the Public Library. But, even so, Mr. President, the number of people who would go to the Public Library is so small in comparison with the large number who would go to church that it is not appreciable, and I think that that factor could be well set aside. As to the matter of expense, Mr. President, I don't know how much expense it would be, but I am sure that the trustees ought to consider this matter. I trust that it will go to the Mayor, rather than to the Committee on Libraries, and get from His Honor such consideration as it seems to merit.

The order was referred to His Honor the Mayor.

REMOVAL OF REFUSE.

Mr. ANDERSON of Wd. 10 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Sanitary Department be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to direct the removal of paper, etc., which has accumulated in houses in Precincts 7, 8 and 9 in Wd. 10.

Referred to the Mayor.

CAR STOP, FELLOWS ST.

Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause a stopping place for cars to be located at the corner of Fellows and Northampton Sts. Referred to the Mayor.

ACCEPTANCE OF TEMPLE ST.

Mr. DAVIDSON of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept, lay out and construct Temple St. from Spring St. to Ivory St., Wd. 23. Passed. Sent up.

MYSTIC PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. McCORMICK of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a hand-ball court in the Mystic Playground, Wd. 3, and that the fence which surrounds said playground be repaired, especially that portion of said fence bordering the water side of said playground.

Mr. McCORMACK of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I desire to say but a very few words on that matter. I simply want to call the attention of the Mayor so that he may notify the proper authorities that the fence is in a very weak condition. There has been a child drowned there within the past few weeks; whether or not it was on account of that fence I couldn't find out. The fence is entirely broken out from the back of the playground where the children play up to the side wall. It is large enough for me to walk through, and these children can walk into deep water and be drowned; numbers there have been pulled out of the water. As to the hand-ball court, it is a thickly populated district, many longshoremen and others congregate there waiting for employment, and there is absolutely no form of amusement on that playground. They can't play baseball, and I ask for a hand-ball court. I hope His Honor the Mayor will do his best to bring that about.

INDEPENDENCE SQ. LOANS.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the City Auditor be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to transmit to the Common Council, the loans that have been authorized by vote of the City Council in the last 10 years for repairs in Independence Sq., South Boston. Also if loans have been authorized for repairs on this square where was the money so authorized transferred to. Referred to the Mayor.

WORK AT L ST. BATH.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Bath Trustees, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to submit to the Common Council a list of those employees of the Bath Department who have been doing carpentering and painting work at L St. and other baths for the past seven years, and what the salaries of the said employees of the Bath Department were while performing this work. Referred to the Mayor.

REPAIR OF BROADWAY.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Superintendent of

Streets, through His honor the Mayor, be requested to resurface Broadway between O and Q Sts., Wd. 14. Referred to the Mayor.

PRIVATE LOCKERS—L ST. BATH.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Bath Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to transmit to the Common Council the number of so-called private lockers at the L St. bath, South Boston, including men's, women's and boys' departments, to whom they are issued and by what authority they are issued. Referred to the Mayor.

SMOKE NUISANCE.

Mr. NOONAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to take such action as may be necessary to cause the abatement of the nuisance from smoke emitted from the gas plant of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., located on New Dorchester avenue, Wd. 13. Referred to the Mayor.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCES.

Mr. NOONAN of Wd. 13 offered the following:

An ordinance concerning the draws of Summer St. and Federal St. bridges.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows: The ordinance of 1906 concerning the Bridge Department is hereby amended in the first section thereof by inserting after the words "Congress St. bridge" the words "or the draw of Summer St. bridge, or the draw of Federal St. bridge."

The ordinance was read once and went over to the next meeting for its second reading.

IMPROVEMENT OF SAVIN HILL AVE.

Mr. BRAMHALL of Wd. 20 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to reset the curbstone on the north side of Savin Hill Ave., between Auckland and Sagamore Sts., Wd. 20.

Referred to the Mayor.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2 offered the following:

An ordinance to amend Section 8 of Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, relative to Officers and Boards.

Be it ordained, etc.

Section 1, Section 8 of Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "city" in line 2 the following: "and every employee of a department"; and by striking out in line 5 the words "such officer" and inserting in place thereof the following: "head of a department or to any employee of a department,"—so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"Sec. 8. Every officer in charge of a department receiving a salary from the city and every employee of a department shall be entitled to a vacation of a fortnight's duration, without loss of pay, during each year of service, and the Mayor may grant additional leave of absence, with or without loss

of pay, to any head of a department or to any employee of a department."

On motion of Mr. DOHERTY, the rules were suspended, and the ordinance was read a second time and passed. Mr. DOHERTY moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

WD. 19 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a gas lamp on Vancouver St., between Huntington Ave. and Ward St., Wd. 19.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. MURPHY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to repair and put in proper condition for travel the following streets in Wd. 19: Lawn St., Buchman St., Heath St., Parker St., Parker Hill Ave., Smith St., Longwood Ave., Conant St., Halleck St. and Ruggles St.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. MURPHY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to remove the pavements in front of the Ira Allen School on Parker St., and also in front of the Comins School on Terrace St., and resurface it so that it will not inconvenience the pupils and teachers in school from noise caused by teams passing.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I just want to say a word in relation to that order. We have had many complaints from the teachers in those two schools—the Ira Allen school and the Comins school—about the noise of the teams passing on the pavement in front of the school. I think it would be a very easy matter for the Street Department to take up those paving blocks and use them in some other place, where perhaps they could be used to better advantage, and repave the street and deaden the noise. It would make things much better not only for the pupils, but for the teachers. I hope they will take some action on the matter.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. Murphy offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place an electric light on Heath St. near 317 or 319, and on Lawn St., near Buchman St., Wd. 19.

Referred to the Mayor.

CATCH-BASIN, WD. 23.

Mr. CARRUTH of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Sewers be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to construct a catch-basin on the southeast corner of Lee and Child Sts., Wd. 23.

Referred to the Mayor.

WD. 15 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. COLPOYS of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be instructed, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a gas lamp on East Fourth St., opposite Atlantic St.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. COLPOYS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to supply iced meal water to men working on the streets.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. COLPOYS offered an order—That the Water Commissioner, through His

Honor the Mayor, be requested to place an iced drinking fountain on Dorchester St., between Tudor and West Sixth Sts.

Referred to the Mayor.*

HOLIDAY, OLD HOME WEEK.

Mr. COLPOYS offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to give all city employees a holiday Saturday, Aug. 3, Old Home Week.

Referred to the Mayor.

OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE.

Mr. McCARTHY of Wd. 8 offered an order—That a committee of twenty-five members of this body be appointed by the President to join with such members of the Board of Aldermen as may be appointed, to make arrangements for local celebrations for Old Home Week.

Passed. Sent up.

SAND GARDENS, ETC., WD. 12.

Mr. DALY of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place additional sand boxes and swings and gymnastic apparatus at Franklin and Blackstone Squares, Wd. 12.

Referred to the Mayor.

PUBLIC LANDING.

Mr. DALY of Wd. 12 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to cause a public landing to be provided on Central wharf, near the headquarters of the fire boat.

Referred to the Mayor.

FINANCIAL ORDERS.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 called up Nos. 25, 27, 29, 30, 31 and 32, past assignments, viz.:

25. Ordered, That the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) be appropriated to be expended by the Park Commissioners for a gymnasium and gymnastic apparatus at Rogers Pk., Wd. 25; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized, from time to time on request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

27. Ordered, That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) be appropriated to be expended by the Board of Park Commissioners for a playground on Parker Hill in Wd. 19; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

29. Mayor's message, returning without his approval the following order passed by the City Council:

Ordered, That the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4500) be appropriated to be expended by the Board of Park Commissioners for gymnastic apparatus and lockers for the M-street playground; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

30. Ordered, That the sum of five hundred thousand and one dollars (\$500,001) be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Streets for Street Improvements; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue,

from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

31. Ordered, That the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) be appropriated for the laying out and construction of highways, under the provisions of Chapter 393 of the Acts of the year 1906; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

32. Ordered, That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) be appropriated to be expended by the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks for "Sanitary and Locker Building, Franklin Field"; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, all these matters have been disposed of in the loan bill reported by the Committee on Finance, and unless there is objection, I would move that they be indefinitely postponed.

No objection being raised, the several orders were indefinitely postponed.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 offered several orders, but before being read by the Clerk, Mr. LILL of Wd. 8 raised the point of order that a quorum was not present.

By direction of the President, the members present arose and remained standing until counted. The count showing but thirteen members present, the President declared the point of order well taken, and the Council stood adjourned, at 10:45 P. M., to meet on Thursday, Sept. 26, at 7:45 o'clock P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, July 15, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Ald. BERWIN, senior member, presiding, and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. WOODS, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Board, the Mayor made the following appointments, viz.:

(1) Charles F. Bogan (261 Bunker Hill St., Wd. 3), Thomas F. Coveney (23 Withington St., Wd. 24), Thomas Farrell (27 Carson St., Wd. 16), John J. Higgins (141 L St., Wd. 14), Robert J. Ware (862 Second St., Wd. 14), and John Young, Jr. (16 Gay Head St., Wd. 22), Deputy Sealers of Weights and Measures and Seizers of Illegal Coal, Coke and Charcoal Measures for the term ending April 30, 1908.

(2) William D. Collins (9 National St., Wd. 15), a Constable of the city of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1908.

(3) William J. Hofman (214 Brooks St., Wd. 1), a Weigher of Coal and a Measurer of Wood and Bark for the term ending April 30, 1908.

Severally laid over under the law.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Department (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Anthony Bello, an illuminated sign, at 154 Putnam St., Wd. 1.

Aron Eleystein, a sign, at 146 Chambers St., Wd. 8.

Cochos & Co., an electric sign, at 551 Dudley St., cor. Cottage St., Wd. 17.

Charles Cushner, an illuminated sign, at 10 Salem St., Wd. 6.

F. W. Dillingham, a sign, at 17 Charles St., Wd. 11.

Ely Hirshon, a druggist's mortar sign, at 395 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 21.

J. W. Woodill, a wooden sign, at 1514 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24.

The E. B. Horn Company, two electric signs, at 429 Washington St., Wd. 7.

C. M. Howard, a watch illuminated sign, at 1179 Washington St., Wd. 24.

Dr. David J. Ingraham, a cloth sign, at 10 Winter St., Wd. 7.

Peter F. McKenna, an advertising sign, on sidewalk at 106 Canal St., Wd. 8.

Howard S. Moy, an illuminated sign, at 17-19 Essex St., Wd. 7.

Anchor W. Peterson, a sign, at 11 Tileston St., Wd. 6.

L. H. Sullivan & Co., an illuminated sign, at 5 Chapman Pl., Wd. 7.

Alvard Tracy, an illuminated sign, at 1185 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Charles J. Gorman, clock illuminated sign, 253 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Public Improvements.

Petition of Walworth Manufacturing Company, for relief from payment of

a premium of \$25 annually for a bond given for leave to lay pipes under and across East First St., Wd. 13.

Arthur Amory, to construct an area and coal hole in sidewalk at 133 Marlboro St., Wd. 11.

Electric Wires.

Petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, viz.:

For leave to relocate three poles on Saratoga St., from Bremen St., Wd. 1.

Faneuil Hall, etc.

Petition for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

Thirty-fifth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, on the 17th day of September, 1907.

Railroads.

West End Street Railway Company, for a location for a third track on Huntington Ave., from a point west of Gainsborough St., to a point west of Parker St., etc.

Claims.

Anna Foley, for compensation for personal injuries caused by defective gas stove in Wm. E. Russell Schoolhouse, June 14, 1907.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of Isaac Hirshberg for leave to project one bay window at 115 Paris St., Wd. 2.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Department (Ald.).

2. On petition of Berkuit & Hanson for license to store and keep for sale oil or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at 1600 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 24.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

3. Message of the Mayor transmitting a communication from the Fire Commissioner asking that provision be made for the payment of an annuity to the widow of Patrick H. Disken, and recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 107 of the Acts of 1880, an annuity of not exceeding three hundred dollars (the amount to be fixed by the Fire Commissioner), be paid as long as she remains unmarried, to Mrs. Mary A. Disken, widow of Patrick H. Disken, formerly of the Fire Department, and who died from injuries received while in the discharge of his duties as a member of the said department; the amount to be paid under the authority of this order to be reckoned from the date of its approval, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department.

The message was placed on file, the rule was suspended on motion of Ald. WHELTON, and the order was passed in concurrence.

4. Ordered, That Chapter 513 of the Acts of the Legislature of the year 1907, entitled "An Act to relieve members of the Police Force of the city of Boston from police duty at certain times," be and the same is hereby accepted by the Mayor and City Council of the city of Boston, and that written assent to said act and acceptance thereof be filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I move you, sir, that all rules be suspended in order that No. 4 on the calendar may

have its second reading at this time and be placed upon its passage.

Ald. CLARK—Mr. Chairman, I would like to have the Alderman explain the meaning of his motion. I should like to have an explanation from the Alderman what the order means.

The CHAIRMAN—Ald. Clark asks Ald. Bangs, through the Chair, for an explanation of the order.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I understand that the order is to accept the statute giving one day in 15 to members of the Police Department. Certainly it seems to me that the Police Department in the city of Boston is one of the most efficient departments that the city has, and one of the departments of which the city should be proud. It seems to me that the Police Department is perhaps the only department, I might say, where we get our money's worth, where the men do their work faithfully. And it is the department in which the men get the least vacation and the least remuneration for their services and the least consideration for their hard and faithful and honorable work; and one day off in 15 is a very fair proposition to make. I think it is very proper and very just that the members of the Police Department in this city should have one day off in 15, and I heartily concur in the passage of this act and in the acceptance of this act. I think it is a very good thing.

The rules were suspended, and the order was declared passed. Ald. CURLEY doubted the vote and asked for roll call, which was taken, and the order was passed in concurrence, yeas 13, nays none.

5. Ordered, That a committee of 25 members of this body be appointed by the President, to join with such members of the Board of Aldermen as may be appointed, to make arrangements for local celebrations for Old Home Week. Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

6. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept, lay out and construct Temple St. from Spring St. to Ivory St., Wd. 23.

Passed in concurrence.

7. An ordinance to amend Section 8 of Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, relative to Officers and Boards.

Be it ordained, etc., as follows:

Section 1, Section 8 of Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "city," in line two, the following: "And every employee of a department," and by striking out, in line five, the words "such officer" and inserting in place thereof the following: "Head of a department or to any employee of a department," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"Sec. 8. Every officer in charge of a department receiving a salary from the city and every employee of a department shall be entitled to a vacation of a fortnight's duration, without loss of pay, during each year of service, and the mayor may grant additional leave of absence, with or without loss of pay, to any head of a department or to any employee of a department."

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. CLARK.

BAY WINDOW, ORDER OF NOTICE.

On the petition of Sarah H. Sneerson to project one bay window from building 633 Saratoga St., Wd. 1—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, Aug. 26, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

COAL AND COKE LICENSE.

Notice of coal and coke license granted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth was received.
Placed on file.

RAILROAD POLICE.

Notice was received from the Boston & Maine Railroad Company of the appointment by the Police Commissioner of certain employees of said corporation as railroad police officers.
Placed on file.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Railroad Commissioners of hearing, July 17, on petition of the Boston Elevated Railway Company for approval of the 269th location granted to the West End Street Railway Company.
Placed on file.

ACCEPTANCE OF LOCATIONS.

Notices were received from the West End Street Railway Company of its acceptance of 265th, 266th, 267th, 268th, 269th locations and agreeing to comply with the conditions contained therein.
Severally placed on file.

PROJECTION OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for leave to project signs, etc.—Recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

Anchor W. Peterson, sign, 11 Tileston St., Wd. 6.

Howard S. Moy, illuminated sign, 17-19 Essex St., Wd. 7.

Dr. David J. Ingraham, cloth sign, 10 Winter St., Wd. 7.

C. M. Howard, illuminated watch sign, 1179 Washington St., Wd. 24.

The E. B. Horn Company, two electric signs, 429 Washington St., Wd. 7.

J. W. Woodhill, sign, 1514 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24.

Ely Hirsoun, druggist's mortar, 395 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 21.

F. W. Dillingham, sign, 17 Charles St., Wd. 11.

Charles Cushner, illuminated sign, 10 Salem St., Wd. 6.

Cochos & Co., electric sign, 551 Dudley St., Wd. 17.

Alvard Tracy, illuminated sign, 1185 Washington St., Wd. 9.

L. H. Sullivan & Co., illuminated sign, 5 Chapin Pl., Wd. 7.

Aron Bleystein, sign, 146 Chambers St., Wd. 8.

Anthony Bello, illuminated sign, 154 Putnam St., Wd. 1.

Charles J. Gorman, illuminated clock sign, 253 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of Peter F. McKenna (referred today), for leave to place on sidewalk an advertising sign at 106 Canal St., Wd. 8.—Recommending that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.
Report accepted.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. CURLEY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition of the Fire Commissioner (recommitted June 24), for leave to erect poles for fire alarm on Southampton St.—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Fire Commissioner to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by white circles on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by J. M. McEwan; said poles to be located as follows:

Southampton St., 19 poles; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 50 feet by 15 inches; date of plan, May 21, 1907.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under a suspension of the rules.

(2) Report in part on petition of the Police Commissioner (recommitted July 8) for leave to erect posts for police boxes on Columbus Ave. and other streets—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be granted the Police Commissioner to place and maintain posts for police boxes at points designated by black squares on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by J. Weigel; said posts to be located as follows:

Columbus Ave., opposite No. 1401; Old Heath St., opposite No. 1; Dudley St., opposite No. 775; Wayland St., opposite No. 8; West Second St., opposite No. 70; A St., opposite No. 241; Summer St. Extension, opposite No. 300; Congress St., opposite No. 305; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 8 feet by 18 inches; date of plan, June 21, 1907.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said posts on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said posts to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rules.

(3) Report on the petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts (recommitted May 13) for leave to erect two poles on Faneuil St., Wd. 25—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows: Faneuil St., from Market St., Wd. 25, two poles; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 40 feet by 14 inches; width of sidewalk, eight feet; date of plan, Jan. 7, 1907.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under a suspension of the rules.

(4) Report on the petition of the same company (referred Jan. 21) for leave to relocate one pole on Baker St.—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, to

place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said pole to be located as follows:

Baker St., near Sumpter St., Wd. 23, one pole; height and diameter of pole not to exceed 40 feet by 14 inches; width of sidewalk, 7 feet; date of plan, Dec. 13, 1906.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Baker St. one pole, shown by a red circle on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue a permit for opening and occupying the street for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within 90 days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under a suspension of the rules.

(5) Report on the petition of the same company (referred Jan. 21) for leave to relocate one pole on Faneuil St., Wd. 25—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said pole to be located as follows:—

Faneuil St., near Bigelow St., Wd. 25, 1 pole, height and diameter of pole not to exceed 40 feet by 14 inches; width of sidewalk, 7 feet; date of plan, Nov. 23, 1906.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Faneuil St. one pole shown by a red circle on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue a permit for opening and occupying the street for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under a suspension of the rules.

(6) Report on the petition of the same company (recommitted May 13) for leave to erect three poles on Lothian road, Wd. 25—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Lothian Rd., between Chiswick Rd. and Strathmore Rd., Wd. 25, three poles. Height and diameter of poles not to exceed 40 feet by 14 inches; width of sidewalk, 8 feet; date of plan, April 6, 1907.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within 90 days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under a suspension of the rules.

(7) Report on the petition of the same company (recommitted May 13) for leave to erect two poles on Hopedale St., Wd. 25—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows: Hopedale St., between Seattle and Windom Sts., Wd. 24, two poles; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 40 feet by 14 inches; width of sidewalks, eight feet; date of plan, Nov. 15, 1906.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under a suspension of the rules.

(8) Report on the petition of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston (referred June 24) for leave to remove one pole on Boylston St.—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston to remove from Boylston St., near Ipswich St., Wd. 10, one pole shown by a black dot on a plan made by G. A. Fuller, dated June 18, 1907, and deposited in the Street Department.

Report accepted, order passed.

LICENSES.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to nine newsboys, five bootblacks and four vendors.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

CONTAGIOUS HOSPITALS, BRIGHTON.

Ald. WOODS, for the Committee on Health Department (Ald.), submitted a report on order (referred June 3), prohibiting the use of any building in Brighton for a hospital for contagious or infectious diseases—that the order ought not to pass.

(Ald. WOODS dissented from foregoing report.)

The report was accepted, and the question came on the rejection of the order.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I am sorry that my colleagues on the committee have disagreed with me, as this is a matter of vital importance to the people in Brighton, and as a representative of that district it is incumbent on me to look after the interests of my constituents. Brighton 20 years ago was valued at \$11,000,000; today the valuation of Brighton is \$32,000,000. Now, when we are right on the point of making it a prosperous little suburb, being annexed to Boston, having the finest residential district in the city, we are going to be burdened, if the report of this committee is accepted, by a contagious hospital for scarlet fever and diphtheria in the prettiest part of Brighton, in what is known as the Aberdeen section, close to Commonwealth Ave., where there has been a

million dollars expended for laying out this beautiful avenue, where the Norumbega Park cars run, with which every one is familiar; this pest house will be placed within 300 feet of Commonwealth Ave. I want to say for the section that this Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital bought this land for 162-3 cents a foot; if the committee had decided against the hospital they would have been doing a great thing for the hospital, because inside of two years the Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital could get 50 cents a foot for the same land, and today if it was on the market they could get double the price they paid for it. If it was ever known that it could be bought for such a price the Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital would never have secured it, because, as I said before, it is in the prettiest part of Brighton. Now, the remonstrants came in here. They came to me in the first place, and I asked them to appear. There has been general indignation all through Brighton, because Brighton is Brighton, no matter what part of it is affected. Whether it is Corey Hill, or Faneuil, or the Allston section, it is Brighton, and when you mention Brighton you mention the whole of it. Therefore, I have made the order read "Brighton." I was told by some members of the Board of Aldermen that if I would modify my order and make it read certain sections, I would have their votes. But my interest is Brighton, and it is Brighton whatever part it is. The remonstrants came here; they are people living in the immediate vicinity. Amongst them is one Mrs. Harriet E. Adams, a widow, whose husband had a little money, and to provide for his widow he used that money in building three apartment houses so that he would be sure that she would have her livelihood out of their rents. Now comes the Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital and seeks to put a pest house right at her back door. The other people bought their houses with restrictions; nothing could be built on the land but single apartment houses. They came there and invested their money with this idea. This land is platted out for a street and house lots, and notwithstanding that, all these people who invested over a quarter of a million dollars right in that vicinity are told that they must get out—which is practically the meaning of it. The apartment houses now are letting for \$35 a month. Everybody knows that the moment that hospital is located there those houses cannot be rented for any amount. The only people who will go and live there will be a non-English speaking class of people, who will not know anything about the location of the hospital. For one instance, there is land there that was held for 60 cents a foot; the owner now will sell it for 20 cents a foot. The land on the opposite side of the street is assessed for from 50 cents to \$1.50 a foot. Now, I want to ask any fair-minded man: What will be the value of that land that is assessed today for \$1.50 a foot when the pest house is in close proximity to it? It means that that land, the entire length of Commonwealth Ave., will be in the same condition 20 years from today as it is today. We have the power under the law to prevent any hospital from going there, but this Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital has a right that the city of Boston has not. The city of Boston could not locate a pest house here on this land that the Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital intends to erect it on—they could not do so, because the town of Brookline, which has a right to come in and protest where a building is located within three or four hundred rods

(I forget just what the chapter is)—but anyway, the town of Brookline could come in and protest if the city of Boston erected this hospital; but the Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital can go there and erect one, and the town of Brookline has nothing to say about it. They cannot protest against any individual or any individual corporation, but they can protest against the city of Boston. Now, the Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital is represented by a very learned gentleman, Mr. Walter N. Buffum. I want to say, before I go on with Mr. Buffum, that he had appear there before the committee John H. McCollom, who is a physician at the diphtheria hospital at the South end. I asked Dr. McCollom if he had ever seen this land in Brighton. He said, "No," but he knew it was an ideal spot. I said, "What about the land that they own in West Roxbury—1,500,000 feet of land; why not locate their hospital there?" Dr. McCollom said that Brighton was nearer. The map was up there, and I scaled it off and we found that the West Roxbury location was nearer, if anything, than the Brighton location. Then he said: "Where is your argument now, Dr. McCollom?" "Well," he said, "there are better roads to Brighton." I said, "How do you know?" "Oh," he said, "I was over there a year or so ago." "Well," I said, "we have improved our roads since then." But he had no argument because on the road to West Roxbury the ambulance has the right to go through the parkway, and the route through the parkway, through Brookline, would bring it a good deal nearer than the Brighton location. Then Dr. Durgin appeared. I believe Ald. Clark said that he invited Dr. McCollom and Dr. Durgin here. Dr. Durgin said he thought it would be a godsend. "I said: 'To whom—to the people of Brighton?'" He said: "To the people." I asked Dr. Durgin how long he had been driving the slaughter houses out from Brighton. He said: "Twenty-four years." He has been driving out that industry, but the people in Brighton much prefer a slaughter house to a pest house. And Dr. Mann, I believe, testified that they had it so arranged now that the people could go into this contagious hospital and visit their relatives and come out without any danger of carrying infection. Just imagine the people going out to Norumbega Park on the cars, and a crowd of people come and say: "We have just come from the Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital for Infectious and Contagious Diseases!" I think there would be some vacant seats on that car, and they would have it all to themselves. There is no man or woman who has a child in the hospital but will risk any danger there is in going to visit that child, and if such a state of affairs exists that anybody who has a child or any relative in this contagious hospital is allowed to go and visit them we can look for a splendid contagion in Brighton and the Brighton district. They bring up the City Hospital for a parallel case. I want to ask any man here what property adjoining the City Hospital is worth today. I was talking to a man who owns a building there, and he says he has let it to every nationality there is, and if he could get an opportunity today he would let it for a junk shop, because he cannot get anybody to live in it. And that is the case with the whole neighborhood. Now, there are plenty of places to locate this hospital, and I do not think it is right that it should be located in Brighton. Mr. Buffum came in with his argument, and his argument was a little strong; I want to say that it was insulting to a

lot of my constituents. He tried to belittle them by saying that they did not pay taxes, and that there were so few of them. I want to say that we could have had 5,000 remonstrants just as well as 30. I asked Mr. Buffum where he lives and he says he lives in Brookline. He is not a resident of the city of Boston, and he pays no taxes to the city of Boston; and the Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital pays no taxes to the city of Boston. I say, furthermore, that if we are to have such hospitals—and we must have such hospitals—they should be under the direction of the city, and belong to the city, and be controlled by the city, and not by any private corporation. Now, Mr. Chairman, the arguments used by Mr. Buffum, by Dr. Durgin and by Dr. McCollom do not have any weight in comparison with the arguments used by the people who are remonstrating against this hospital. I know that every Alderman does not care where this hospital goes as long as it does not go in his district; I know that the odds are against me here today, but I believe in all fairness every Alderman should do his duty by all the citizens of Boston, according to his oath, and not by the few. I think there are plenty of places to locate this hospital. There is the land in West Roxbury, where they are isolated, away from everybody. Not that I want to put it in any particular district, because if the Alderman from that district objects to it I will vote with him; but I think there are plenty of places. There will be no loss to the Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital, because they have got a gold mine in that land out there, and the land which they paid \$50,000 for they can get \$150,000 for inside of three years, and as they are exempt from taxes for two years they will not be losing any money. They say they have no money to buy other land, that this was willed to them by John C. Hayes for this purpose. This proposed location in Brighton is within 150 feet of Brookline, and if the Brookline authorities could come in here and protest you would have the entire Brookline population and Brookline selectmen arguing against this location. But as the law stands they are only allowed to protest against the city of Boston building a hospital. I would like to have you continue his matter over, and let every Alderman go out there and see this section. And then if you feel that the hospital should go there I will say no more about it. But when you come out and see Commonwealth Avenue and the beautiful surroundings of this locality, and take into consideration the people who have bought this land for their homes, and take into consideration the widow who has three houses on her hands that were left to her for her livelihood, I think you will have a different opinion.

The CHAIRMAN—The question comes on the rejection of the order.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, it was not my purpose to attempt to talk this afternoon, but what little I have to say may be shown in something that affects the section of the city that I come from. The map that I have before me described the location of the different hospitals that are in our midst—the most congested section of the city. Brighton has one hospital, Wds. 6 and 8 and 11 have 15. Is anybody's health affected there? No. Property depreciated? No. I wonder if the Alderman who has just taken his seat isn't speaking for Brookline, rather than for Boston. I was elected by the voters of Boston to protect their interests, and I am standing here today as a member on the Committee

of Health to protect the interests of the entire city. Suppose you, sir, as a resident of Brighton, and not being annexed to Boston, was called upon by the citizens to protect their interests in the way of health, what would you do—would you deny Brighton a hospital? I believe every member of this Board disagrees with what the Alderman has just said, and that the Committee on Health was justified in making their report. This map well shows what it means. Depreciation in property—it is all rot! Mr. Shuman admitted that, as you know, after being cross-examined—that his property had not depreciated, that it had gained \$1500 in one year over in the section known as the Bay State road. You come in here, you may speak for Brookline, but I speak for Boston; I speak for humanity's sake; I speak for those who are philanthropic, who want to bring about the good health of the community and to protect all interests, and particularly the worthy poor. It seems to me that it comes with a poor grace from you, Mr. Alderman, to make or attempt to make such an argument as you have already made. I trust that the committee's report will be accepted.

The order was declared rejected. Ald. WOODS doubted the vote and asked for a roll-call, which was taken, and the order was rejected: Yeas, 12; Nays, 1; Ald. WOODS voting No.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Ald. BELL, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order for the payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the city of Boston for the month of July, 1907.

The report was accepted and the order passed.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted a report on petition of 35th regiment Massachusetts volunteers (referred today), for use of Faneuil Hall on the 17th day of September, 1907—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

RAILROADS, ORDER OF NOTICE.

Ald. DRAPER, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted a report on petition of West End Street Railway Company (referred today), for a location for a third track on Huntington Ave. from a point west of Gainsboro St. to a point west of Parker St., etc.—that an order of notice be passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, Aug. 26, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted; order of notice passed.

SIDEWALK ORDER.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along East Third St., between K and L Sts., Wd. 14, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edge-stone. Under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to have removed a tree in front of estate numbered 92 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Wd. 17; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to remove a tree at corner of Summer and Bremen Sts., Wd. 2; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

CLOSING OF STREETS.

Ald. BANGS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Beacon St., between Massachusetts Ave. and Hereford St., to public travel during the time necessary for completion of sewer improvements now in progress by the Sewer Department.

Passed.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Parsons St., between North Beacon and Faneuil Sts., Wd. 25, to public travel during the time necessary for the completion of repairs on said street.

Passed.

BAND CONCERT, WD. 7.

Ald. BANGS offered an order—That the Music Trustees, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this Board to provide a band concert at the junction of Shawmut Ave. and Wheeler St. on the evening of July 17 or July 24; the expense incurred to be charged to the appropriation for Music Department.

Passed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE, VETERAN FIREMEN.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested by this Board to instruct the various heads of departments to grant all veteran firemen employed by the city one day off during Old Home Week.

Passed.

REPAVING MARGINAL ST.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to repave Marginal St. and to resurface Everett St., from Orleans to Cottage Sts., East Boston.

Passed.

STREET CLOSING, OLD HOME WEEK.

Ald. BERWIN offered an order—That the Police Commissioner be authorized to close to travel by vehicles, except fire, police, hospital and mail wagons, the streets to be used by the several parades which take place during Old Home Week, July 28-Aug. 3, 1907, and the City Messenger is hereby authorized to rope off said streets at such points as may be necessary.

Passed.

FIREWORKS, OLD HOME WEEK.

Ald. BERWIN offered an order—That the discharge of fireworks be permitted

from 7 o'clock in the evening till 12 o'clock midnight, on the streets and public squares, and such other portions of the city, including private grounds, on which exhibitions of fireworks can be given without exposing adjoining property to the danger of fire, from July 29 to Aug. 3, inclusive.

Passed.

WIDENING ULMER ST.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested by this Board to widen Ulmer St., from Minden St. to Arklow St., to a width of 40 feet.

Passed.

PLAYSTEAD, FRANKLIN PARK.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this Board to remove the age restrictions in the rules for the use of the playstead in Franklin Park.

Passed.

LOCATION OF WARD ROOMS.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Corporation Counsel be requested to inform this Board at its next meeting whether or not His Honor the Mayor or the head of any department has the right to change the location of a ward room after the same has been established by the ordinance.

Passed.

DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS.

Ald. WHELTON presented the petition of Gaetano Vitale, President Maria S. S. Carmine Society, for permit to discharge fireworks at North End Park, July 22, and asked that the rule be suspended and permit granted on same.

The rule was suspended and a permit was granted on the usual conditions.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted at 3.42 o'clock P.M., on motion of Ald. WHELTON, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order at 4.15 o'clock P.M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. BERWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on petition of Arthur

Amory (referred today), for leave to construct area and coal hole—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Arthur Amory to construct, maintain and use an area and coal hole opening 39 feet long and full width of sidewalk in front of estate 133 Marlborough St., Wd. 11; the work to be completed on or before Oct. 1, 1907, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Report of petition of Boston Elevated Railway Company (referred June 24), for change of grade of portions of Oak and Ash Sts., made necessary in connection with the southerly approach to the Washington St. tunnel; said work to be done by said company at its own expense—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Board establish the revised grades of the following streets in Wd. 7: Oak St., between Washington St. and May Pl.; Ash St., between Oak St. and a point near Nassau St., in accordance with plans dated May 2, 1907, signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, and filed in the office of the Engineering Department.

The Boston Elevated Railway Company is hereby authorized to make said changes at its own expense, in accordance with the agreement herewith filed.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Report on order (referred today), that the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk on East Third St., Wd. 14, between K and L—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

NEXT MEETING.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Monday, Aug. 26, 1907, at 3 o'clock P. M., and that hearings under orders of notice assigned to a prior date be postponed accordingly.

The order was declared passed. Ald. BALDWIN doubted the vote and asked for a roll call, which was taken, and the order was passed, yeas 11, nays 2. Ald. Baldwin and Woods voting no.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. CLARK moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted today, hoping the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 4:17 o'clock P. M., on motion of Ald. CURLEY, to meet on Monday, Aug. 26, at 3 o'clock P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Tuesday, July 23, 1907.

Special meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of drawing jurors, Ald. BERWIN presiding and a quorum present.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 514, Acts of 1894, as follows:

Five additional grand jurors, to appear Aug. 5th, viz.: Patrick J. O'Brien, Wd. 3; Frederick F. Hill, Wd. 1; John Pothoff, Wd. 14; James P. Harrington, Wd. 20; George Sampson, Wd. 10.

Forty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear Aug. 12th, viz.: John V. Pine, Wd. 19; John F. Crowley, Wd. 9; George A. Millet, Wd. 18; Arthur E. Driscoll, Wd. 20; John F. Ryan, Wd. 20; James F. Glynn, Wd. 20; Frank S. Atwood, Wd. 25; Frank B. Cummings, Wd. 11; Samuel R. Hall, Wd. 21; Warren G. Hills, Wd. 22; Henry L. White, Wd. 14; Michael J. McCarthy, Wd. 3; Joseph M. Clements, Wd. 1; Albert B. Mitton, Wd. 24; George W. Eriscoe, Wd. 18; Daniel J. Dwyer, Wd. 7; Peter Healy, Wd. 1; Arthur W. Hunt, Wd. 24; George W. Killian, Wd. 20; Michael G. Powers, Wd. 8; George Collyer, Wd. 1; John Hopkins, Wd. 11; John A. Gunn, Wd. 8; George C. Ingram, Wd. 11; Philip F. Dennehy, Wd. 24; Pehr Anderson, Wd. 23; Charles E. Dalton, Wd. 18; John P. Mann, Wd. 20; William D. Hubbard, Wd. 12; Stephen Holmes, Wd. 19; Henry M. Kenney, Wd. 11; John H. Hout, Wd. 15; Joseph T. Greene, Wd. 24; William L. Moran, Wd. 5; William H. Henderson, Wd. 24; Harry O. Trafton, Wd. 12; John H. Clements, Wd. 1; Philip Goodman, Wd. 6; James T. Hartigan, Wd. 12; Herbert L. Boles, Wd. 11; John J. Collins, Wd. 8.

Adjourned, at 1:15 P. M., on motion of Ald. FINIGAN.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Tuesday, July 23, 1907.

Special meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 1:16 P. M., Ald. BERWIN presiding. Absent, Ald. WHELTON.

On motion of Ald. WOODS the Board voted to dispense with the reading of the records of the two previous meetings.

CALL FOR MEETING.

The Clerk read the call for the meeting, as follows:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 23, 1907.
To the Members of the Board of Aldermen:—

You are hereby requested to assemble in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, July 23, 1907, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of transacting such business as may come before the Board. Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.
Placed on file.

MINOR APPOINTMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 23, 1907.
To the Board of Aldermen:
Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint Harry L. Currier (Deer Island), James H. McManus (Deer Island) and Martin E. McKenna (27 Jefferson Ave.) Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1908.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.
Laid over, under the law.

ADDITIONAL SEALERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 23, 1907.
To the Board of Aldermen:—
Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint John B. Farren (549 Bennington St., Wd. 1) and James Rogan (9 Union Pk., Wd. 9), Deputy Sealers of Weights and Measures and Seizers of Illegal Coal, Coke and Charcoal Measures for the term ending April 30, 1908.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.
Laid over under the law.

TRANSFER FOR PUBLIC CELEBRATION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 23, 1907.
To the City Council:—
As several orders have been passed by the City Council requesting the expenditure of additional amounts on account of "Mayor, Public Celebration," it will be necessary to provide an additional appropriation therefor, and I therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying order which will effect a transfer for this purpose.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Ordered, That the City Auditor be authorized to transfer the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000) from the appropriation for "Reserve Fund" to an appropriation for "Mayor, Public Celebrations."

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

APPROPRIATION FOR RESERVE FUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 23, 1907.
To the City Council:—

The amount appropriated for "Reserve Fund" this year will not be sufficient to meet the executions of court and other expenses usually charged to this appropriation. Last year the total appropriations for "Reserve Fund" were \$240,150, and this year the appropriation was \$104,000. I therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying appropriation bill providing for an increase in this appropriation of \$75,000.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Ordered, That to provide additional means to meet the current expenses payable during the financial year beginning with the first day of February, 1907, of performing the duties devolving by statute upon the city of Boston or upon the departments or officers thereof, the sum of money hereinafter specified be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the object and purpose met by taxes to the amount so appropriated, and be raised by tax on the polls and estates taxable in the city of Boston, and that all orders heretofore passed relating to taxes and the interest thereon apply to the taxes herein provided for.

Reserve fund, seventy-five thousand dollars\$75,000
Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

FINANCE COMMISSION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 20, 1907.
To the City Council:—

In accordance with the provisions of an order of the City Council and amendment thereto, providing for the investigation of the city's finances by a Commission, I have today appointed the following-named persons to serve as members of the said Commission:

Samuel Carr (403 Commonwealth Ave.), nominated by the Boston Chamber of Commerce.

George U. Crocker (378 Marlboro St.), nominated by the Clearing House Committee of the Associated Banks of Boston.

George A. O. Ernst (48 Robeson St.), nominated by the Citizens' or Local Improvement Associations.

John F. Kennedy (48 Claymore St.), nominated by the Boston Central Labor Union.

Hon. Nathan Matthews (456 Beacon St.), nominated by the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board.

John F. Moors (171 Beacon St.), nominated by the Boston Merchants' Association, and

Hon. John A. Sullivan (77 Mountfort St.), nominated by the Boston Associated Board of Trade.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.
Sent down.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Department (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Columbia Electric Engineering Company, an iron sign, at 309 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Frank Dambrosio, a cloth sign, at 12 Brattle St., Wd. 6.

Henry H. Green, an illuminated sign, at 849 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Iona Social Club, illuminated sign, corner Central Sq. and Meridian St., Wd. 1.

George H. Greenwood, an electric sign, at 9 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

Harris Goodman, wooden sign, 319 Sumner St., Wd. 2.

Samuel Katz, a hook from which to suspend a dummy umbrella at 9 Portland St., Wd. 6.

Washington Cafe, an electric sign, at 673 Washington St., Wd. 7.

I. P. Ross, electric sign, 39 Chambers St., Wd. 8.

Manuel Andrews, sign, 268 Commercial St., Wd. 6.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

United Spanish War Veterans, on the evening of Feb. 21 and during the day Feb. 22, 1908.

Electric Wires.

Fire Commissioner, for leave to locate test boxes at northerly side of Main St., near Medford St., Charlestown, Columbia road, southerly side, near Stoughton St., A St. near East First St., and Congress St., southerly side, near A St. Lamp-post for box 251 on Columbus Ave. at northerly corner of New Heath St., Roxbury. Pole on Main St. at westerly corner of Caldwell St., all for use of fire alarm service.

Claims.

John F. Delaney, for compensation for personal injuries received while employed at Printing Plant of City of Boston.

Harry A. Lewis, for compensation for personal injuries caused by an alleged defect in sidewalk on Columbus Ave.

County Accounts.

Wilfred Bolster, Chief Justice Municipal Court of Boston, for a new van for the transportation of prisoners.

Public Improvements.

Stevens Plumbing Co., for a renewal of a license to store and keep for sale gasoline in a tank underground at 116 Dartmouth st., Wd. 10.

St. Ciriaco Society, for leave to discharge fireworks at the North End Park on the evening of Aug. 1, 1907.

ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions for leave to project bay windows, marquise and store and keep for use oils and fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum—orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Monday, Aug. 26, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:

Filippo Marco, one bay window, 44 Oneida St., over Albany St., Wd. 9.

Bernard Cadden, one bay window, 41 Orleans St., Wd. 2.

Nathan Matthews, et al., trustees, marquise, Hotel Oxford, 40 Huntington Ave., Wd. 10.

Stephen Bradford, to store and keep for use oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, 145 Norfolk St., Dochester.

CLERK HIRE.

A communication was received from W. T. A. Fitzgerald in accordance with the provisions of Section 33, Chapter 22 of the Revised Laws, certifying that certain persons had been employed in his office from June 24 to July 22, and that work had been performed to the amount of \$2861.29.

Approved by the Board.

COAL AND COKE LICENSE.

Notice of coal and coke license granted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth was received.

Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF LOCATION.

Notice was received from the Railroad Commissioners of approval of 270th location of West End Street Railway Company.

Placed on file.

RELOCATION OF POST.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner be requested to relocate the fire-alarm post now standing in front of 98 Calumet St.

Passed.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted at 1.41 o'clock P. M., on motion of Ald. BALDWIN, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order at 2.32 o'clock P. M.

PROJECTION OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. BALDWIN, or the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted reports on petitions (severally referred today) for leave to project signs, etc.—recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

Harris Goodman, wooden sign, 319 Sumner St., Wd. 2.

Columbia Electric Engineering Company, iron sign, 309 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Iona Social Club, illuminated sign, corner Central Sq. and Meridian St., Wd. 1.

George H. Greenwood, electric sign, 9 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

Samuel Katz, hook to suspend umbrella, 9 Portland St., Wd. 6.

Washington Cafe, electric sign, 673 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Henry H. Green, illuminated sign, 849 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Frank Dambrosio, cloth sign, 12 Brattle St., Wd. 6.

I. P. Ross, electric sign, 39 Chambers St., Wd. 8.

Manuel Andrews, sign, 268 Commercial St., Wd. 6.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. CURLEY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition of the Fire Commissioner (referred today) for leave to locate test boxes, etc., on Main and other street—Recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing on Monday, Aug. 26, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted; order of notice passed.

(2) Reprt on the petition of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts (referred July 15) for leave to relocate poles on Saratoga St.—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by J. A. McCoy; said poles to be located as follows:

Saratoga St., from Bremen St., Wd. 1, three poles, height and diameter of poles not to exceed 40 feet by 13 inches; width of side-walk, 8 feet; date of plan, July 2, 1907.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Saratoga St. three poles shown by black crosses on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within 90 days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. BERWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following.

(1) Report on message and order (referred today), that \$75,000 be appropriated for "Reserve Fund"—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the message was sent down. The order was declared passed.

Ald. BANGS doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, and the order was passed, yeas 10, nays 2, Ald. Bangs and Bell voting nay. Sent down.

(2) Report on message and order (referred today), that the City Auditor be authorized to transfer the sum of \$5000 from appropriation for "Reserve Fund" to an appropriation for "Mayor, Public Celebrations"—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the question came on the passage of the order.

The order failed of passage (two-thirds vote being required). Yeas 8, nays 2:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Battis, Berwin, Curley, Draper, Finigan, Leary, Woods—8.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Bell—2.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I move reconsideration on that, and I hope the members will be liberal enough to vote for that order. That order includes \$3000 for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of Brighton. An order was passed here for that purpose and 11 members voted in favor of it. I don't see any reason why they should change their minds today. We have gone to a great deal of expense, a committee of 500 citizens have made arrangements with the expectation of getting this \$3000; now, if we are to be cut out of that \$3000 it means that the celebration will go by default. We have raised an equal amount, we have made liberal preparations, and I hope this board will reconsider this matter. And not only that, but in that is \$1000 also for the celebration in East Boston. I do not see any reason why we should not have that \$3000, and I move reconsideration.

Ald. LEARY—I certainly hope that reconsideration will prevail, Mr. Chair-

man, as the committee on Old Home Week Celebration has gone ahead and practically has spent this money in East Boston with the expectation that they were to get it. I hope that reconsideration will prevail and that the order will pass.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that this order comes very inopportune on top of an order to increase the Reserve Fund. The Reserve Fund was found insufficient and the board has just passed an order to increase it and to raise the tax rate of the city for that purpose. So far as the Old Home Week matter is concerned, there has \$25,000 been added to the appropriation for Public Celebrations solely on the plea that it was to be used for Old Home Week, and this \$1000 that the committee in East Boston wants to spend on Old Home Week it seems to me might very properly be taken out of that \$25,000, and not out of the Reserve Fund. Also, Ald. Woods' appropriation might be taken out of the appropriation for Public Celebrations. It seems to me absurd where the City Government has appropriated \$65,000 for public celebrations, and finds its reserve fund too small, then to increase the Reserve Fund, add six cents to every dollar on the tax rate, and take immediately \$5000 out of the Reserve Fund and add it to this appropriation for public celebrations. It seems to me that for a city like Boston \$65,000 is quite ample to spend for this purpose.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I am very much surprised at the Alderman from Wd. 11 getting up and preaching on finance. When the \$40,000 for Copley Sq. came in he did not have any hesitancy at all in putting that on the burden of the city. But this is the one hundredth anniversary of Brighton; Dorchester has had its day, South Boston had its day, Charlestown and other districts had theirs. The citizens of Brighton have gone to the expense of arranging for floats and flags for the children, with the expectation that the order would pass. With that they have raised \$3000 additional themselves, and we have arranged for a splendid celebration out there. Probably it will be the last celebration Brighton will have for years to come, and I think it comes with very bad grace for any man to stand up here today and say that the appropriation should come from any other fund, when he knows it is impossible—it has got to come out of Public Celebrations. This year there has been only \$40,000 for Public Celebrations, the same as last year, and if there is an extra celebration—\$3000 for Brighton and \$1000 for East Boston—I think it is money well spent. I do not think we can spend money to a better advantage than this—to make it pleasant for the people who are at home, and keep them at home in their own sections.

Reconsideration prevailed, and the question again came on the passage of the order.

The order was passed, yeas 10, nays 1:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Curley, Draper, Finigan, Leary, Woods—10.

Nays—Ald. Bangs—1.

Sent down.

(3) Report on order (referred July 15), that a joint special committee on Old Home Week local celebrations be appointed consisting of 25 members of the Common Council with such as the Board of Aldermen may join—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the order was passed in concurrence.

Chairman BERWIN appointed as said committee the whole Board with Ald. BATTIS as Chairman.

(4) Report on petition of Stevens Plumbing Company (referred today),

for a renewal of a license to store and keep for sale gasoline in a tank underground at 116 Dartmouth St., Wd. 10—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

(5) Report on petition of Bergkuist & Hanson (referred July 15), for license to store and keep for sale oils and fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at 1600 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 24—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

(6) Report on petition of St. Chiriac Society (referred today), for leave to discharge fireworks at the North End Park on the evening of Aug. 19, 1907—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

CLOSING OF STREETS.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the following named streets in East Boston to all public travel during the time necessary for the work of abolishing the grade crossings, now in progress:

Summer St., from the easterly line of the railroad location westward to Maverick Sq.

Bremen St., from the northerly line of Summer St. northward to a point 250 feet north of Summer St.

Passed.

LOAN FOR WATER PIPES.

Ald. CURLEY called up the order for water loan, viz.:

Ordered, That the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) be appropriated, to be expended by the Water Commissioner for the construction of new, and the replacing of old, water pipes; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I move that the order be further assigned to the next meeting.

The order was declared assigned to the next meeting.

Ald. CURLEY doubted the vote and on a rising vote the order was assigned, yeas 6, nays 1.

Ald. CURLEY further doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, and the order was assigned to the next meeting, yeas 7, nays 2, as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Finigan—7.
Nays—Ald. Curley, Woods—2.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim two trees standing in front of estate 3 Orchard Park, Wd. 17; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. BANGS moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

CLOSING OF STREETS, LABOR DAY.

Ald. LEARY offered an order that the Police Commissioner be authorized to close to travel by vehicles, except fire, police, hospital and mail wagons, the following named streets on Monday, Sept. 2, 1907, for the formation and passage of the parade of the Boston Central Labor Union, Building Trades Section of C. L. U., and District 30, K. of L., original, said procession to start at 10 o'clock A. M., till noon:

For the formation, from 8:30 o'clock A. M., till noon:

Boylston, Dartmouth, Exeter, Gloucester, Fairfield, Hereford, Newbury and Marlboro Sts. and Massachusetts Ave.

For the parade:

Boylston, Berkeley, Dover, Washington and Eliot Sts., Park Sq., Charlew, Beacon, School and Washington Sts. and Adams Sq., where the parade will be dismissed.

Further ordered, that the City Messenger, under the direction of the Police Commissioner, be authorized to rope off such of said streets as may be necessary, the expense to be charged to the appropriation for City Messenger Department.

Passed.

The Board voted at 2:53 o'clock P. M., on motion of Ald. CLARK, to adjourn.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, July 25, 1907.

Special meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P. M., President BARRETT in the chair.

CALL FOR MEETING.

The clerk read the call for the meeting, as follows:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, July 23, 1907.
To the Members of the Common Council:—

You are hereby requested to assemble in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, July 25, 1907, at 7:15 o'clock P. M., to take action upon financial orders of importance now pending before the Council and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Placed on file.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Mayor's message notifying the City Council of the appointment of the following-named persons to serve as members of the Finance Commission:

Samuel Carr (403 Commonwealth Ave.), nominated by the Boston Chamber of Commerce.

George U. Crocker (378 Marlboro St.), nominated by the Clearing House Committee of the Associated Banks of Boston.

George A. O. Ernst (48 Robeson St.), nominated by the Citizens' or Local Improvement Associations.

John F. Kennedy (48 Claybourne St.), nominated by the Boston Central Labor Union.

Hon. Nathan Matthews (456 Beacon St.), nominated by the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board.

John F. Moors (471 Beacon St.), nominated by the Boston Merchants' Association; and

Hon. John A. Sullivan (77 Mountfort St.), nominated by the Boston Associated Board of Trade.

Placed on file.

2. Mayor's message recommending the passage of the following appropriation bill providing for an increase in the appropriation for "Reserve Fund."

Ordered, That to provide additional means to meet the current expenses payable during the financial year beginning with the first day of February, 1907, of performing the duties devolving by statute upon the city of Boston or upon the departments or officers thereof, the sum of money hereinafter specified be, and the same be, hereby appropriated for the object and purpose hereinafter stated, that said sum be met by taxes to the amount so appropriated, and be raised by tax on the polls and estates taxable in the city of Boston, and that all orders heretofore passed relating to taxes and the interest thereon apply to the taxes herein provided for: Reserve fund, seventy-five thousand dollar (\$75,000).

The message was placed on file.
Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13.—Mr. President, I move a suspension of the rules that the order may go upon its passage.

The question came on suspending the rules.

Mr. Pierce of Wd. 11.—Mr. President, I think this order ought to be referred to the Committee on Finance. It seems to me that it is rather late in the day for His Honor the Mayor to wake up to the fact that his reserve fund is smaller than it ought to be. It seems to me that if he had been a wise mayor, with a sound sense of responsibility, he would have noted that fact when he signed the largest and most extravagant appropriation bill ever passed by the City of Boston. There are two ways out of the difficulty. I must admit that the reserve fund is not as large as it ought to be. I might in this connection call attention to the fact that the reserve borrowing capacity which His Honor the Mayor has left is not as large as it ought to be. That cannot be remedied, and this defect can be remedied. But the remedy which the Mayor proposes, in my opinion, is not the proper remedy. His Honor the Mayor saw fit to approve an appropriation bill which has tremendous increases over the appropriation bill of last year in many of the departments. Now, he should have had the reserve fund in mind when he allowed, or asked for, increases in those appropriations; then was the time for him to have considered and thought of the reserve fund. But, Mr. President, it is not too late now. The City Council has no power to make transfers on its own initiative, the initiative is in the Mayor; he must send a message here requesting us to make transfers. Now, if the Mayor did what is right he would send a message to this Council asking for transfer from those bloated appropriations, instead of asking for an increase in the tax rate. Why, Mr. President, note a few of the increases, entirely unjustifiable, no excuse for them whatever; a \$10,000 increase in the building department over last year; a \$10,000 increase in the cemetery department; \$25,000 increase in the collecting department. Then was the time to consider the reserve fund, when he gave that \$25,000 to the collecting department, for instance, absolutely unnecessary; \$20,000 increase in the health department; \$20,000 increase in the lamp department; \$10,000 increase in the law department; \$2000 increase in the printing department. That is perfectly absurd,—that department, with its 120 men on its pay roll. If it was up to date, and introduced linotype machines, it could run its department with 30 men instead of 120 men,—\$2000 increase for the department; \$10,000 increase for the public buildings department; \$40,000 increase for the public grounds department; \$5000 increase for the bridge department; \$60,000 increase for the sanitary department, \$40,000 increase for sewer department; \$20,000 increase for the street cleaning and watering department; \$60,000 increase for the street department; \$2,500 increase for the supply department; \$3000 increase for the wire department. When he allows, or when he asks for, those tremendous increases he had forgotten all about his reserve fund. A wise and discreet Mayor, Mr. President, would not have allowed such increases, and, as I said before, if he did the right thing now, instead of asking for an increase in the tax rate he would send a message here asking for transfers from these bloated appropriations, transfers back to the reserve fund. That would be the sane, sensible way out of the difficulty. I suppose it is no use to hope, you will do just as he

tells you to do, but if you did what is right, you would refuse to pass this order.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3.—Mr. President, the argument of the gentleman from Wd. 11 against this appropriation for the reserve fund is practically a rehearsal of the arguments which we have heard from the same source for some years, I, personally, for some four years. Because the Mayor of Boston does not see fit to do things just according to his way of thinking, the Mayor is not, as the gentleman has said on the floor of the Council, a decent mayor. The appropriation bill has been passed through this body; it has been discussed and debated. It is hardly necessary to take up the various items of that bill again and discuss them one by one. This body by its vote showed that it approved of that appropriation bill as it was passed. The reserve fund is just for such a purpose as this money is to be appropriated for, among other purposes, to provide deficiencies in the various departments. But, while I do not intend to go over the various increases which the gentleman from Wd. 11 mentioned, I will speak of one or two of them which seem to grate very harshly on his feelings. For instance, the increase which he speaks of, \$25,000 in the collecting department. I have not at hand the increased amount of taxes collected by the collecting department, but I know that it is several-fold more than that amount, the expense, and I think as a fair business proposition that if the gentleman from Wd. 11 were in business today, and had a number of large bills, that he would not hesitate to lay out an additional amount of money in the way of collecting it, if that was going to bring in an additional amount of the outstanding bills, and I think as a good business policy that if, by expending \$25,000, the city can get in several times that amount, that it is at least good, sound business. I have not located this matter to the extent of knowing exactly what part of it is needed, or all the reasons for it, but all I can say is that if the Mayor wants this \$75,000 in anticipation that there will be deficiencies, there is no other way to do it. The gentleman from Wd. 11, with others here a few weeks ago, was making a strenuous battle against borrowing money for street improvements. He said that it should be taken from the tax levy at that time. The gentleman was evidently very anxious that the tax levy should be increased. Now, at this time, he seems to be very anxious that the tax levy should not be increased. Perhaps it is because it will not increase the tax levy enough in his mind to have any effect on the coming mayoralty contest. I understand from the debate which took place in the Board of Aldermen that this will amount to an increase of 6 cents on the thousand in the tax levy. It seems to me that if the people of Boston elect a man Mayor of this city, the executive head of the city, that the responsibility is on that man in carrying out the business of the city, and if he does that unwisely he has to answer back to the people for it. If he does it wisely, he will get their seal of approval. I do not believe in splitting hairs on this matter. I believe that the Mayor should get the support of every man who has the good interests of the city at heart. In carrying out his policy, I do not believe that he should be hampered and embarrassed by refusals in any petty matters. I think that this appropriation of \$75,000, which is not a great amount if it is to be divided among a number of departments, should be given to the Mayor. If it is expended

wisely, why, he will receive approval for it. If it is not expended wisely, the burden will rest on him to show why it was not spent so. I trust, Mr. President, that the rules will be suspended, and that the order will go upon its passage.

The motion to suspend the rules was declared carried. Mr. Pierce of ward 11 doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote. The Council stood divided, and the rules were suspended, 27 members voting in the affirmative and 12 in the negative. Mr. Pierce further doubted the vote and asked for a roll call, which was ordered and the motion to suspend the rules was carried, yeas 36, nays 17:

Yeas—Barrett, Colpoys, Cose, Daly (17), Daly (12), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hackett, Hatton, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Lill, McCabe, McCarthy, McCullough, McGivern, McAuley, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Rosenbergs, Sacks, Spellman, Sullivan (15), Troy, Woodside—36.

Nays—Anderson, Bagley, Bramhall, Brown, Carruth, Ferguson, Green, Madden, McGregor, McLennan, Murphy, Penschorn, Pierce, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Zetterman—17.

Absent or not voting—Buckley, Clark (20), Clark (24), Costello, Cronin, Davidson, Ducey, Fitzgerald (14), George, Hanrahan, Harding, Hayes, Leonard, McCormack, Montague, Morgan, Noyes, Roberts, Santosuosso, Sheehan, Sorensen, Sullivan (5)—22.

The order was passed in concurrence. Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 moved to reconsider, hoping the same would not prevail; lost.

Mr. Fitzgerald of Wd. 3 in the chair.

3. Mayor's message recommending the passage of the following order for an additional appropriation for "Mayor, Public Celebrations":

Ordered, That the City Auditor be authorized to transfer the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5000) from the appropriation for "Reserve Fund" to an appropriation for "Mayor, Public Celebrations."

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2.—Mr. President, I move a suspension of the rules, in order that the order may go upon its passage.

The question came on suspending the rules. Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11.—Mr. President, I would like to call attention to the fact that the Mayor is asking for an increase in his appropriation. I think that few of us realize that fact, but under the item of the "Mayor" in the appropriation bill, you will find office expenses and public celebrations. The Mayor has absolute control over both items. You might just as well lump them together under one item, "The Mayor," so that he is asking an increase of \$5000 in his own appropriation. Now, Mr. President, if his original appropriation has been a small one, smaller than usual, there might be some reason in asking for an increase, but when you consider that he gets under the item of "Office Expenses," \$40,000 more than he got last year, that he gets \$50,000 more than Mayor Collins ever got, that he gets \$65,000 more than Mayor Hart ever got, you will wonder at the supreme nerve of the man asking for an increase of \$5000. Now, I do not wish in any way to jeopardize the interests of the three localities for which this \$5000 ostensibly is passed. As I understand it, the bills have already been incurred for these three localities, so there is no chance of spoiling the fun, but you can compel the Mayor to take

that \$5000 from his own appropriation, from the item of office expenses, if you will. And, Mr. President, I think if we had any consideration for the city we would refuse to pass this order, and we would compel him to take the money from the fund already appropriated. I say it is larger than it has ever been before in the history of the city. You compare the totals, say with the year 1899; in 1899 the total appropriation for the Mayor's office was \$61,100. Eight years after that, this year, 1907, the appropriation is \$165,000. Not satisfied with that, he wants to make it \$170,000. It is an increase of much more than 150 per cent in eight years. Now, Mr. President, fortunately we have a finance commission which will, I hope, do something to remedy the evils which now exist at City Hall, but meantime the responsibility is ours, and if we see a chance to stop something that is wrong, and which we know is wrong, we ought to do it. I hope, Mr. President, that as this requires a two-thirds vote, that we will succeed in defeating it.

The motion to suspend the rules was declared carried. Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11 doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote. The Council stood divided, and the rules were declared suspended, 31 members voting in the affirmative and 1 in the negative.

The question came on the passage of the order. The order was passed in concurrence: yeas 57, nays 1.

Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Barrett, Bramhall, Brown, Carruth, Clark (20), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Daly (17), Daly (12), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Ducey,

Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (2), Foley, Green, Hackett, Hatton, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McGregor, McLennan, Mealey, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Penschorn, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Spellman, Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—57.

Nays—Pierce—1.
Absent or Not Voting—Buckley, Clark (24), Cronin, Davidson, Driscoll, George, Hanrahan, Harding, Hayes, Montague, Morgan, Noyes, Roberts, Santosuosso, Sheenan, Sorenson, Sullivan (5)—14.
Mr. Doherty of Wd. 2 moved to reconsider, hoping the same would not prevail; lost.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

The appointment of members on the part of the Common Council was announced on the following committees, viz.:

Roxbury High Fort Dedication—Messrs. George, Morgan and Barrett.

Old Home Week—Messrs. Woodside, Pendergast, Fitzgerald (3), Hatton, Sullivan (5), Rachkowsky, Foley, McCarthy, Leonard, Wharton, Noyes, Daly (12), McCullough, Troy, Colpoys, Kelly, Joyce Barrett, Murphy, Clark (20), Ferguson, Wentworth, Carruth, Clark (24), Cose.

Adjourned at 8.49 o'clock P. M., on motion of Mr. Woodside of Wd. 1, to meet on Thursday, Sept. 26, at 7.45 o'clock P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Aug. 26, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., A. D. BERWIN, senior member, presiding. Absent—Ald. WHELTON.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. BANGS, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 514, Acts of 1894, viz.:

Four grand jurors, United States District Court, to appear Sept. 10th, viz.:

Edward Goodey, Wd. 14; George W. Forbes, Wd. 10; John B. Buckley, Wd. 17; Harry F. Crosby, Wd. 5.

Forty-two traverse jurors, supreme judicial court, to appear Sept. 10, viz.:

Thomas F. Dolan, Wd. 17; Daniel Donovan, Wd. 13; Edward R. King, Wd. 1; Sidney A. Wilbur, Wd. 10; Joseph J. Sullivan, Wd. 3; Michael T. Ford, Wd. 9; Philip Hahn, Wd. 15; William F. C. Blaisdell, Wd. 21; Frank H. Bates, Wd. 3; Henry S. Fisher, Wd. 21; John Maguire, Wd. 19; Frank T. Manning, Wd. 4; William H. Donovan, Wd. 15; Charles E. Lawford, Wd. 7; Charles G. Homer, Wd. 24; Elroy F. Morrell, Wd. 3; Max Goldberg, Wd. 24; Raymond Hayes, Wd. 22; Thomas Holmes, Wd. 1; Eben F. Perry, Wd. 25; Robert C. Turner, Wd. 1; Willis Gilpatrick, Wd. 20; David Rood, Wd. 17; Edward J. McCormick, Wd. 19; Henry Joyce, Wd. 19; Walter Isidor, Wd. 10; Henry W. Kinnartin, Wd. 3; Jeremiah F. Trotman, Wd. 14; David W. Simpson, Wd. 12; Henry W. Young, Wd. 15; Daniel H. Sullivan, Wd. 19; George A. Carpenter, Wd. 20; Daniel F. Leary, Wd. 13; Charles H. Johnson, Wd. 25; George F. Lewis, Wd. 18; Frank P. Hawkes, Wd. 20; John J. Garrity, Wd. 3; James B. Driscoll, Wd. 6; Frank B. Conlin, Wd. 20; James L. Hughes, Wd. 15; John J. O'Leary, Wd. 19; Edward Wynne, Wd. 8.

Sixty-eight traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear Sept. 9, viz.:

Moses P. Doyle, Wd. 8; Gilbert T. Manson, Wd. 14; Louis A. Berretta, Wd. 1; Jeremiah P. Noonan, Wd. 14; Thomas F. Griffin, Wd. 5; Benjamin W. Bowdlear, Wd. 8; Edward Doherty, Wd. 10; Andrew J. Murphy, Wd. 9; John H. Jennings, Wd. 3; Charles M. Hall, Wd. 21; Eugene P. Johnson, Wd. 15; John McCaull, Wd. 18; William H. Byrnes, Wd. 21; Charles H. Johnson, Wd. 11; Robert Duncan, Wd. 20; Alfred J. Anderson, Wd. 18; Frederic W. Wetherbee, Wd. 14; James P. Ryan, Wd. 5; George W. Johnston, Wd. 21; James Maguire, Wd. 12; Dennis B. Downey, Wd. 6; James F. Woods, Wd. 19; William H. T. Read, Wd. 24; Patrick Cavanaugh, Wd. 14; Thomas O'Leary, Wd. 22; John A. Bonner, Wd. 6; Cornelius H. Buckley, Wd. 14; Edward H. Kenney, Wd. 22; Robert J. Gunther, Wd. 23; Geoffrey A. Powers, Wd. 7; John F. Grant, Wd. 16; James G. McDonald, Wd. 16; Julius Breaunt, Wd. 3; John McKinnon, Wd. 1; William E. Costello, Wd. 20; Louis A. Meroth, Wd. 9; Oliver E. Barber, Wd. 13; Dan-

iel W. Knight, Wd. 20; John A. Carver, Wd. 20; Clarence A. Pendleton, Wd. 21; James E. Coyne, Wd. 21; William Martin, Wd. 15; Herbert L. Hildreth, Wd. 21; Robert P. Walker, Wd. 25; James Corrigan, Wd. 12; William M. Smith, Wd. 22; Joseph C. Viles, Wd. 13; George H. Balderson, Wd. 3; John W. Dunn, Wd. 16; Charles H. McLean, Wd. 12; John Peters, Wd. 19; Lewis B. Howard, Wd. 1; William H. LaPoint, Wd. 8; George C. Corcoran, Wd. 20; Arthur J. Kelley, Wd. 4; William B. Larkin, Wd. 18; William R. Chaffee, Wd. 12; Manus J. Fish, Wd. 24; Edward D. Paine, Wd. 10; Clarence S. Heffer, Wd. 18; Eugene A. Higgins, Wd. 22; Henry B. Carroll, Wd. 3; Charles D. Stone, Wd. 3; Frank P. Farren, Wd. 6; Nicholas P. Danner, Wd. 17; Albert O. Cullymore, Wd. 25; John W. Olmstead, Wd. 24; Patrick V. McCarthy, Wd. 13.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Board, the Mayor submitted the following appointments, viz.:

(1) Matthias W. White (1 Dexter St., Wd. 15), a Measurer of Wood and Bark for the term ending April 30, 1908.

Edwin D. Gurney (96 Trenton St., Wd. 1) and J. Herbert Hinds (41 Princeton St., Wd. 1) Weighers of Boilers and Heavy Machinery for the term ending April 30, 1908.

(2) Frank W. Flint (45 Saratoga St., Wd. 1); Frank L. Murphy (144 West St., Wd. 13), and Albert G. Terminiello (14½ Hull St., Wd. 6), constables of the city of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1908.

(3) Charles E. Berry (19 Lexington St., Wd. 3); H. A. Henderson (13 Sparhawk St., Wd. 25), and Joseph A. Tighe (14 Hartford St., Wd. 16), weighers of coal for the term ending April 30, 1908.

(4) In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 550 of the Acts of the Massachusetts Legislature of 1907, I hereby appoint, subject to your approval, George R. Swasey (181 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 10) a member of the Board of Appeal for the term ending July 31, 1912.

(5) In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 550 of the Acts of the Massachusetts Legislature of 1907, I hereby appoint, subject to your approval, Neil McNeil (59 Stanley St., Wd. 20) a member of the Board of Appeal for the term ending July 31, 1911.

(6) In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 350 of the Acts of the Massachusetts Legislature of 1907, I hereby appoint, subject to your approval, Edward H. Eldredge (44 Chestnut St., Wd. 11), a member of the Board of Appeal for the term ending July 31, 1910.

(7) In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 550 of the Acts of the Massachusetts Legislature of 1907, I hereby appoint, subject to your approval, Dennis J. Sullivan (1642 Washington St., Wd. 12), a member of the Board of Appeal for the term ending July 31, 1909.

(8) In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 550 of the Acts of the Massachusetts Legislature of 1907, I hereby appoint, subject to your approval, William D. Austin (23 Bellevue St., Wd. 23), a member of the Board of Appeal, for the term ending July 31, 1908.

Severally laid over, under the law.

EXECUTION OF COURT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor.

Aug. 26, 1907.

To the City Council:—
I transmit herewith a communication

from the City Auditor, notifying me that the City has been obliged to pay an execution of the Court on account of damages occasioned by the widening of Belgrade Ave. When the execution was received, none of the original appropriation made for this purpose remained, and it will therefore be necessary for the City Council to provide an appropriation by loan to meet this payment.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Auditing Department,
City Hall, Aug. 13, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of the City of Boston.

Sir:—An execution of court amounting to \$3358.95 was paid today on account of damages occasioned by widening of Belgrade Ave. The balance of the appropriation for Brandon St. and Belgrade Ave. was \$3.54, and there is now to be provided for a deficit of \$3354.41.

Respectfully,
J. Alfred Mitchell,
City Auditor.

Aug. 26, 1907.

Ordered, That the sum of thirty-three hundred fifty-four and 41 hundredths dollars (\$3354.41) be appropriated to meet a deficit in the appropriation for "Brandon St. and Belgrade Ave.," caused by an execution of court and City Treasurer be authorized to issue that to meet the said appropriation the sum, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

VETO OF LOAN ITEMS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor,
July 26, 1907.

To the City Council:—

I return herewith loan order recently passed by you, having approved all the items therein except the following:

Park Department.

Rogers Park, Enlargement of \$30,000
Removal of wall, Seaver-street
side of Franklin Park 5,000

I disapprove the item of \$30,000 for the enlargement of Rogers Park for the reason that I believe that the same would not render the Park any more accessible and that the purchase of additional land would be so barren of good results as to prove an extravagance that even the people of the district concerned would not countenance. I have made inquiries of the Park Commission, from whom the initiative in a matter of this kind should come, and have been informed that they have not recommended this improvement.

I have withheld my approval from the item appropriating \$5000 for the removal of wall on Seaver St. for the following reasons. This wall was constructed by the Park Department at an expense to the City of \$8000. Well constructed and rightly, it does not obstruct the view of the Park, either from the occupants of residences opposite or from passengers on the street cars. Its removal would also entail the removal of a ledge, a very expensive proposition, the removal of most beautiful trees which ornament the road, and finally, in the opinion of persons competent to judge, the construction of a new wall. This latter fact would seem to demonstrate the impracticability of removing the

present wall. At all events, admitting for the sake of argument that the wall should be removed, it should only be done on the recommendation of the Park Commission and at an expense (if the value of the material would not repay a contractor for the work), to be charged to the appropriation for the current expenses of the Park Department.

Respectfully,
JOHN F. FITZGERALD,

Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of ALI. BANGS.

MONEY FOR WATER PIPES.

The following was received:

Boston, Aug. 15, 1907.

To the Mayor and City Council:—

Gentlemen:—As an order for a loan outside the debt limit of \$300,000 to provide for the extension of water mains has been specially assigned to the meeting of the Board of Aldermen called for Aug. 26th next, and as, under St. 1903, Ch. 191, any loan for this purpose to be available during the current fiscal year must be acted upon by the City Council before Sept. 1st, we think this an opportune time to make the following suggestions, which are the result of a preliminary investigation into the Water Department.

For some years past the revenue from the sale of water has apparently not been sufficient to meet the current expenses of the department, to pay the interest on the city water debt, and to defray the city's share of the state assessment for the Metropolitan Water Works. There has, therefore, been no surplus revenue available for the new water mains which it is necessary to lay from year to year, and the expenditures for this purpose have been met by loan.

For the current fiscal year, 1907-1908, however, the situation appears to be quite different. The estimated income of the department from the sales of water and other sources, as figured out for the annual estimates, was \$2,616,200. There was also carried over from the accounts for 1906-1907 to the credit of this department the sum of \$54,739.39, making the total amount available for the purposes of the department during the current year, without recourse to taxation or to loans, \$2,670,939.39. The City Council has appropriated \$600,000 for the expenses of the Water Department during the present year, and \$179,000 for the requirements of the city water debt. The requirements of the state on account of the Metropolitan Water Works amount to \$1,726,588.68. There will thus be a surplus revenue of \$165,350.71 from the operations of the Water Department for the current fiscal year. Put in tabulated form the figures are as follows:

1907-1908.

Estimated revenue from sales of water and other sources.	\$2,616,200.00
Balance carried over from 1906-1907	54,739.39

Total monies available without recourse to loans or taxes	\$2,670,939.39
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Appropriated for department expenses	\$600,000.00
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Appropriated to meet the requirements of the city water debt..	179,000.00
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Requirements of the Metropolitan Water Works....	1,726,588.68	\$2,505,588.68
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\$165,350.71

Careful inquiries at the Water Department and in the office of the City Engineer have satisfied us that the total amount of money which can be reasonably and economically expended during the remainder of the fiscal year by the department for all purposes, including the extension of mains, is \$382,000. Deducting the balance now on hand of \$147,000 (as stated to us by the department) leaves the amount to be provided for the requirements of the current year at \$235,000, or \$70,000 in excess of the \$165,000, estimated surplus income.

We suggest, both for the sake of preventing an unnecessary increase in the city debt, and as a matter of justice to the water takers, that a specific appropriation of this surplus income be made by the City Council for the extension of mains, and that the pending loan order for the same purpose be reduced to \$70,000 or \$75,000.

We desire to direct your attention to this matter in the confident belief that in the present circumstances you will perceive no necessity for raising over \$75,000 at the present time by loan for laying water mains. Indeed, in view of the provisions of the Act of 1903 referred to above, it is at least doubtful whether a loan in excess of this amount would be legal. The community is now burdened with an annual charge of nearly \$7,500,000 for the interest and sinking fund requirements of the city, county and metropolitan debt, and no increase in these charges should be permitted without a clear necessity. If the policy herein recommended is pursued, there is, in our opinion, a strong possibility that with the expected increase in revenue future loans for the extension of mains may be avoided altogether.

Respectfully yours,

The Finance Commission.

By Nathan Matthews, Chairman.

Mayor's Office,

City Hall, Aug. 26, 1907.

To the City Council:

Your body now has before it a communication from the Finance Commission, under dated of Aug. 15th, addressed to the Mayor and City Council. I transmit herewith letters addressed to me by the Fire Commissioner and the Water Commissioner, the latter enclosing a letter addressed to him by the City Engineer, stating the ideas of these officials as to work which should be done by the Water Department this year.

After carefully considering the situation, I am of opinion that as seven months of the financial year have now expired, the sum of \$240,000.00, as recommended by the Finance Commission, can be made to cover the extensions of mains which are urgently required and which can be laid during the remainder of the working season of the Water Department, which ends by the middle of December. I, therefore, recommend that the accompanying orders, appropriating \$165,000 from the estimated surplus income of the Water Department during the current financial year, and authorizing a loan of \$75,000 be passed, in lieu of the order now pending before you authorizing a loan of \$300,000 for the extension of mains. While I have made no formal recommendation in favor of the passage of this \$300,000 loan order, it has received the support of the administration, and this support is certainly fully justified by the fact that the Finance Commission finds thus late in the year that \$240,000 is still required and can be profitably expended for this purpose.

As to the method of providing this

sum, I am heartily in sympathy with the recommendation of the Finance Commission that the surplus income of the Department should first be applied to the extension of mains, and that only the necessary excess above this amount should be raised by loan. The order authorizing a loan of \$300,000 was introduced last February, and it could not be known at that time how much, if any, surplus income the Water Department would have, as this depends entirely upon the amount of the assessment laid upon the city by the Metropolitan Water Commission, which amount was not determined until July. It now appears that whereas our Metropolitan water assessment amounted to \$1,822,556.33 in 1906, (the assessment for the current year, instead of being greater, as would normally be the case, only amounts to \$1,726,558.86. This decrease, in place of an expected increase, of course makes the surplus income materially larger and makes it possible to pay for a considerable amount of new construction work out of income. I may call attention, incidentally, to the fact that a portion of the decrease in our assessment is to be attributed to the operation of Chapter 457 of the Acts of 1906, passed upon my petition, which remedied the former unjust basis of determining the former unjust basis of determining the apportionment laid upon the City of Boston.

In view of the fact that under the provisions of Chapter 191 of the Acts of 1903, any loan for the extension of mains must be authorized by the City Council prior to the first day of September, immediate action upon these orders is necessary if extensions of mains which are urgently needed, both for the protection of property from fire and to meet the pressing requirements of water takers, are to be made this year. I may point out that the sum now recommended provides for less than one-half of the extensions which the City Engineer recommends should be made at once.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Fire Department,

Aug. 19, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Sir:—Replying to your inquiry as to the need of water main extensions from the point of view of the Fire Department, I would say that, on a number of occasions, my attention had been called to either poor service caused by too small mains, or no service caused by lack of mains, and an instance in fact is a considerable bit of territory in Charlestown abutting on the Somerville line. A fire occurring the other night was fortunately controlled, but lack of hydrants on the Somerville side and other conditions might have caused a much more serious loss. This is directly in line with Sullivan Sq.

An extension to the mains and proper rearrangement through a bit of the Somerville territory has been considered by the Commissioners of both cities and the Chiefs of the two Fire Departments, but as far as I know, no work has as yet been undertaken.

The Warren bridge mains should certainly be rebuilt in accordance with the suggestion of the City Engineer, as present conditions constitute a very serious fire menace should certain conditions arise.

I refer you to the recommendations of the National Board of Fire Underwriters in their report on the city of Boston fire conditions, dated January, 1906.

This was made after most careful

examination, and you will see that the recommendations include a considerable quantity of very serious work.

Yours respectfully,
Benjamin W. Wells,
Commissioner.

Office of the Water Commissioner,
City Hall,
Boston, Aug. 26, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.
Dear Sir:—I transmit herewith a letter from the City Engineer, showing the work which should be carried out by this department in the near future; in fact, some of the work contemplated should be commenced at once, and sufficient funds should be provided for that purpose. Our main pipe stock at present is very low and should be replenished at the earliest possible moment, otherwise we shall be in no condition for next season's work.

I estimated last December that the sum of \$900,000 would be required to carry on this department during the present financial year, but have only been allowed the sum of \$600,000. Last year the sum of \$345,944.61 was expended for current expenses and extensions, and my reason for increasing the amount to \$900,000 for this year was on account of the increase in the cost of materials and labor, as well as a balance of some \$35,000, due on one of last year's pipe contracts.

It is impossible to make an exact estimate of the income a year in advance, and no accurate idea can be formed at the beginning of a year as to the amount of work that may be required in the way of laying, relaying and relocating water mains.

To meet the requirements of the Water Department for the year ending Jan. 31, 1900, the sum of \$120,000 was credited from taxes. Of this amount there was an unexpended balance of \$54,739.39, which was brought over to the present year, but to offset this balance payments amounting to \$55,000 had to be made on last year's pipe contracts. Thus the expenditures and receipts for the last financial year practically balanced.

As an example of the necessity for a reliable connection with Spot pond through the north side of the city, I would state that at one time during the present season the 24-inch main in Washington St., between State St. and Court Ave., was hung up in the subway and out of service on account of the danger of operating it; and at the same time the 30-inch main in Congress St. was operated at great risk on account of the excavations for the First National Bank Building, making it necessary to depend upon the 30-inch main over Warren bridge, which, on account of its location, is insecure and unreliable, it having failed several times during the season, and at this date it is unfit for service.

Respectfully yours,
William J. Welch,
Water Commissioner.

City of Boston,
Engineering Department, 50 City Hall,
Aug. 22d, 1907.
William J. Welch, Esq., Water Commissioner.

Dear Sir:—In reply to your inquiry of the 19th instant, I have to say that at least \$500,000 should be expended at once for extensions, for the better protection of the city from fire and for increasing the working pressure both in the low and high service territories, especially for increasing the pressure during the hours of maximum consumption in the low service territory. This money should be expended as follows:

Tunnel under Charles River at Warren Bridge	\$100,000
Extension 48" L. S. Brookline Ave. to Coolidge Corner.....	75,000
16" H. S. in Dudley St., Upham's Corner to Washington St., and in Tremont St., Roxbury Crossing to Huntington Ave.....	30,000
Relaying 30" and 36" mains in Tremont St.....	90,000
Extension of L. S. and H. S. supply from city proper to the South Boston flats business district via Congress St.....	85,000
Neponset River Tunnel.....	10,000
Completion of Congress St. 30" main in city proper.....	15,000
Extension of H. S. in city proper	10,000
Completion 20" L. S. in Codman St., Dorchester	10,000
Completion 30" H. S. in Washington and Sandford Sts., Dorchester, to Morton St.....	20,000
Laying flexible pipe to islands in harbor	37,500

In addition to the above, there will be required extensions made necessary by current demands.

The more pressing items are for the extension of the high and low service into the "South Bay Flats" business district, connecting the Metropolitan mains at Coolidge Corner with the city mains at Brookline avenue, the building of the tunnel in Charles river at Warren bridge and laying the pipes therein, and the improvement and attention of the "Harbor service."

The connection of the city proper with the low service from Spot Pond through Charlestown is of special value for the reason that in case of any accident to the principal water mains in the city proper or if for any reason the same might be temporarily out of use, a supply through Charlestown is the only means of obtaining a sufficient amount of water in the event of a serious fire in the business section of the city. With reference to the recommendation of the Finance Commission that \$75,000 only should be obtained by a loan during the current year, giving as a reason that the season is so far advanced that the above amount will be sufficient for this year's needs, I would say that the amount recommended by them is sufficient to provide for payments which must be made this year, but that the water department should have on hand at the opening of the next season a sufficient supply of stock so that the season's work can be carried on without danger of delays caused by waiting for stock. I understand the supply of main pipes in the various yards is very low, and sufficient funds should be provided to keep the stock up.

While it is perhaps not absolutely necessary that the means should be provided this year for paying for the stock required for early delivery next year, it seems proper that as in order to have the stock, contracts for it must be made this year, the means for paying should be provided before the contracts are made.

Yours respectfully,
Wm. Jackson, City Engineer.

The orders are as follows:
Ordered, That to provide additional means to meet the expenses of the Water Department during the financial year beginning with the first day of February, 1907, the sum of one hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars (\$165,000) is hereby appropriated for the extension of mains, etc., said sum to be met by the income from said works.
Ordered, That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) be appropriated, to be expended by the Water Commissioner for the construction of new, and the replacing of old, water

pipes; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, with the communication of the Finance Commission, on motion of Aid. LEARY.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

On petitions for leave to project bay-windows, etc., viz.:

1. Sarah H. Sneierson, one window at 653 Saratoga St., Wd. 1.

E. J. Turner, 683 Saratoga St., also representing John A. Riley, 655 Saratoga St., and James N. Brennan, representing Mary J. and Edward J. McLaughlin, 647 Saratoga St., appeared and objected to the granting of the petition.

There being no further objections the petition was referred to the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), on motion of Aid. LEARY, with instructions to give a public hearing.

2. Bernard Cadden, one window at 41 Orleans St., Wd. 2.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Department (Ald.).

3. Filippo Marco, one window over Albany St., from building 44 Oneida St. Wd. 9.

The petitioner was given leave to withdraw at his own request.

4. Nathan Matthews, et al., trustees, a marquise over Huntington Ave., from Hotel Oxford, Wd. 10.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Department (Ald.).

5. On petition of the Fire Commissioner for leave to locate test boxes on Main St., Wd. 4; Columbia road, Wd. 20; A St., Wd. 13; Congress St., Wd. 13; also a lamp post on Columbus Ave., corner of New Heath St., Wd. 19; also a pole on Main St., corner of Caldwell St., Wd. 4.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

On petitions for licenses to store and keep gasoline, viz.:

6. Edward H. C. Joy, at 525-527 Columbia road, Wd. 20.

7. Timothy J. Murphy, M. D., at 372 Dudley St., Wd. 17.

8. Edward F. Baker, at 209 Newbury St., Wd. 11.

9. Stephen Bradford, at 145 Norfolk St., Wd. 24.

No objections. Severally recommended to the Committee on Public Improvements.

On petitions of the West End Street Railway Company, viz.:

10. For a location for a third track on Huntington Ave., from a point west of Gainsborough St. to a point west of Parker St.; also for the right to use the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power on said track.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Railroads.

11. For a location for double tracks on a portion of Appleton St., also curves at southerly corner of Appleton and Berkeley Sts., and at northerly and southerly corners of Appleton and Dartmouth streets; also for the right to use the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power on said tracks.

A remonstrance was received signed by Ann Bradley and many others, owners and residents on Appleton St., protesting against the granting of the petition, as cars on said street would be a disadvantage to their property.

There being no further objections, the petition was recommended to the Committee on Railroads, on motion of Aid. BANGS, with instructions to give a public hearing.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Department (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Louis Winisky, a wooden sign at 62 Bunker Hill St., Wd. 3.

David Rosenthal, a wooden sign at 548 Medford St., Wd. 4.

Frank Ciampa, a sign at 22 Brattle St., Wd. 6.

Emilio Giovanetti, two illuminated signs at 88 Prince St., Wd. 6.

Tremont Dental Rooms (G. M. Shea), an electric light at 17 Tremont St., Wd. 6.

Alexander Warshauer, a sign at 17 Change Ave., Wd. 6.

Joseph G. Lyons, an illuminated sign at 238 Commercial St., Wd. 6.

L. E. Bova, an electric sign, at 17 Otis St., Wd. 7.

L. E. Bova, an electric sign, at 96-98 Arch St., Wd. 7.

W. A. Shattuck, an electric sign, at 43 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

James A. Phillips, an illuminated sign, at 36 Kneeland St., Wd. 7.

C. K. Shue, an illuminated sign, at 9 Lagrange St., Wd. 7.

Willey Savings Bank, a transparent sign, at 51 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

W. T. De Friest & Co., an illuminated sign, at 30 Avery St., Wd. 7.

Freeman & Smith, a sign, at 197 Friend St., Wd. 8.

Kitzes & Braude, a wooden sign, at 15 Green St., Wd. 8.

Alex. Erpert, a sign, at 88 Chambers St., Wd. 8.

Peter MacKerron, a sign, at 10 West Dedham St., Wd. 9.

Joseph Ferrone, an illuminated sign, at 80% Dover St., Wd. 9.

S. Shufro, a key sign, at 147 Dover St., Wd. 9.

B. M. Wallenberg, an electric sign, at 410 Tremont St., Wd. 9.

J. W. Calnan & Co., an electric sign, at 98 Pleasant St., Wd. 10.

Castle Square Haberdasher, an illuminated sign, at 447 Tremont St., Wd. 10.

W. B. Field, an electric sign, at 62 Hereford St., Wd. 11.

A. F. Heist, a wooden sign, at 28 Charles St., Wd. 11.

Aug. Company, an illuminated sign, at 109% Pinckney St., Wd. 11.

Democratic Club of Wd. 11, two political transparencies, at 40 Charles St., Wd. 11.

Michael Kenny, an electric sign, at 907% E. Fourth St., Wd. 14.

S. J. Marshall, an electric sign, at 2234 Washington St., Wd. 17.

Alexander Confectionery Company, an electric sign, at 2109 Washington St., Wd. 18.

Walter W. Towne, an illuminated sign, at 2283 Washington St., Wd. 18.

Henry Hunt, an illuminated sign, at 1130 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

Henry Hunt, an illuminated sign, at 1126 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

W. Killion, an illuminated sign, at 180 Green St., Wd. 22.

Meyer Bornstein, a sign, at 363 Washington St., Wd. 25.

Francis A. McLaughlin, an electric sign, at 26 Franklin St., Wd. 25.

Elm Credit Company, an illuminated sign, at 61 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Jacob Kaplan, a wooden sign, at 13 Bedford St., Wd. 7.

Abraham Gross, a sign, at 327 Shawmut Ave., Wd. 9.

Wm. H. Richardson Company, an illuminated sign, at 358 Washington St., Wd. 7.

W. Bernhardt, a cloth sign, at 1501 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20.

George H. Bellows, a watch sign, at 2688 Washington St., Wd. 21.

B. F. Keith, three illuminated signs, 543 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Elias Reisman, illuminated sign, 9 State St., Wd. 6.

Louis Aranovitz, electric sign, 1 Wall St., corner Minot St., Wd. 8.

Electric Wires.

Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, for leave to erect five poles on Webster St., Wd. 2.

Petitions of the New England Telephone and Telegraph of Massachusetts and the Boston Consolidated Gas Company (2), that the first named company be allowed to attach wires, etc., viz.:

To two poles of the second named company on Parsons St., Wd. 25; to two poles of the second named company on Oak Sq. Ave., Wd. 25.

Petitions of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, viz.:

To erect one pole on Coolidge Road, near Holman St., Wd. 25; to erect three poles on Spencer St., Wd. 20; to erect and to remove one pole on Winter St., Wd. 20; to erect and to remove seven poles on L St., Wd. 14; to erect one pole Eutaw St., near Meridian St., Wd. 1.

Faneuil Hall, etc.

Petitions for use of Faneuil Hall, viz.: Robert H. Magwood, on the evening of Aug. 15.

International Telegraphers' Union, on the evening of Aug. 25.

Niagara Movement, by Clement G. Morgan, secretary, on Aug. 28, between 12 noon and 11 P. M.

Boston Central Labor Union, on Sept. 5, from 10 A. M. to 6 P. M.

St. Peter's Court, No. 18, Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters, on the evening of Sept. 26.

Independence League of Massachusetts, on Oct. 3, from 10 A. M. until 11 P. M.

Superintendent of Public Grounds.

Mary McGovern, for the trimming of trees at 742 Fourth St., South Boston.

Board of Health.

Margaret Elizabeth Carley, M. D., for license to maintain a lying-in hospital, at 541 Washington St., Wd. 25.

Licenses.

W. C. Masson, Manager, for a permit for Margaret Maguire, a child under 15 years of age, to appear at the Castle Square Theatre, during the week beginning Aug. 12, 1907.

Railroads.

Petitions of the West End Street Railway Company, viz.:

For alteration of track location, on Dudley St., between Magnolia and Nonquit Sts., with the right to use the overhead single trolley electric system on same.

For location for tracks on Bennington St., from Saratoga St. to south of Breed St., with the right to use the overhead single trolley electric system on same.

Special Committee on Memorial Day. Reports of Memorial day expenses of Dahlgren Post 2, G. A. R.

Edward M. Cunningham Camp 32, U. S. W. V.

Public Lands.

Rachael Ehrenfried, for modification of the conditions in deed of certain land owned by her at the southerly corner of Tremont and Brookline Sts.

Claims.

Jeremiah J. Hourin, for a hearing on his claim on account of personal injuries caused by defective flagging on Centre St., Jamaica Plain.

Margaret A. Donnelly, for compensation for damage to dress by varnish, etc., on seat at the Dearborn Grammar Schoolhouse.

A. Burke, for compensation for injuries caused by persons coasting on Walden St.

Mary E. Houlihan, for compensation for damage to dress by a guard wire on Bunker Hill St., in front of the St. Francis de Sales' Church.

Minnie Boas, for compensation for damage to coat by a guard around a tree at 3 Sunderland St., Roxbury.

Public Improvements.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:

John A. Anderson, 54 Wordsworth St., Wd. 1.

Alma J. Bowen, 13-15 Cornhill, Wd. 6.

H. D. Dupee, Manager, at Boston Theatre entrance, Washington St., Wd. 7.

Estate of Daniel Chamberlin, 553 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Harris Levine, Lots 33, 34, 35 Astor St., Wd. 10.

Charles H. Shriver, 339 Newbury St., Wd. 11.

W. H. Preble Co., 911 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

Peter Besse, 165-167 Huntington Ave., Wd. 10.

Frank P. Moxon, 371 W. Fourth St., Wd. 13.

Eldon A. Clark, 910-912 E. Fourth St., Wd. 14.

Rev. R. J. Johnson, cor. Fourth and I Sts. (Gate of Heaven Church), Wd. 14.

John E. V. Hayden, 144-146 George St., Wd. 17.

John E. V. Hayden, Shirley St., northeast cor. George St., Wd. 17.

J. J. Mead, 44 Fenwood Road, Wd. 19.

F. Greenman, 65 Fenwood, Road, Wd. 19.

H. C. Munzert, George and Woodward Sts., Wd. 16.

Virgil L. Wilson, 27 Moseley St., Wd. 15.

Jerry P. Brewstory, 320-322 Norfolk Ave., Wd. 16.

George W. Want, 18 Bodwell St., Wd. 16.

Michael J. Driscoll, 14 Sagamore St., Wd. 20.

J. Kanter, 60-62 Fayston St., Wd. 20.

H. Ullian, 38-40 Fayston St., Wd. 20.

Charles H. Lindsay, 820-823 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 20.

Samuel H. Knopf, 62 East St., Wd. 20.

Charles H. Lindsay, 10-12 Abbot St., Wd. 20.

Alice E. Spencer, 47-49 Elmo St., Wd. 20.

John J. Healy, 1350-1358 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20.

Samuel H. Knopf, 101 Westville St., Wd. 20.

William H. Crosby, 59 and 53 Hamilton St., Wd. 20.

Nicholas Petitti, 6-8 Arcadia St., Wd. 20.

Boyd & Berry, 77-79 Topliff St., Wd. 20.

Charles H. Ripley, 173 Harvard St., Wd. 20.

William H. Crosby, 40 Rosedale St., Wd. 20.

A. C. Chisholm, Norfolk St., cor. Lawrence Rd., Wd. 24.

A. C. Chisholm, Blue Hill Ave., cor. Lawrence Rd., Wd. 24.

Oscar J. Saxe, 115 Florida St., Wd. 24.

Annie M. Vail, 978-980 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 24.

Boyd & Berry, 364-368 Centre St., Wd. 21.

Morris Rudnick, 163-165 Harold St., 101-111 Waumbeck St., and 163 Crawford St., Wd. 21.

John F. Kenny, 26 Laurel St., Wd. 21.

Elisha C. Burford, 368 Centre St., Wd. 22.

P. Di Stasio and G. Carabbio, 56-60 Canterbury St., Wd. 23.

Margaret Urquhart, 15-17 Woodlawn St., Wd. 23.

Annie M. Munro, 8 Primrose St., Wd. 23.

A. F. Scherer, 12 Primrose St., Wd. 23.
Ernest B. Brown, 16 Primrose St., Wd. 23.

Ida E. Brigham, 373 Centre St., Wd. 23.

Mrs. Amelia Lawson, 7 Woodlawn St., Wd. 23.

Thomas Minton, 31-33 Hyde Park Ave., Wd. 23.

Lewis S. Breed, 19 Primrose St., Wd. 23.

Fred Johnston (837, 841, 849 Blue Hill Ave.) on the Calder St. side of said estate, Wd. 23.

John L. Beauchain, 34 Pratt St., Wd. 25.

James Barrett, et al., 16-52 Erie St., inclusive, Wd. 20.

H. P. Nawn, for leave to erect one guy post in Randolph St., near Albany St., Wd. 9.

Thomas F. Welch, for leave to stretch a guy rope across Grove St., Wd. 23.

Simpson Bros. Corporation, for leave to erect a guy post in Beverly St., Wd. 6.

Frank E. Simpson Estate, for leave to construct sidewalk light covers over area at 144-150 Congress St., Wd. 6.

A. M. Richards Building Moving Company, for leave to move a wooden building from 43 Orleans St. to 149 Cottage St., E. B.

The Rev. W. H. Fitzpatrick et als., that Norfolk St., Dorchester, be put in proper condition.

Park Square Auto Station, for license to store and keep for sale gasoline at 43 Columbus Ave., Wd. 10.

Petitions for leave to discharge fire-works at the North End Park, viz.:

Societa Maria S. S. Delle Grazie, on the evening of Aug. 5.

Society Sando Antonio Di Padova, on the evening of Aug. 26.

Italian Society of St. Rocco, on the evening of Sept. 2.

Society of San Benigno, on the evening of Sept. 30.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

12. Notice of the appointment of the part of the Common Council of joint special committees, as follows:

Old High Fort, Roxbury—Messrs. George, Morgan, Barrett.

Old Home Week, Local Celebrations—Messrs. Woodside, Pendergast, Fitzgerald (3), Hatton, Sullivan (5), Rackowsky, Foley, McCarthy, Leonard, Wharton, Noyes, Daly (12), McCullough, Troy, Colpoys, Kelly, Joyce, Barrett, Murphy, Clark (20), Ferguson, Wentworth, Carruth, Clark (24), Cose.

Placed on file.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

There being no objection the Chair called up Nos. 14, 15 and 16, unfinished business, viz.:

Action on appointments by the Mayor, viz.:

14. William D. Collins, to be a Constable for the term ending April 30, 1908.

15. Harry L. Currier, James H. McManus and Martin E. McKenna, to be Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1908.

16. William J. Hofman, to be a Weigher of Coal and a Measurer of Wood and Bark for the term ending April 30, 1908.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. CURLEY and BELL. Whole number of ballots cast 9, yeas 9, and the several appointments were confirmed.

ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions for leave to project bay windows, etc.—orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Monday, Sept. 9, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard:

Michael Fitzmorris, one bay window, 160 Brooks St., Wd. 1.

Jacob Shapiro, three bay windows, 329 Meridian St., corner Trenton St., one over each street and one over the corner of said streets.

Owen McGillien, one bay window, 43 Orleans St., Wd. 2.

Patrick Darcey, one bay window, 258 Summer St., over corner Orleans and Summer St., Wd. 2.

George T. Horan, one bay window, 3 Cross St., Wd. 3.

Drake Brothers Company, to project a marquis, 83-5 Savin St., Wd. 21.

On the following petitions to store oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum—orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Monday, Sept. 16, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

Gordon Dexter, 55 Beacon St., Wd. 11.

Charles A. French, 45 Englewood Ave., Wd. 25.

Tremont Garage Show, 541 Tremont St., Wd. 10 (keep for sale).

Charles Grosse, 172 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24 (keep for sale).

NOTICES OF HEARINGS.

Notices were received from the Harbor and Land Commissioners of the following hearings on July 31:

West End Street Railway Company, for license to construct a shaft and tunnel for salt water intake at its wharf on South Bay.

West End Street Railway Company, for license to build a bulkhead and fill solid in Mystic river.

Boston Elevated Railway Company, for license to build a wharf to support a coal pocket at Lincoln wharf.

Boston Consolidated Gas Company, for license to drive piles in the water way of South Bay under Southampton St.

Placed on file.

CITY MILITIA STRENGTH.

The following was received:

City of Boston Assessing Department, City Hall, Aug. 8, 1907.

Mr. Edward J. Donovan, City Clerk, Boston.

Dear Sir:—At a meeting of the Board of Assessors held this day it was voted to certify to the City Clerk, under Section 7 of Chapter 14 of the Public Statutes, that the number of persons in the city of Boston liable to enrollment in the militia is found to be 111,660.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Folsom, Secretary.
Placed on file.

CLERK HIRE.

William T. A. Fitzgerald, register of deeds, submitted a report in accordance with Section 33, Chapter 22, of the Revised Laws, certifying that certain persons have been employed in his office commencing with July 22, and that work has been performed to the amount of \$2,759.45.

Approved by the board.

CONSTABLES' BONDS

The City Treasurer, after having duly

approved of the same submitted the constables' bonds of Timothy S. Cronin, John McLaughlin and Jeremiah A. Twomey.

Approved by the Board.

ACCEPTANCE OF LOCATION.

A communication was received from the West End Street Railway Company accepting its 270th location and agreeing to comply with the conditions contained therein.

COAL AND COKE LICENSES.

List of coal and coke licenses granted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth was received and placed on file.

COMMUNICATION CONCERNING DEPUTY SEALERS.

The following was received:

Boston Finance Commission,
Boston, Aug. 9, 1907.

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston:—

Gentlemen:—In the brief time since we began our study into city affairs we have become satisfied that the financial situation is such that no increase in the working force of any department should be made, except upon absolute necessity. We are now making a careful inquiry into the Department of Weights and Measures, and expect to give a public hearing thereon very soon.

There are now pending before the Board of Aldermen eight appointments to the new offices of deputy sealers at a salary of \$1600 each, involving an aggregate increase of \$12,800 per annum in salaries alone, which ought to be saved to the city, if possible.

We respectfully ask that these nominations may be withdrawn by the Mayor, or action thereon by the Board of Aldermen postponed until we have an opportunity to complete our inquiry and report whether or not this extra cost may be avoided.

Respectfully yours,

Nathan Matthews, Chairman.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

LAYING OUT OF MADISON ST.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Street Laying-Out Department,
City Hall, Aug. 24, 1907.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen.

Gentlemen:—In reply to your order of April 22, 1907, requesting the Board of Street Commissioners to furnish an estimate of the cost of laying out Addison St., Wd. 1, the following is submitted:

Grade damages.....	\$700.00
Construction	21,700.00
Total	\$22,400.00

Sewerage works are not included in this estimate.

Respectfully yours,

J. J. O'Callaghan, Secretary.

Placed on file.

WARD ROOM LOCATIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Law Department,
Boston, July 29, 1907.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen, Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:—I have been requested by your Board to inform it at its next

meeting whether or not His Honor the Mayor or the head of a department has the right to change the location of a ward room after the same has been established by the ordinances.

The ward room as it existed at the time of the passage of the city charter has been practically abolished by statutes amending the city charter. It was the place where the voters of the ward met to deposit their ballots at elections, to hold caucuses, and to conduct the affairs of the ward. The last act amending the city charter by which the City Council were authorized from time to time to prescribe a place in each ward at which elections should be held was Chapter 213 of the Acts of 1875. Soon after acts were passed dividing wards into voting precincts. The ward room as it was formerly known ceased to exist except so far as it was a place for the general meetings of voters.

By Chapter 49 of the Acts of 1895 the election commissioners were given all the powers and duties relative to furnishing places for voting and all other matters relating to elections in said city now conferred upon the Mayor, Board of Aldermen or City Clerk of said city, except the power and duty of giving notice of elections and fixing the days and hours of holding the same.

Soon afterwards followed the laws doing away with caucuses in Boston and providing for the nomination of most candidates by primary elections, the votes being cast in the different voting precincts of the city.

The duty still remained incumbent upon the city to provide places for the general meetings of the citizens provided for by Section 60 of the charter of 1854 as amended by Chapter 204 of 1882.

The question asked by your honorable body is substantially this, as to whose duty it is to designate and hire the place in a ward where such general meetings shall be held. In a large number of wards the city owns some hall or place suitable for such meetings of the voters of that ward. In some wards no such place is owned by the city. It is plain to my mind that in such wards the selection of such place and the hiring of it is a matter of executive business, and by the charter amendments of 1885 the executive powers of the city and all the executive powers vested in the Board of Aldermen were vested in the Mayor and the City Council and both branches thereof were prohibited from directly or indirectly taking part in the employment of labor or the making of contracts,—the hiring of such a building being a contract.

If the Board of Aldermen had the power to say to the Mayor and Superintendent of Public Buildings,—you must hire a certain building in each ward—then the superintendent could hire no other building and the Board of Aldermen would be compelling him to contract with the owner of that building and would be taking a very direct part in the executive business of hiring a hall or other suitable place for the general meetings of the voters of wards.

The ordinance to which allusion is made in the question was apparently framed with this statute in mind with a view of preventing any conflict of authority. It provides that the superintendent of public buildings shall designate a suitable room in each of the following-named places to be used for a ward room for the ward in which it is situated, and in case any such room cannot be so used at any time said superintendent shall provide equivalent accommodation elsewhere for any public meeting in such ward for which he

shall issue a permit. Then follows a list of halls and buildings which were at the time of the passage of the ordinance owned or rented by the City.

The legal construction of the ordinance is that the superintendent shall have the power to designate the place where general meetings shall be held; that they shall be held if possible in certain places which are named, but if for any reason they cannot be held there, he shall select some other suitable place. That a building designated is not owned or hired by the city is a reason why it cannot be used for such purposes, and the superintendent of public buildings is then directed to hire some other suitable place.

If the ordinance is undertaken to limit his discretion in the matter of requiring him to hire a particular building or hall at any price the owner might charge, the ordinance in my opinion would have been illegal as contrary to the amendment of 1885, but the ordinance does not in my opinion undertake to limit his discretion, but says if the designated place cannot be used he is to hire equivalent accommodation elsewhere. Yours truly,

Thomas M. Babson,
Corporation Counsel.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. BELL.

PROJECTIONS, ETC.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for leave to project signs, etc.—that leave be granted, viz.:

L. E. Bova, electric sign, 17 Otis St., Wd. 7.

L. E. Bova, electric sign, 96-8 Arch St., Wd. 7.

J. W. Calnan & Co., electric sign, 93 Pleasant St., Wd. 10.

W. A. Shattuck, electric sign, 43 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

E. M. Wallenberg, electric sign, 410 Tremont St., Wd. 9.

S. J. Marshall, electric sign, 2234 Washington St., Wd. 17.

George H. Bellows, watch sign, 2683 Washington St., Wd. 21.

Francis A. McLaughlin, electric sign, 26 Franklin St. Wd. 25.

Elias Reisman, illuminated sign, 9 State St., Wd. 6.

Louis Aranovitz, electric sign, 1 Wall St., corner Minot St., Wd. 8.

Tremont Dental Rooms (G. S. Shea), electric light, 17 Tremont St., Wd. 6.

Emilio Giovanetti, two illuminated signs, 88 Prince St., Wd. 6.

Frank Ciampa, sign, 22 Brattle St., Wd. 6.

David Rosenthal, wooden sign, 548 Medford St., Wd. 4.

Louis Winisky, wooden sign, 62 Bunker Hill St., Wd. 3.

The William H. Richardson Company, illuminated sign, 388 Washington St., Wd. 7.

W. Bernhardt, cloth sign, 1501 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20.

Abraham Gross, sign, 327 Shawmut Ave., Wd. 9.

Jacob Kaplan, wooden sign, 13 Bedford St., Wd. 7.

Elm Credit Company, illuminated sign, 61 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Meyer Bornstein, sign, 363 Washington St., Wd. 25.

W. Killion, illuminated sign, 180 Green St., Wd. 22.

Henry Hunt, illuminated sign, 1126 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

Henry Hunt, illuminated sign, 1130 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

Walter E. Towne, illuminated sign 2283 Washington St., Wd. 18.

Alexander Confectionery Company, electric sign, 2109 Washington St., Wd. 18.

Michael Kenney, electric sign, 907½ East Fourth St., Wd. 14.

Democratic Club of Wd. 11, two political transparencies, 40 Charles St., Wd. 11.

A. & C. Co., illuminated sign, 109½ Pinckney St., Wd. 11.

Castle Square Haberdasher, illuminated sign, 447 Tremont St., Wd. 10.

W. B. Field, electric sign, 62 Hereford St., Wd. 11.

A. F. Geist, wooden sign, 28 Charles St., Wd. 11.

S. Shufro, wooden key sign, 147 Dover St., Wd. 9.

Joseph Perrone, illuminated sign, 18½ Hanover St., Wd. 9.

Peter MacKerron, sign, 10 West Dedham St., Wd. 9.

Alex. Erpert, sign, 88 Chambers St., Wd. 8.

Kitzes & Braude, wooden sign, 15 Green St., Wd. 8.

Freeman & Smith, sign, 197 Friend St., Wd. 8.

W. T. De Friest & Co., illuminated sign, 30 Avery St., Wd. 7.

Wildey Savings Bank, transparent sign, 52 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

C. K. Shue, illuminated sign, 9 La-grange St., Wd. 7.

James A. Phillips, illuminated sign, 36 Kneeland St., Wd. 7.

Joseph G. Lyons, illuminated sign, 238 Commercial St., Wd. 6.

Alexander Warshauer, sign, 17 Change Ave., Wd. 6.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred July 8), of Crescenzo Merela, for leave to project bay windows—that leave be granted, viz.:

Three bay windows, Cottage St., Wd. 2, two over Cottage St. and one over Everett St.

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Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on petition of M. B. Brandegee (referred July 8) for leave to erect a marquee at 66 Summer St., Wd. 7, that leave be granted said marquee to be suspended from the building, and not supported by posts and the plans to be approved by and the construction to be under the supervision of the Building Commissioner.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Reports on petitions for leave to project bay windows—that the petitioners be given leave to withdraw, viz.:

Etta Zimmon (referred June 24), one bay window over Phillips St., from building 81 West Cedar St., Wd. 11.

George V. Waffendorf (referred May 27), to project six bay windows from buildings Nos. 694-698 Columbia road, Wd. 15.

Accepted.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Ald. BELL, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order for the payment of relief to soldiers and sailors and their families, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 73 of the Revised Laws.

Report accepted; order passed.

LICENSES.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions recommending that minors' licenses be granted to twenty-nine newsboys, six bootblacks and one vender.

Report severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on petition of W. C. Masson, manager (referred today), for permit for Margaret Maguire, a child under 15 years of age, to appear at the Castle Square Theatre during the week beginning Aug. 12, 1907—that a permit be granted.

Report accepted; permit granted on the usual conditions.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted reports on petitions (severally referred today) for the use of Faneuil Hall on various dates—that leave be granted, viz.:

Independence League of Massachusetts, Oct. 3, from 10 A. M. until 11 P. M.

St. Peter's Court, No. 18, Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters, on the evening of Sept. 26.

Boston Central Labor Union, from 10 A. M. to 6 P. M. on Sept. 15.

Niagara Movements, by Clemens G. Morgan, secretary, between 12 noon and 11 P. M. on Aug. 28.

International Telegraphers' Union, evening of Aug. 25.

Robert H. Magwood, evening of Aug. 15.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

CLOSING OF STREETS, LABOR DAY PARADE.

Ald. FLANAGAN offered an order—That the Police Commissioner authorized to close to travel by vehicles, except fire, police, hospital and mail wagons the following-named streets on Monday, Sept. 2, 1907, for the formation and passage of the parade of the Boston Central Labor Union, Building Trades Section of the Central Labor Union and District No. 30 Knights of Labor; original said procession to start at 10 o'clock A. M. till noon.

For the Formation.

From 9:30 o'clock A. M. till noon, Boylston, Dartmouth, Exeter, Gloucester, Fairfield, Hereford, Newbury, Marlboro and Massachusetts Ave.

For the Parade.

Boylston, Berkeley, Tremont, Temple Place, Washington, School, Beacon, Charles, Park Sq., where the parade will be reviewed and dismissed.

Further Ordered—That the City Messenger under the directions of the Police Commissioner be authorized to rope off such of said streets as may be necessary, the expense to be charged to the appropriation for City Messengers Department.

Ald. FLANAGAN offered an order—That the Police Commissioner be authorized to close to travel by vehicles, except fire, police, hospital and mail wagons, the following named streets on Monday, Sept. 2, 1907, for the formation and passage of the parade of the Building Trades' Council:

For the Formation.

Castle Sq., from 8 A. M. to 9:30 A. M.

For the Parade.

Tremont St. from Castle Sq. to Dedham St., Dedham St., Shawmut Ave., Tremont St., Temple Pl., Washington St., School St., Beacon St., Charles St. and Park Sq., where the parade will be dismissed.

Further ordered: That the City Messenger, under the direction of the Police Commissioner, be authorized to rope off such of said streets as may be necessary, the expense to be charged to the appropriation for City Messenger Department.

Orders severally passed.

BRIDGE DEDICATION EXPENSE.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the city of Boston's proportion of the expense incurred in the dedication of the Cambridge bridge be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree in front of estate No. 10 Ditson St., Wd. 20, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of estate No. 1870 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24, the expense of same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Orders severally passed.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. FINIGAN, at 4:02 o'clock P. M., to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chair at 5:30 o'clock P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. BERWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions referred today, recommending the passage of orders, that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, and to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, with granite edgestone, owners to furnish material, as follows:

Jerry F. Brewstory, 320-322 Norfolk Ave., Wd. 16, artificial stone.

James Barrett and others, 16-52 Erie St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Charles H. Lindsay, 820-822 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Same petitioner, 10-12 Abbot St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Samuel H. Knopf, 62 East St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Same petitioner, 101 Westville St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Alice E. Spencer, 47-49 Elmo St., Wd. 28, artificial stone.

John J. Healy, 1350-1358 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

William H. Crosby, 69 and 53 Hamilton St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Nicholas Petitti, 6-8 Arcadia St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Boyd & Berry, 77-79 Topliff St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Same petitioners, 364-368 Centre St., Wd. 24, artificial stone.

Charles Ripley, 173 Harvard St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

George W. Want, 18 Bodwell St., Wd. 16, artificial stone.

Ernest B. Brown, 16 Primrose St., Wd. 23, artificial stone.

Lewis S. Breed, 19 Primrose St., Wd. 23, artificial stone.

Fred Johnston, 837-841, 849 Blue Hill Ave., Calder St. side of estate, Wd. 23, artificial stone.

John L. Beauchain, 34 Pratt St., Wd. 25, artificial stone.

Morris Rudnick, 163-165 Harold St., 101-111 Waumbeck St. and 136 Crawford St., Wd. 21, artificial stone.

Annie M. Munro, 8 Primrose St., Wd. 23, artificial stone.

A. F. Shearer, 12 Primrose St., Wd. 23, artificial stone.

William H. Crosby, 40 Readville St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Oscar J. Saxe, 115 Florida St., Wd. 2, artificial stone.

Annie M. Vail, 978-980 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 24, artificial stone.

J. J. Mead, 44 Fenwood Road, Wd. 19, artificial stone.

F. Greenman, 65 Fenwood Road, Wd. 19, artificial stone.

Rev. R. J. Johnson, corner Fourth and I Sts., Gate of Heaven Church, Wd. 14, artificial stone.

Charles H. Shriver, 339 Newbury St., Wd. 11, artificial stone.

William H. Preble Company, 911 Boylston St., Wd. 11, artificial stone.

Peter Besse, 165-167 Huntington Ave., Wd. 10, artificial stone.

Frank P. Moxon, 371 West Fourth St., Wd. 14, artificial stone.

H. D. Dupee, manager, Boston Theatre entrance, Washington St., Wd. 7, artificial stone.

Alma J. Bowen, 13-15 Cornhill St., Wd. 6, artificial stone.

Estate of Daniel Chamberlin, 553 Washington St., Wd. 7, artificial stone.

Also reports recommending the passage of similar orders on petitions referred today, as follows:

John A. Anderson, 54 Wordsworth St., Wd. 1, brick.

Eldon A. Clark, 910-912 East Fourth St., Wd. 14, brick.

John E. V. Hayden, 144-146 George St., Wd. 17, brick.

Same petitioner, Shirley St., northeast corner of George St., brick.

Virgil L. Wilson, 27 Moseley St., Wd. 16, brick.

H. C. Munzert, George and Woodward Sts., Wd. 16, brick.

J. Kanter, 60-62 Fayston St., Wd. 20, brick.

H. Ullian, 38-40 Fayston St., Wd. 20, brick.

Harris Levine, 33, 34, 35 Astor St., Wd. 10, brick.

Elisha C. Burford, 368 Centre St., Wd. 22, brick.

John F. Kenney, 26 Laurel St., Wd. 21, brick.

Margaret Urquhart, 15-17 Woodlawn St., brick.

Thomas Minton, 31-33 Hyde Park Ave., Wd. 23, brick.

Mrs. Amelia Lawson, 7 Woodlawn St., Wd. 23, brick.

Ida E. Bringham, 373 Centre St., Wd. 23, brick.

P. Di Stasio and G. Carabio, 56-60 Canterbury St., Wd. 23, gravel.

A. C. Chisholm, Norfolk St., corner Lawrence Rd., Wd. 24, gravel.

Same petitioner, Blue Hill Ave., corner Lawrence Rd., Wd. 24, gravel.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

Also a report on the petition of Michael Driscoll, referred today, for a sidewalk at 14 Sagamore St., Wd. 20, recommending passage of an order that the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk at No. 14 Sagamore St., Wd. 20, in front of the estate of petitioner, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gravel adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, to be built of brick with gravel edge stone, under the provision of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

(2) Reports on petitions referred to-day recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto, as follows:

Estate of Frank E. Simpson, to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening 4 feet 1 by 4 feet 4, with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 144-150 Congress St., Wd. 6.

Simpson Bros. Corporation, to erect, maintain and use one guy post with ropes attached in and over Beverly St., Wd. 6, for use during the construction of a building.

Thomas F. Welch, to stretch, maintain and use one guy rope over and across Grove St. to Centre St., Wd. 23, for use during street construction at said point.

H. P. Nawn, to erect, maintain and use one guy post, with ropes attached, in and over Randolph St., near Albany St., Wd. 9, for use during building construction.

Also a report on petition referred to-day recommending the passage of an order that the superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the A. M. Richards Building Moving Company to move a wood:u building, pitch roof, 26 feet in length, by 18 feet in width, by 18 feet in height, from 43 Orleans St. along Orleans, Everett and Cottage Sts., to foundation on 149 Cottage St., Wd. 1, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance relating thereto.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

(3) Report on the petition of Rev. W. H. Fitzpatrick (referred today) that Norfolk St., Dorchester, be put in proper condition, recommending reference of the same to the Superintendent of Streets.

Report accepted, said reference ordered.

(4) Reports recommending reference to the Committee on Licenses of the following petitions, referred today:

Timothy J. Murphy, M. D., for license to store and keep gasoline at rear of 372 Dudley St., Wd. 17.

Edward F. Baker, for a license to store and keep for use oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at 269 Newbury St., Wd. 11.

Edward H. C. Joy, for a license to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at 525-527 Columbia Road, Wd. 20.

Stephen Bradford, for license to store and keep for sale gasoline at 145 Norfolk St., Wd. 24.

Park Sq. Auto Station, for license to store and keep for sale gasoline at 43 Columbus Ave., Wd. 10.

Reports accepted, said reference ordered.

Reports recommending that leave be granted on petition, referred today, as follows:

Society of San Benigno, for leave to display fireworks at the North End Park on the evening of Sept. 30.

Society Sando Antonio di Padova, for leave to display fireworks on the North End Park on the evening of Aug. 26.

Italian Society of St. Rocco, for leave to display fireworks on North End Park on Sept. 2.

Societa Maria SS. delle Grazie, for leave to discharge fireworks at the North End Park on the evening of Aug. 5, 1907.

Reports accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(6) Report on communication from Finance Commission (referred today), on matter of confirming appointments of additional deputy sealers of weights and measures—that the same be placed on file.

Report accepted; communication placed on file.

(7) Report on communication from Finance Commission, message from Mayor, communications from various heads of departments and orders for appropriations for extension of water mains and construction of new and replacing of old water pipes (severally referred today)—that the several communications be sent down and the orders passed.

The report was accepted, the several communications were sent down and the orders were passed, viz.:

(a) Order for \$165,000 for the extension of mains, etc.

Passed, yeas 12, nays 0. Sent down.

(b) Order for \$75,000 for the construction of new and the replacing of old water pipes.

Passed, yeas 11, nays 1. Ald. Bangs voting nay. Sent down.

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ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. CURLEY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:

(1) Report on petition of Fire Commissioner (recommitted today), recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the Fire Commissioner to place and maintain test boxes, a lamp post and a pole, at points shown by white dots on a plan dated July 16, 1907, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets; said boxes, etc., to be located as follows:

Test Boxes.

Main St., northerly side, near Medford St., Wd. 4.

Columbia Rd., southerly side, near Stoughton St., Wd. 20.

A St., near West First St., Wd. 13.

Congress St., southerly side, near A St., Wd. 13.

Lamp-post.

Columbus Ave., at northerly corner of New Heath St., Wd. 19.

Pole.

Main St., westerly corner of Caldwell St., Wd. 4.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said boxes, etc., on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said boxes, etc., to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Report on the petition of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Com-

pany of Massachusetts (referred July 8), for leave to remove poles—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove from Chiswick Rd., at Commonwealth Ave., one pole, and from Commonwealth Ave., at Chiswick Rd., one pole; said poles being shown on a plan dated July 1, 1907, and deposited in the Street Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

RAILROADS.

Ald. DRAPER, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following:

Reports on petitions of West End Street Railway Company (severally referred today), for alteration and location of tracks—Recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon on Monday, Sept. 18, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:

For alteration of track location, with the right to use for single trolley electric system thereon, on Dudley St., between Magnolia and Nonquit Sts.

For location of tracks with the right to use the overhead single trolley electric system on Bennington St., from Saratoga St. to South Breed St.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice passed.

WIDENING CHESTNUT HILL AVE.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested by this board to widen Chestnut Hill Ave., between Commonwealth Ave. and Beacon St., Wd. 25, on the south side.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. WOODS.—Mr. Chairman, I want to state that that is a very dangerous locality. The track is very close to the sidewalk. The and on the side all belongs to the City of Boston Park Department, and therefore there will be no expense for the land, whatever it will cost for grading the street. It is a very dangerous place for automobiles, being on the turn from Commonwealth Ave. to Beacon St.

Passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. BANGS the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

THE NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY the Board voted that when it adjourned it would be to Monday, Sept. 9, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. CURLEY, at 5.41 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Monday, Aug. 26, 1907.

Special meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 o'clock P. M., President Barrett in the chair.

CALL FOR MEETING.

The Clerk read the call for the meeting, as follows:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, Aug. 22, 1907.

To the Members of the Common Council:

You are hereby requested to assemble in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, Aug. 26, 1907, at 7:45 o'clock P. M., to take action upon such matters as may properly come before you.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Placed on file.

THANKS FROM BOSTON SOCIAL CLUB.

The following was received:

Boston Social Club,

Boston, Aug. 15, 1907.

William J. Barrett, President of the Common Council of the City of Boston.

Mr. President:—At a meeting of the Boston Social Club, held August 8, 1907, a report was read of the passage of the bill giving police officers of the city of Boston one day off in fifteen. The reading of the report received a most enthusiastic reception and it was voted unanimously to thank the members of the Common Council, through their President, for the passage of the bill by them. I have the honor to be

Very respectfully yours,

Walter M. Berry, Secretary.

Placed on file.

PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Communication from the Boston Finance Commission relative to pending loan orders for extension of water mains. (Printed in full in meeting of Board of Aldermen of this date).

Read and placed on file.

2. Message of the Mayor recommending the passage of an order appropriating \$165,000 from the estimated surplus income of the Water Department, and an order authorizing a loan of \$75,000, both amounts to be used for the extension and repair of water mains. (Printed in full in meeting of Board of Aldermen of this date).

Read and placed on file.

3. Ordered: That to provide additional means to meet the expenses of the Water Department during the financial year beginning with the first day of February, 1907, the sum of one hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars (\$165,000) is hereby appropriated for the extension of mains, etc., said sum to be met by the income from said works.

On motion of Mr. McCullough of Wd. 13, the rule was suspended and the order was read a second time and passed in concurrence; yeas 53, nays 3.

Yeas—Bagley, Barrett, Bramhall, Carruth, Clark (20) Colpoys, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Green, Harding, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McGregor, McLennan, Mealey, Morgan, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Pierce, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Sacks, Santosuosso, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Troy, Wentworth, Wharton—53.

Nays—Davidson, Willcutt, Woodside—3.

Absent or not voting—Anderson, Brown, Buckley, Clark (24), Cose, Ducey, Ferguson, George, Hackett, Hanrahan, Hatton, Kohler, Montague, Noyes, Peshorn, Rosenberg, Sheenan, Sullivan (15), Zetterman—19.

Mr. McCULLOUGH moved to reconsider; lost.

4. Ordered, That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) be appropriated, to be expended by the Water Commissioner for the construction of new and the replacing of old water pipes; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

On motion of Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 the rule was suspended, the order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, early in the year a loan order was introduced asking that \$300,000 be expended in the Water Department. At that time the Republican members of this body talked the matter over, their committee interviewed officials, investigated the subject, and came to the conclusion that there was no justification for the borrowing of a single dollar for the extension of water mains this year. Nothing has happened since that time to change the position which we then took. I am speaking only for myself personally when I say that, but it is my opinion. The Mayor and the Water Commissioner both recognize that they were beaten, so to speak, that no money could be borrowed this year for the Water Department. Mr. Welch himself told me that he had given it up and that he was intending to run his department with what he has. This Council was adjourned to Sept. 26, no doubt with the advice and consent of the Mayor, showing that, since this loan order could not be passed legally after Sept. 1, he himself had given up all hope of getting the loan order through. In 1893 this department changed its entire basis of carrying on its work. I refer to the fact that the State took over the water supply system of the city west of Chestnut Hill reservoir. That meant that, whereas the city had been compelled to employ a large number of men for the purpose of maintaining that part of the system, hereafter the State would employ those men, and that it would be unnecessary for the city to employ so many men for the purpose of maintaining the water system. So, on our present basis, with our present plant, we ought to get along with much less money than we did prior to 1893. But the fact is that we are spending now for the maintenance of that department almost as much as we did in 1893, when we had the whole plant on our hands. That in itself shows that this department is not being run as it should be run. There is another consideration bearing on this point. There has been another change in that department. They are now resorting to the contract system, which means

that, whereas city employees were doing the work formerly, the work is now being done by contractors who have their own pay roll. So there are two very good reasons why the department should be run for less money now than in 1898, and it is simply because there is gross inefficiency in the administration of the department that so much money is necessary. I think that, besides gross inefficiency, there is gross misconduct. The Mayor of this city on April 22 recommended the passage of this loan of \$300,000, and he said: "I might add that the real necessities of the department demand an expenditure of \$500,000, but the amount was reduced to \$300,000 in the interest of economy." Today he sends in a request for a loan of \$75,000 with an appropriation of \$165,000. You have here an example of "before and after taking." Formerly it was necessary to borrow \$300,000. Now, for some reason or other, it is necessary to borrow only \$75,000. Why was it necessary for His Honor the Mayor to take this Finance Commission tonic in order to see clearly the necessity of the Water Department? I tell you that the disease which required this tonic was gross inefficiency and gross misconduct. And this message of His Honor the Mayor is blinding in more than one respect and is intentionally drawn in a way to deceive the public. He has grouped the \$165,000 with the \$75,000 so that the comparison with the \$300,000 should not seem so marked, by contrast. As a matter of fact, this first appropriation order, for \$165,000, is entirely unnecessary, and of course His Honor the Mayor knows it. At the beginning of the year, when we passed our appropriation bill, there was a clause to the effect that the auditor might, with the approval of the Mayor, between Dec. 1, 1907, and Feb. 1, 1908, make transfers from any appropriation to any other appropriation, and apply any of the income and taxes not disposed of in closing the accounts for the financial year. If we had given him the \$300,000 he would have had this \$165,000 besides, so that that \$165,000 is on both sides of the account; and the citizens of Boston should realize that His Honor the Mayor has come down from \$300,000 to \$75,000, and should ask them to explain why he asked us to borrow \$225,000 more than he now says, after taking the tonic, is necessary. I feel that an attempt has been made—using language which he understands—to bunco the city of Boston, and also the members of this Council. I trust that this order will not pass. As to the position of the Finance Commission, they did not recommend the passage of this order for \$75,000. There is a little straw which shows the manner in which our finances are managed, which I wish you would note. The Finance Commission shows that possibly a loan order of \$70,000 should be passed—not \$75,000, but \$70,000. His Honor the Mayor does not in the interest of economy recommend \$70,000, but he recommends \$75,000. But to get back to the supposed recommendation of the Finance Commission, they really took the position, as they subsequently explained to some extent in a letter to Ald. Bangs, of issuing a preliminary injunction. They had not gone into the matter very deeply, but, taking the facts which had been presented to them by city officials and assuming that those facts were correct, they felt sure that no more than \$70,000 or \$75,000 should be appropriated by loan for this purpose. They did not say, as His Honor the Mayor has made them say, that \$75,000 is required, but they said that certainly no more than that is required; and after

they have looked into the matter further and have discovered how many unnecessary men are on the pay rolls—not only laborers, but Assistant Commissioners and whatever they may be called, so many that, as was the case of the old woman in the shoe, they don't know what to do, I have no doubt they will come to the conclusion, just as the Republicans did early in the year, that not one cent should be borrowed for this purpose. There is another thing of which I would like to speak. In a properly administered city the presumption always is that it will not be necessary to appropriate the larger sum. The presumption always is that they can get along with the smaller sum. But in a city which is run in an irresponsible manner the presumption always is that the larger sum is going to be spent, and that is what we find here. It is not at all unlikely that at the end of this year we will find that our surplus income is considerably more than \$165,000. Why not give the taxpayers the benefit of that chance? We may find ourselves in the position of having borrowed money when we actually have it on hand to use without borrowing it. Why not give the citizens of Boston the benefit of that doubt? If the city were properly run the citizens would have the benefit of that doubt. I trust that the members of this Council who decided that this money should not be borrowed will stand by their original position.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3.—Mr. President, I presume that the remarks of the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Pierce) about "a city properly administered" does not mean much when you sift it down. Such a statement coming from him means, I suppose, a city administered as he would have it administered. Now, when he can convince a majority of the voters of the city of Boston that his idea as to the way of running a city is the proper one, they will elect him Mayor, and then his way will be the proper way, because it will have received the endorsement of the majority of our voters. At the present time, the present chief executive's idea as to the proper way to run a city will go until there is another election, at least, and until, in my opinion, there are two or more elections. Now, in regard to the alleged buncoing—it looks to me as if the gentleman from Wd. 11 is the person who is working the bunco game. He did not draw to the attention of the members of this body the fact that he order for a loan of \$300,000, to which he referred, or the message that accompanied it, came into this body several months ago. I cannot give the exact date, but I know that it was on the calendar of this body April 25, as a "past assignment." At that time the only way the Mayor had of knowing what the income was was to estimate it—and I presume he took the figure of the City Auditor as to the estimated income. For some unforeseen reason, the estimation was not even approximately correct. So, looking at the order for \$300,000 as the matter appeared at the time when the order was sent in here by the Mayor, with his message, it was altogether proper. I think that the charge made by the member from Wd. 11 in regard to a bunco game is absolutely unfounded. Again as to the recommendation of the Finance Commission—it seems to me that the Finance Commission had in so many words admitted the absolute necessity of borrowing money in past years for the purpose of laying new water mains. The Finance Commission says:

"For some years past the revenue from the sale of water has apparently not been sufficient to meet the current

expenses of the department, to pay the interest on the city water debt and to defray the city's share of the state assessment toward Metropolitan water works. There has, therefore, been no surplus revenue available for the new water mains which it is necessary to lay from year to year, and the expenditures for this purpose have been met by a loan."

Further, the member from Wd. 11 says that the Finance Commission does not claim that it is necessary to borrow \$70,000 or \$75,000—and while I think of that I might mention that the Finance Commission does mention \$75,000; so that the Mayor did not add \$5000 to the amount stated by the Finance Commission.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, will the gentleman allow me just one moment?

Mr. FITZGERALD—When I have finished, Mr. President, I will answer any questions that the member may have to ask. Here is the statement which I maintain is a direct recommendation on the part of the Finance Commission for a loan of \$70,000 or \$75,000 for the purpose of laying water mains.

"Careful inquiries," says the Finance Commission, "at the Water Department"—no cursory examination, but careful inquiries—"at the Water Department and in the office of the City Engineer have satisfied us that the total amount of money which can be reasonably and economically expended during the remainder of the fiscal year by the department for all purposes, including the extension of mains, is \$382,000. Deducting the balance now on hand of \$147,000 (as stated to us by the department) leaves the amount to be provided for the requirements of the current year, at \$235,000, or \$70,000 in excess of the \$165,000 estimated surplus income. We suggest, both for the sake of preventing an unnecessary increase in the city debt, and as a matter of justice to the water takers, that a specific appropriation of this surplus income be made by the City Council for the extension of mains, and that the pending loan either be reduced to \$70,000 or \$75,000."

If that is not a specific recommendation, in so far as the Finance Commission could make one, I do not know what words they could use to make such a recommendation. Mr. President, in view of that fact, I cannot well understand how the member from Wd. 11 can oppose this order. The Finance Commission vouch for the fact that the money is necessary for laying new mains "after careful inquiries at the Water Department and in the office of the City Engineer," and having their voucher for the facts that the money is needed, I have sufficient confidence in those men to act upon their recommendation.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, the language of the Mayor is that the Finance Commission finds "that \$240,000 is still required." I do not find any such strong language as that in the letter from the Finance Commission. I will read to the Council the letter sent by the Commission to Alderman Bangs, as an answer to my friend in the fourth division (Mr. Fitzgerald):

"In regard to the position of the Finance Commission towards the general policy of paying for the extension of mains from borrowed money, the Commission instructs me to say that it has not expressed any opinion."

That is pertinent in answer to the Mayor's statement that he has been vindicated by the Commission in advocating loans for this purpose. Of course he had no justification whatever for making that statement. The letter continues:

"The question whether the loans

which have been issued in the recent past for the extension of mains have been necessary or whether any loans for this purpose are necessary at the present time, involves an inquiry into the financial administration of our municipal water works which the Commission is now conducting, but which is not finished. This inquiry must cover not only the question of whether the appropriations for current purposes are wisely and economically expended, but also the question as to the amount if any, that should be paid by the various departments for the water used by them, the question as to what credit, if any, should be given to the water department in consideration of the fact that it derives no benefit from a certain portion of the money paid by the state for the city's water sources, acqueducts, etc., and other matters, the investigation of which will necessarily occupy some time.

"The Finance Commission, in its communication of Aug. 15 to the Mayor and City Council, without drawing conclusions as to questions of general policy in advance of this investigation, wished merely to point out that on the figures submitted to it by the Water Department it was in any case not necessary to borrow more than seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for the extension of mains.

"Yours very truly,

"J. W. Farley, Secretary."

I think that clears up the point, and shows the position which the Finance Commission has taken. I may say that I have personally consulted with one member of the Commission, and he has still further explained to me the attitude of the Commission—and the position of the Commission is as I have stated it. They felt that they had not gone into the question sufficiently to recommend any loan; but they did know that, on the figures submitted by the Water Department, assuming that they were correct, and without investigating the matter knew that even on their own showing they did not need more than \$75,000. Now, in regard to the \$70,000 and \$75,000, I think the members of the Council caught the point when my brother read the first letter. They make the subtraction, on the basis of the figures which Mr. Welch gave as the amount that was necessary—and the result is not \$75,000 but \$70,000.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I do not care to take up much of the time of the Council tonight, but I want to answer in part one of the most unfair statements—and he has made many—that the gentleman from Wd. 11 has ever uttered in this body during his four years' service here. The first very unfair plea to this body was his defense of the Republican members' attitude since the first of the year—and then later in his statement he desired it understood that he was only speaking for himself. The gentleman from Wd. 11 desires to lay great stress on the fact that at the first of this year \$300,000 was asked for for the purpose of relaying and constructing water mains, and that only \$75,000 is asked for by loan at this time; and he asks, "Where is the justification?" I want to call to your mind, Mr. President—and especially since my friend in the first division has appealed to the Republican members, what the attitude of the gentleman from Wd. 11 has been since the beginning of the year. When at that time, you, and many of you being new members, were about to be sworn in, you were called into caucus by this gentleman and asked to act throughout this year on a given policy. Some action was taken, and I am sorry to

say that some Republicans, some good Republican members of this body, unwisely and thoughtlessly followed the gentleman from Wd. 11 at various times until it brought them before the grand jury, in Pemberton Square. After the caucus, it was the attitude of the gentleman from Wd. 11, of the sheet of the new party, and of his alderman, that neither \$300,000 nor any amount of money should be borrowed for the construction of mains. That was the argument away back in April, at the time when this order for \$300,000 was introduced by a member of the body, and not sent here accompanied by the recommendation of His Honor the Mayor. Now, the gentleman asks "What is the justification for the reduction to \$75,000?" I am going to tell you something that he was not fair enough to tell you. Every year we must pay to the State a certain sum of money. This year, after the first day of July, it was found that the amount of money which we would be required to pay the State this year is \$97,000 less than the amount which was anticipated when the appropriation bill was passed. It has also been found out recently that the income from water taxes will be \$68,000 more than was anticipated; hence the \$165,000 that you passed here tonight, derived from taxation. Now, Mr. President, that is why the Mayor, in his statement, frankly says that even the Finance Commission—admittedly all enemies to this administration—says that \$75,000 is necessary, in addition to the \$165,000. The gentleman from Wd. 11 says that the fact that we had adjourned until Sept. 26 shows that the Mayor and the Water Commissioner had given up hope of getting any more money for this work. What nonsense! It would be the first year since 1898 that they did not have money for the carrying on of this work—because he knows that the only money we appropriated this year for the Water Department is for the maintenance of that department. He also knows that it was for the benefit of the members of this body, and for their enjoyment, that we adjourned until Sept. 26, in order that they might take their vacation, and that due notice might be given to them if a special meeting were required in order to get this money passed before the first of September. The gentleman says that in 1898 the basis of doing business in the Water Department was changed. Well, we all know that. And he is surprised that the cost of maintaining that department, and the cost of construction, is about the same now as then. Well, I am not surprised. I never knew the gentleman from Wd. 11 to have ever given it a thought that the laborer in Boston today works but eight hours. I never knew the gentleman from Wd. 11 to have ever thought that material has increased in price; and I have never known him to have given a thought to the fact that the price of labor and the daily wage has increased. The gentleman talks about "gross inefficiency" and "gross misconduct." I want to remind him as I have already done twice on this floor, that the gentleman in charge of the water department owes his position to no political pledge; that he has been reared in the department, and has seen service if I am not wrong, for some twenty or thirty years; that he has risen from the ranks; and that not even the sponsor for "City Affairs" (Edmund Billings) has ever had an opportunity to justly criticize the administration of William J. Welch. The gentleman talks about the administration trying to deceive the public. I want to say, Mr. President, that I think the Republican members, to whom the gentleman from Wd. 11 appealed,

should take it into consideration that there are men in the Board of Aldermen just as able as the gentleman from Wd. 11, and just as loyal—and perhaps more so, because they stick to their party and are not desirous of a new one—the "non-partisan" or perhaps the "non-entity" party. I want to call to your attention the fact that those members of the Republican party today voted for this \$75,000 loan on the advice of the Finance Commission, with the exception of one member—the alderman from Wd. 11, the same ward represented by the gentleman in the first division. Now, the gentleman from Wd. 3 (M. Fitzgerald) answered the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Pierce), and the man from Wd. 11 (Mr. PIERCE), and the gentleman from Wd. 11 took offense, stating that the amount named by the Finance Commission was \$70,000 instead of \$75,000. But it is still a fact that the Finance Commission knew that this money, this \$165,000, might be had, and could be had, and that they also realized that the department needed extra money; and it does not make any difference whether they said \$70,000 or \$75,000. Why quibble over the \$5,000?

Now, Mr. President, I am not going to take up any more of the time of the members, but I want them to understand this—that for years, ever since 1898, the Water Department, under both Republican and Democratic administrations, has always had, and has always spent, \$300,000 in excess of its annual appropriation. That money has been spent for the renewal, relaying and construction of water mains. It goes into service for the taxpayers. It protects them against fire. And if I am not mistaken—and I want the gentleman from Wd. 11 to inform me if I am—he appeared before a certain committee of the Legislature of this year and spoke on a so-called water-meter bill; and I am informed that he stated before that committee that one-third of the water pumped through the pipes into Boston was lost because of leakage. And yet he now opposes the appropriation of money to be expended for that purpose!

Mr. President, I sincerely hope that the members to whom he has credulously appealed will no longer follow his unwise, self-appointed leadership, but will act, not as Democrats and not as Republicans, but as men having at heart the best interests of the city, and in accordance with the advice of the members of the Finance Commission, who are unalterably opposed to the present administration.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, "O liberty, how many crimes are committed in thy name." We have heard that statement made very often. We might say here: "O eight-hour law, how many crimes are committed in thy name." We have heard that given as an excuse for more extravagance than a little in the last few years. But Mr. President, the increase since 1898 cannot be explained by any eight-hour law, or by any increase in wages, or by any such thing. It can be only explained by the employment of more men than were necessary—which amounts to a breach of faith with the public. Now, Mr. President, on the question of the good faith of the Mayor in dealing with this subject, that may, possibly, all depend on this question: Did the Mayor know when he recommended a loan of \$300,000 that this amount, or part of it, might be obtained in other ways, without borrowing and without paying interest? Now, I notice that the Mayor in his message sees the danger to which he lays himself open, and tries to explain it away. But it cannot be explained away. He tried to

take credit—and perhaps justly; I do not know about that—for the passage of the new Metropolitan Water Act of 1906, and says that the \$96,000 decrease in the Metropolitan water assessment is due to that act; that he did not know that they were to make this decrease; and that therefore he did not know that the city was going to have a surplus of \$165,000; and that therefore he acted in good faith. That does not work, Mr. President, because I will venture to say that he went up before that committee and argued most strenuously that his bill would make a saving of much more than \$96,000. He therefore had every reason, on his own argument, for expecting a saving. So that little explanation does not go. I notice that my friend in the third division saw what was coming, and so he said that they discovered "recently" that the income was to be more this year. Was it "recently"? If it were recently, it would help the Mayor out a little; but it was not "recently." The department estimated early in the year, and it was well known that they were going to need less money to meet the interest and sinking fund requirement by \$78,000. The three items are as follows: Increase in income, \$64,000; decrease in metropolitan assessment, \$95,000; decrease in interest requirement, \$78,000. That is all going to help out this year. They are aids which the city did not have last year. Now, Mr. President, the Mayor knew that he could get that money, and in spite of that fact he asked us to borrow \$300,000. There was absolutely no justification for it, and he knew it. Now, there was another way that the Mayor could get money for this purpose without borrowing it. It is provided that money can be credited for this purpose from taxes, without any action on our part. Last year \$120,000 was so credited. He could take that same action this year. His claim of good faith falls to the ground. It is perfectly apparent that he was not acting squarely by the public, but that he was trying to get money that he knew was not necessary, and that he was trying to get it in a way that was not necessary. Now, Mr. President, we have a reserve fund which we have provided for some purpose, and we have a Mayor's contingent fund which is \$40,000 or \$50,000 greater than it ever was before. What is that for if it is not to cover just such a case as this, in case the estimates fall short? That is to say, supposing the Mayor gives to the public the benefit of the doubt and says that they will probably have this \$75,000 extra in the income, and that it will not be necessary to borrow the money. If that assumption proves not to be correct, he still has his reserve fund and his contingent fund, which are for that very purpose, and, as they are unusually large this year, it seems to me they ought to be used for this purpose, if for any.

I venture to say that this \$75,000 will not be necessary.

On motion of Mr. Doherty of Wd. 2 the main question was ordered, the roll was called, and the order was rejected (a two-thirds vote being necessary for passage), yeas 35, nays 14:

Yeas—Barrett, Clark (20), Colpoys, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (2), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hayes, Joyce, Kennedy, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, Mealey, Murphy, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Sacks, Santosusco, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Troy—35.
Nays—Bramhall, Carruth, Davidson, Green, Harding, McGregor, McLennan,

Morgan, Pierce, Roberts, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside—14.

Absent or not voting—Anderson, Bagley, Brown, Buckley, Clark (24), Cose, Costello, Ducey, Ferguson, George, Hackett, Hanrahan, Hatton, Kelly, Kohler, McCabe, McGivern, Montague, Noonan, Noyes, Peshorn, Rosenberg, Sheenan, Sorenson, Sullivan (15), Zettermann—26.

On motion of Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 rejection of the order was reconsidered, and it was assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

WD. 2 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. PENDERGAST of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to repave the sidewalks and replace the edgestones on Meridian St., from Maverick Sq. to Elbow St., Wd. 2.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. PENDERGAST offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a gas lamp at the corner of New and Summer Sts., Wd. 2.

Referred to the Mayor.

THE NEXT MEETING.

Mr. MEALEY of Wd. 15 offered an order—That when this Council adjourns it be to meet on Thursday evening, Aug. 29th, 1907, at 7:45 o'clock P. M.

Passed.

PAYMENT OF FIRE AND POLICE PENSIONS.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the City Treasurer be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to arrange for the payment of all pensioned firemen and policemen semi-monthly instead of monthly, as at present provided.

Referred to the Mayor.

PLUMMER DISTRICT SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS.

Mr. DOHERTY offered an order—That the Board of Schoolhouse Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to inform the Common Council at its next meeting why the permanent school accommodations, promised in response to an order adopted by this body in the early part of the year, has not been afforded to the inhabitants of East Boston living in the Plummer school district.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I am sorry not to have more members remaining here to hear the remarks I may desire to make to this body in connection with this order. If it were in order, and if you would allow such an order to go through here tonight, I would put in an order calling upon the Mayor to remove the Schoolhouse Commission on account of their incompetency, on account of their inability to perform the duties of their office—

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that there is no quorum present.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will request the members present to rise and remain standing for the purpose of determining whether or not there is a quorum present.

The members did as requested, and it appeared that but 19 were present.

The PRESIDENT—Nineteen members, or less than a quorum being present, the Chair will declare the Council adjourned, to meet next Thursday evening at 7:45 o'clock.

Adjourned at 9:55 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, Aug. 29, 1907.

Adjourned meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 o'clock P. M., President BARRETT in the chair.

SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS, EAST BOSTON.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2 called up No. 2 on the calendar, unfinished business, viz.:

2. Ordered, That the Board of Schoolhouse Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to inform the Common Council at its next meeting why the permanent school accommodation, promised in response to an order adopted by this body in the early part of the year, has not been afforded to the inhabitants of East Boston living in the Plummer School district.

Mr. DOHERTY of WD. 2.—Mr. President and gentlemen of the Council, some time ago, earlier in the year, I offered an order in this body calling upon the Schoolhouse Commission to erect a new schoolhouse on land that was owned by the City of Boston in that section of East Boston known as the First Section, which comprises the Adams and Plummer school districts. At that time I showed the members of this body that there were over seven hundred school children in the Adams school, and that out of that number one class was in the basement or the cellar of the school, there not being the proper accommodations that should be afforded to the school children of this city. I showed at that time that in the Plummer school, children were in a blind corridor, partitioned off with nothing but a curtain, and also in an attic. I showed at that time that there were three portable schoolhouses in the yard of the Plummer school. I felt that if a schoolhouse needed three portable houses in the yard and did not have sufficient accommodation within the proper schoolhouses to accommodate the number of pupils attending the school, it was due time that the Schoolhouse Commission should take action and build in that location a schoolhouse of sufficient dimensions to accommodate the number of children attending the school. A greater number of children will be coming there this year. This body passed an order requesting the Schoolhouse Commission to build such a school and the Schoolhouse Commission promised this body that they would build such a school. The School Committee, which has the power to name the places where certain new schools shall be located, designated the Adams School district of East Boston as one of the sections that should have a new school, and the Schoolhouse Commission promised the School Committee that they would erect a permanent schoolhouse there. They promised me and they promised this body that they would do so. I want to show this body just how far you can take the word of the members of the Schoolhouse Commission. I want to show this body and the citizens of Boston that the School-

house Commission is a useless body, a body that is a burden upon the taxpayers, and that they do not deliver any return to the taxpayers for what they receive. The Schoolhouse Commission, as it is made up today, is not an honest body, is not a body that is doing its duty by the citizens of this city. It is composed of three men—one of them Sturgis, an architect, who does business with Brown, the draughtsman of that body. A man who wants to build a school in this city has got to do business with Sturgis, has got to do business with Brown, the draughtsman, otherwise he gets no chance to build a new school for the citizens of Boston. Another man, Mullen—a good, personal friend of mine, and I hate to say one word against him—is an impractical man. He has got no business serving on that body. He is an orator, a lawyer, and a man who is possessed of many talents. He has served this city as the master of the Latin School and would make a very valuable man upon the School Committee; but upon the Schoolhouse Commission he is a nonentity, and he does not belong there. He does not attend to the duties of his office, and when bids are opened he is never there. The business of that office is conducted by Mr. Logue and by Mr. Sturgis and Brown. You have to do business with Logue if you want any repairing done in the schoolhouses of this city—honest Charlie Logue, as he is termed, the Pooh-Bah of this administration; and, in my mind, you, I am not opposing the administration, and I am not opposing the Democratic party, one way or the other, but I stand here to fight for the rights of my district, and I don't care who the man may be or what he does, if he is against East Boston and holds an official position in this government, I am against him, and I am going to tell the people of this city any facts I may have in my possession in regard to him. Logue, with his phony concern, of which he is a part, managed by his brother-in-law, McPherson, does the repair work that is done on most of the schoolhouses in Boston today. Logue, the man who refused to take \$5000 as Building Commissioner of this city, but accepted a \$2500 job as Schoolhouse Commissioner. Gentlemen, the reason is obvious. Do you know of any man who would accept \$3500 in preference to receiving \$5000? I know of no man in this city who is not looking to get everything he can get in that line. There is not one man I know of who would not be glad to accept the best-paying position he can get, the one that gives him the most money. But why does Logue refuse to serve as Building Commissioner for \$5000 a year, and then accept a job as Schoolhouse Commissioner for \$3500 a year? I will tell you, my friends. There are no contracts to be given out in the Building Commissioner's office. There is no way to control contracts; there is no land to be bought for schoolhouses. And still, Logue is an honest man. To quote Shakespeare, repeating what our old friend, Mark Antony, said over the body of Caesar, speaking of the men who conspired against and murdered Caesar, "They are all honest men!" And so are the Schoolhouse Commissioners, Mr. President and gentlemen of this Council, all honest men. Mr. President and gentlemen, I want to emphasize the fact that East Boston needs a new schoolhouse in the Adams School district; that we have not got sufficient school accommodations there; that the Schoolhouse Commission has refused to build a permanent school building there; that there are at pres-

ent three portable school buildings in the school yard of the Plummer school; and that they intend to erect, by a contract that was recently made, four more portable school buildings in that yard. Can you imagine what that means in a well-regulated community, in a respectable district? Can you imagine seven portable buildings in a school yard? Why, it reminds me of a Chinese village! And that is the kind of schoolhouse accommodations which the Schoolhouse Commission of this city are trying to impose upon the citizens of East Boston. I want to say, in closing, that the Schoolhouse Commission of this city evidently does not want to build on city land. We have 22,000 feet of land owned by the city adjacent to the Plummer schoolhouse. That land is now entirely empty, and is available for school purposes. But the Schoolhouse Commission does not want to use that. They want to go a few blocks further down the street and buy land, and build on that land. The evidence goes to show that they do not want to build on city land, and up to date they have pretty well avoided building schoolhouses on land belonging to the city. That is the condition of affairs which exists in East Boston. We have children there who will be kept out of school this year unless proper school accommodations are provided; and they have given us seven portable schoolhouses—something we do not want. We want our share of the money which has been provided for school accommodations. We only ask for what belongs to us—and we intend to get it regardless of what the Schoolhouse Commission say, or whether they intend to build on city land or to buy other land for school purposes. In closing, I wish to say that I sincerely trust that the order will go upon its passage; that my remarks will be read by the Schoolhouse Commission, and that the Mayor will take due cognizance of what has been said, and compel the Schoolhouse Commission to build a new schoolhouse on this land in my district, or else to remove the members of that commission as incompetent and unfit to hold the office which they hold at the present time.

The order was passed.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS, WD. 22.

Mr. MORGAN of Wd. 22 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to have the electric lights not in use on Columbus Ave., Wd. 22, put in commission as soon as possible.

Referred to the Mayor.

MORE CARS, JAMAICA PLAIN.

Mr. MORGAN offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to run more cars on the Bunker Hill and Jamaica Plain line, especially during the rush hours.

Referred to the Mayor.

SLAUGHTER OF LIVE FOWL.

Mr. ROSENBERG of Wd. 8 offered an order—That the Board of Health, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to grant temporary permits to all Hebrew provision dealers or butchers requesting the same for sale or slaughter of live fowl during the Hebrew feast days, from Sept. 7 to Oct. 1, 1907.

Mr. ROSENBERG—Mr. President, the order which I have offered here tonight

is exactly the same as the order passed by the Board of Aldermen last year. The Board of Aldermen felt it very important last year to grant the Hebrew provision dealers or butchers that privilege during the Hebrew feast days. As a consequence, they were able to keep their places open during the holidays, and to provide the Hebrew population of Boston with all the fowls that were needed. They passed the order last year, and granted the privilege of killing or slaughtering live fowls on their premises to those engaged in the business. The granting of that privilege last year did not cause any complaint whatever from the citizens of our city or from the Board of Health. The order which I have introduced tonight is, as I have said, similar to that introduced last year, and I hope that permission will be given to these dealers this year temporarily during the Hebrew feast days. I hope that the Mayor will see that this permission is given temporarily.

The PRESIDENT—The order will be referred to His Honor the Mayor.

EXPENSE OF BRIDGE DEDICATION.

Mr. MEALEY of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the City of Boston's proportion of the expense incurred in the dedication of the Cambridge Bridge be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Passed. Sent up.

MOORING PLACE FOR CONSTITUTION.

Mr. COLPOYS of Wd. 15 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to cause the frigate Constitution to be located in Pleasure Bay, South Boston.

Referred to the Mayor.

BAND CONCERT WD. 9.

Mr. LEONARD of Wd. 9 offered an order—That the Music Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have a band concert of popular music at the corner of Shawmut Ave. and Union Park, Wd. 9, during the month of September, 1907.

Referred to the Mayor.

FENCE, UNION PARK.

Mr. LEONARD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have the iron fence around Union Park, Wd. 9, painted black.

Referred to the Mayor.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS, WD. 13.

Mr. DOYLE of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place electric lights on the corners of Seventh and C and Seventh and B Sts., Wd. 13.

Referred to the Mayor.

BOARD WALK, D ST.

Mr. DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be again requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a board walk on D St., from First St. to the D St. Gymnasium.

Referred to the Mayor.

GYMNASIUM, NORTH BRIGHTON.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to order the Park Commissioners in charge of the work to immediately proceed to construct the North Brighton Playground Gymnasium, the plans and specifications to be approved by the Councilmen and Alderman of Wd. 25.

Referred to the Mayor.

REPAIR OF WESTERN AVE.

Mr. ZETTERMAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place in proper condition that portion of Western Ave. extending from Everett St. to Stadium Sq.

Referred to the Mayor.

FENCE, MYSTIC PLAYGROUND.

Mr. McCORMACK of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to repair the fence on Mystic Playground, Wd. 3, especially that part bordering on water side.

Mr. McCORMACK—Mr. President, I have introduced that order tonight for the second time; and I have introduced it tonight for the second time for the reason that no notice whatever has been taken of the order which I introduced previously. Now, this is not a very important question, and it is not anything that is going to cost any great amount of money; but it does seem to me that the people who are placed in an official position should become aware of the fact that where the welfare of children is at stake, and when even their lives are at stake they should pay some attention to such matters. Now, I tonight call that matter to the attention of the Park Commissioners once again. I think it is a matter which should be attended to immediately. As I said at a previous meeting, that fence is in a very weak and dangerous condition. I have the testimony of the policeman who has charge of that district that children have walked overboard there, on account of the condition of that fence—and the water where they have walked overboard is deep enough to drown them. I warned the Park Commissioners that this is a matter which should be taken care of, and I now call their attention to it a second time. It should be taken care of immediately, and I trust it will be.

The PRESIDENT—The order will be referred to His Honor the Mayor.

REMOVAL OF TREE.

Mr. HACKETT of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to remove a tree opposite 1452 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24, the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Referred to the Mayor.

COTTAGE ST. PLAYGROUND.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2 called up No. 8, unfinished business, viz.:

8. Ordered, That the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4000) be appropriated to be expended by the Park Department for the purpose of erecting a lavatory and shelter on the Cottage St. playground, Wd. 2; and to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be author-

ized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

Indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. Doherty

LOAN FOR WATER MAINS.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11 called up No. 1, assignment, viz.:

1. Ordered, That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) be appropriated, to be expended by the Water Commissioner for the construction of new, and the replacing of old, water pipes; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

The question came on Mr. McCullough's motion to reconsider the vote of Aug. 26, whereby the above order was rejected.

Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I move that further reconsideration of that order be postponed until 9.30.

The question came on assignment.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I do not believe we want a repetition of what happened here the other night when we passed an omnibus loan bill by a bare fifty votes. I do not believe we want a repetition of those scenes in the anteroom here. We know what that postponement means. It simply means a chance to lobby. I protest against any assignment. I think the matter ought to be considered now. We waited here almost an hour beyond the usual time for calling the Council to order before we were called to order tonight. I think that, in itself, is a sufficient violation of the rules. I think we ought to proceed at once, and not encourage any more lobbying.

The PRESIDENT put the question on assignment, and being in doubt as to the result, ordered a rising vote, which was taken, and the motion to assign further consideration of the matter until 9.30 P. M. was carried, 29 members voting in the affirmative, and 2 in the negative.

(See later in the session, under same heading.)

NIGHT SERVICE, SOUTH FERRY.

Mr. PENDERGAST of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Acting Superintendent of Ferries be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to resume the all-night boat on the South Ferry.

Mr. PENDERGAST—Mr. President, I have been requested by a large number of residents of my ward, and by business men and real estate owners, to introduce that order this evening. About a year and a half ago the South Ferry all-night boat was discontinued from 10 o'clock at night until 6 the next morning. That left East Boston with only one ferryboat running, and it running only once every 20 minutes. Last Monday night there was a fire in East Boston. The first alarm came in, I think, at 10:55; the second at 11:1; and the third at 11:6. The engines from the city went down to the ferry, and they found that the boat was on the East Boston side. When the boat did get over, there were eight or ten engines, and they could not all get onto the boat. It took from 10 to 20 minutes for the boat to get back to the other side. In the meantime other engines had come down there. The engines had to wait from 20 to 40 minutes. The result was that by the time they got over there to the fire they found things in a pretty bad condition. If the wind had not been blowing in the direction in which it

was blowing the other night, the Leyland line and the whole water front would have been swept away. East Boston had only one engine to cover that district. The engines from the other adjacent districts had been called to a fire in Revere. I hope, Mr. President and members of the Council, that this matter will be attended to by the Mayor. I was talking to one of our real estate men in East Boston today, and he told me that if the Mayor did not put this boat on again, the fire insurance rates would go up in East Boston on real estate. It is an awful condition for a large district like East Boston to have only one means of access in case of fire. I hope, Mr. President, that some attention will be paid to this order.

The PRESIDENT—The order will be referred to His Honor the Mayor.

GYMNASTIC APPARATUS, MINTON HALL.

Mr. CARRUTH of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Bath Trustees, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to install gymnastic apparatus in the ward room, Wd. 23, Minton Hall.

Referred to the Mayor.

FIRE BELL, ROXBURY CROSSING.

Mr. MADDEN of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place some kind of a ticker or a bell at Roxbury Crossing to warn people when the fire engines are coming.

Mr. MADDEN—Mr. President, I would like to say a few words in regard to that order, asking the Fire Commissioner to put in some kind of a ticker or gong at Roxbury Crossing, so as to let people know that the engines are coming. I meant to put that order in some time ago, but I neglected to do so, and a week ago Saturday night there was an accident there which proved fatal. Engine 14 comes down Roxbury street, and it is a pretty steep street. Roxbury Crossing is quite a large thoroughfare, and there are a lot of people there the most of the time. The cars come down the Tremont St. hill, and it makes it very hard for the engines to get by the cars. Then, also, there is a car stable there, and the cars are coming out of the stable all of the time. If there were some kind of a bell or ticker put in there so as to let them know when an engine is coming, they would have a little time in which to get out of the way. Last Saturday night the engine came down that hill. A car was coming down the hill and it did not stop in time, and it was a very tough proposition for the engine to try to get out of the way of the car. The result of the affair was that the engine tipped over. Another thing is that when an engine is coming you often do not know of it until it is pretty nearly on top of you, and then the police officers start pushing everybody back out of the way. They push the women and it makes things pretty bad. I would like, therefore, to have that order put upon its passage.

The order was passed.

WARD 19 IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. MADDEN offered an order—That the Street Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to widen Roxbury St., Wd. 19.

Passed. Sent up.

Mr. MADDEN offered on order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be re-

quested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place an electric light at the corner of Gardner and Roxbury Sts., Wd. 19.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. MADDEN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a plank walk on Lawn St., Wd. 19.

Referred to the Mayor.

STADIUM SQUARE.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 called up No. 11, unfinished business, viz.:

11. Ordered, That the open space in Wd. 25, now known as and called Barry's corner, be hereafter known as and called Stadium Square.

The order was read a second time, and the question came upon its passage.

Mr. MCCARTHY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I move that that order be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. ZETTERMAN—Mr. President, I can see no reason why this order should be further postponed. It has been on the calendar for some time. I desire to say a few words in regard to it. Upon the request of the citizens and property owners in that locality, I have introduced this order. They came to me with this petition signed by some 37 people—I think all of the property owners on that square. They are all in favor of changing the name. I want it understood that I am not interested in this matter personally, but the people in that vicinity think that it would be a good thing to have the name of that square changed. Barry's Corner is not a proper name for the place now. That name was given to it by the owner of a resort which was located on the corner of one of the streets some 20 years ago. At that time the corner was not the respectable place that it is now. Consequently the people of that section would like to have the name changed. I personally have many times encountered in the city here people who would inquire as to where I lived. I have said: "I live near Barry's Corner." "Well," they would say, "that must be a pretty tough place." I would say, "No; it has changed. Years ago it was. Now it is a respectable neighborhood." That is the reason why the people desire to change the name of that square and to have the name of "Stadium square" given to it, because the Stadium is nearby there. This is the square where the people get off to go to the football and baseball games. I hope that this order will be passed tonight, on the strength of this petition, which was handed to me by the citizens and property owners in the vicinity of the square, urging me to present this order. If it goes through I am simply carrying out their wishes. I sincerely hope that since that opposition from Wd. 8, or from any other ward, on a question which only interests this particular district, will not have any influence upon your vote, because I believe that if there is any opposition to this order, it is surely personal.

The question came on indefinite postponement.

Mr. MCCARTHY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I have no personal opposition to the gentleman introducing this order to change the name of this square. As a matter of fact, I have spoken to quite a number of people out that way and they don't seem to favor the idea. They think this is a personal affair of the Councilman from the district. I don't see why we should change the name of

that square. It has been called "Barry's Corner" for the last 20, 30 or 40 years, and there is no need of coming in at this late day and calling it "Stadium Square." As a matter of fact, there is no square at all, but just a corner of two streets. In my opinion it is named after Commodore Barry, the father of our navy, instead of Barry the hotel keeper, and I think it is a good idea to keep the name "Barry's Corner."

MR. ZETTERMAN—Mr. President, if this square were named after Commodore Barry I certainly should not have presented the order, because I respect Commodore Barry. But I certainly do not respect the Barry for whom this square was named. I believe that the people who live in the neighborhood of that square know what they want, and that their wishes should be considered and not the wishes of the gentleman from ward 8 or the citizens of ward 8. I think we are ourselves sufficiently qualified to judge as to what we shall call our squares in our own ward without receiving any suggestions or criticisms from ward 8 or any other section of the city. So I sincerely hope this opposition, which I can see is personal, will not amount to anything. I can assure the gentleman that he has not consulted any of the citizens who live on this square, because I have consulted nearly all of them and they have been in favor of the change with one or two exceptions where they have said, "Well, what is the use of changing it? It might as well stay the way it is." Put on the strength of this petition which was presented to me I was compelled to take some action. I am simply doing my duty, as a representative of the people of ward 25, in introducing this order, based upon that petition signed by the property owners living in that section. I sincerely hope the order will pass and that the name will be changed.

MR. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman from Wd. 25, through you, sir, if he has any objection to presenting that petition to this body, so that it may be read and spread upon the records.

MR. ZETTERMAN—Mr. President, I will say that I have no objection to that at all. I am willing to present the petition. I will add that this petition was not circulated by myself, but by the gentleman who heads the petition.

MR. ZETTERMAN presented the petition referred to as follows:

Councilman A. E. Zetterman—As residents of that section of Wd. 25 known as Barry's Corner we respectfully request that you have the name changed to Stadium Square.

(Signed by Patrick A. Carley, 224 North Harvard St.; James J. McNeiley, 170 Western Ave., and about thirty others.)

MR. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, if it is in order, inasmuch as this is the first time that we have had any evidence of a desire on the part of certain citizens of Brighton to change the name of this square, I would move as a substitute motion that the order be assigned to the next meeting.

MR. ZETTERMAN—Mr. President, I see no reason for assignment. I would like to ask the Councilman from South Boston what advantage would be gained by having the order assigned. Does he desire more time to look into the question?

MR. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I will willingly answer the gentleman. When it was suggested to the gentleman from Brighton that perhaps he might be in error in stating that the name "Barry's Corner" originated as he said it did, the gentleman from Wd.

8 (Mr. McCarthy) suggested that it might have been named because of some other reason; and then, when the gentleman from Wd. 25 (Mr. Zetterman) stated that he had received a request from certain residents of Brighton, I became somewhat in doubt. I now understand from the wording of that petition that the petition was addressed to Mr. Zetterman, and not to the City Council. I am desirous to know what the origin of the name "Barry" was. If Barry's Corner was named after the man who first made the navy of our country famous, then I believe the square should be continued in the name of Barry; but if the gentleman from Wd. 25 is right, then perhaps I might vote to request some one to change the name. That is why I desire a little more time.

MR. ZETTERMAN—Mr. President, I am very willing to give the gentleman sufficient time to look into this question. I would ask him to call out in Brighton any night, and I will give him sufficient evidence of the older citizens of that section that the name was not given in honor of Commodore Barry, but in honor of a man for whom we don't have as much respect as for the commodore.

The order was further assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

REPAVING OF MIDDLESEX STREET.

MR. DUCEY of Wd. 4 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to repave Middlesex St., Wd. 4, Charlestown.

Referred to the Mayor.

LIGHTS, MASSACHUSETTS AVE.

MR. DALY of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to furnish additional lighting on Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 12, between Shawmut Ave. and Tremont St.

Referred to the Mayor.

REPAIR OF LAWN STREET.

MR. MURPHY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to repair and place in a suitable condition for travel Lawn St. and Buckman St., in Wd. 19.

Referred to the Mayor.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, JACKSON SQ.

MR. MURPHY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place an electric light in Jackson Square, near 192 Centre St., Wd. 22.

Referred to the Mayor.

WD. 22 PLAYGROUND.

MR. MURPHY of Wd. 19 called up No. 5, unfinished business, viz.:

5. Ordered, That from the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island the sum of \$1000 be appropriated to be expended by the Park Department for the erection of bleachers on the Marcella-St. playground, Wd. 22.

Indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. Murphy.

DRINKING FOUNTAINS, WD. 9.

Mr. DRISCOLL of Wd. 9 offered an order—That the Water Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place three drinking ice water fountains in suitable locations in Wd. 9.

Referred to the Mayor.

PENSION FOR JAMES H. DODGE.

Mr. McGIVERN of Wd. 16 called up No. 16, past assignment, viz.:

16.—Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 388 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1907, James H. Dodge, City Auditor of this city for nearly twenty-five years, be, and hereby is, placed upon the pension roll of the city and be allowed and paid a pension of \$100 per month, said sum so paid to be charged to the appropriation for Reserve Fund.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I move indefinite postponement of the order.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the motion is not in order. The question comes on reconsideration.

Mr. McCARTHY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I rise to a question of information. If this order is based on an act of the Legislature, cannot a similar order be introduced at any time? By defeating it we do not kill the order. It can be re-introduced at the next meeting.

The PRESIDENT—The question is on reconsideration.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, do I understand that a motion has been made to reconsider the vote whereby number 16 was defeated on June 13?

The PRESIDENT—Yes.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I move that further consideration of this matter be assigned to 10 o'clock. I think it is only fair, inasmuch as I made the motion to reconsider at the time the order was defeated, that I should be consulted before this matter is taken from the calendar, as a matter of parliamentary courtesy.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, I am willing to extend to my colleague in the third division all the parliamentary courtesy that it is possible to give him, but this is an old matter here and was called up during my absence. Every member of this body knows how I stand on this proposition. Up to date no good reason and no new reasons have been given to me for changing my position. The matter has been disposed of here once. I don't know the object of the gentleman in calling up at this time the question of reconsideration, but now that it is before us let us meet it and decide once for all as to the proper disposal of the order. I object to any further postponement.

Mr. McCULLOUGH'S motion to assign further consideration to 10 o'clock P. M. was carried.

LOAN FOR WATER MAINS.

MR. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 called up No. 1 on the calendar, loan order of \$75,000 for water mains, consideration of which had been assigned to 9:30 o'clock.

The question came on reconsideration of the vote of Aug. 26, whereby the order was rejected.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I have a statement here, showing that without authorizing any loans for the Water Department, the city can build as many miles of pipe this year as last year—14.64 miles—and may maintain the department at the standard of last year.

Estimated income 1907 (increase over 1906, \$64,355).....	\$2,616,200.00
Balance left over from 1906..	71,105.29

Total credits for 1907.....	\$2,687,305.29
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Current expenses for	
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1906	\$544,719.54
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Met. assess. 1907....	1,726,588.68
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(\$95,967.65 less than	
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Interest charges ...	179,000.00
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Total necessary for maintenance 1907	\$2,450,358.22
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Amount available for extension of water mains for	
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1907, without borrowing	
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more	\$236,947.07
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Expended in 1906 for extending mains	\$301,175.07
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Difference to be made up	64,228.00
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Does any one seriously believe that economies cannot easily be effected in the management of this department sufficient to make up this \$64,000? In 1897 when the department had to maintain the whole water supply system the amount expended for employees was \$455,621.56.

In 1906, when the state maintained all of the system west of Chestnut Hill reservoir, the amount expended by the city for employees was \$474,808.50.

This amount is larger than the other when it should be smaller, and shows that many more men are employed than are necessary. Does any one believe that 14.64 miles of pipe cannot be laid for \$237,000, the amount available, if only very primitive methods of retrenchment are adopted? Shall we encourage retrenchment, or shall we encourage loose methods of administration? The actual income is generally greater than the estimated income, so that the difference may be large enough to cover this \$34,000. We may find at the end of the year that we have the money from income and do not need to borrow. Why not take the chance? If our hopes are not realized we have a large reserve fund to fall back on and a tremendous mayor's contingent fund (\$40,000 larger than ever before). If these funds were used legitimately it would be to provide for just such contingencies. Our interest and sinking fund charges are now nearly \$7,500,000 annually. The only way to decrease Boston's appalling debt is to stop borrowing. Was there ever an easier opportunity of practicing what we preach than to refuse now to borrow this \$75,000 outside the debt limit, when \$237,000 is available for water construction for the year 1907? We have here an example of municipal ownership. I would like to have my friend in the third division note that—we have here an example of municipal ownership and municipal operation. I think neither he nor anybody else would deny that a municipal plant of this kind ought to be self-sustaining. The water plants in most of our smaller cities and towns of the state are self-sustaining, and there is no reason why ours should not be. There should be a sufficient amount derived from income to carry on the maintenance and take care of the extensions. Some very wild statements have been made here about our always having borrowed money for this purpose. It is no such thing. There have been a number of years when we have constructed our water extensions out of the revenue. Why Mr. Quincy went so far as to go to the Legislature and ask for an act prohibiting the city from

borrowing money for this purpose, Ex-Mayor Matthews, in his admirable book says that there is no reason why we should borrow money for this purpose. The act which Mr. Quincy secured in the Legislature was recommended to this council for acceptance by ex-Mayor Hart and was accepted by the council during ex-Mayor Hart's term. So that there have been a number of years—I have the list here, but it is too long to read—when we have paid for our extensions out of the revenue. Just see what his honor the mayor was up to. He thought that the common people would not realize the advantages which we have this year over last year. He thought that the common people would not realize that the metropolitan assessment was going to be much less this year, that the interest charges were going to be much less this year, that the income was to be much greater this year, that there was a balance left over of \$71,000, making an advantage over last year in all of over \$300,000. That is, he would not only have the \$237,000 which he has got now, but would also have this \$300,000 additional. That is almost twice as much as they spent last year. Do you want any better evidence than that of the bunco game which I said he was playing on the public? I don't think you do. We are not obstructionists in any sense of the word, and we have a regard for the needs of the city. But we feel that every exigency is more than taken care of by the \$237,000 which they now have. We have voted for the \$165,000 from revenue and gave them more in the appropriation bill this year than they had last year. We have shown every inclination to do the right thing, but we do insist that, when we have such an admirable chance to economize, we should take advantage of it.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3—Mr. President, the gentleman from Wd. 11 admits that the Water Department is \$64,000 short now of what it had last year. He suggests that economies be put in operation, so that \$64,000 can be saved and used for laying new mains. He does not tell us how this is to be done. I think, in view of the present situation in the Water Department, that it would be very hard to explain how it could well be done. Perhaps the gentleman from Wd. 11 would commence by discharging some of the men who have become more or less incapacitated by old age. I understand that there are some 35 or 40 such, not able to do a full day's work. Perhaps if they were discharged the department might get 15 or 20 men to do their work, saving the salaries of the 15 or 20 others. However, I for one, would strenuously oppose such an economy. The Water Commissioner, when before the Finance Commission, told them that he had these men and proposed to pay them as long as they reported for work. I say he deserves to be congratulated for taking that stand. As for the present situation in the Water Department, yesterday there were 633 men on the pay rolls of the department. On Dec. 27, 1899, there were 997 men on the pay rolls of the Water Department. On Jan. 11, 1906, there were 677 men on the pay rolls of the Water Department—which shows that yesterday there were 39 less men on the pay rolls of the department than there were on the 11th of January, 1906. It looks to me as though that was practising some economy. I propose to discuss this matter on the merits of it only, appreciating at the same time the fact that the merits of the question will not be conclusive with all the members of this

body. It is painfully evident that there are some members of the body afraid to vote for this loan order for the simple reason that it is a loan order, afraid that some of their constituency may not look into the merits of it and may condemn them without knowing the facts. However, I propose to go into the merits of it just as if I believed that every member of the body would vote on the merits of it. According to the statement of Ex-Mayor Matthews in his valedictory address to the City Council on Jan. 31, 1894, there had been taken from the tax levy for the Water Department since its beginning \$1,700,000. Mayor Matthews is a very careful statistician, and I believe we can take that figure with a great deal of faith. It is an easy matter to figure up the situation between the city and the Water Department from that time. I look upon the Water Department as my brother does, as a private enterprise, conducted by the city, and I think if my brother in the first division knew all the facts he would not mention municipal ownership in connection with the Water Department, for I believe the facts show that the Water Department has been a shining example of the success of municipal ownership. Since 1894 the Water Department has received from the tax levy something like \$700,000. There has been paid into the general fund, the expense fund of the city from the Water Department—that is, excess of income over expenditures—over \$1,400,000. That leaves a balance of \$700,000 since 1894 that has been paid from the Water Department over and above what has been taken from the tax levy for the Water Department. Taking that \$700,000 from the \$1,700,000 that was taken from the tax levy prior to 1894, it means that there has been one million dollars taken from the tax levy since the inception of the Water Department up to the present year. During Mayor Collins' second administration, in 1893 I believe it was, when the state took that part of the water plant which is west of the Chestnut Hill Reservoir for \$12,500,000, \$5,500,000 of that was used to retire water debt. The other \$7,000,000 was used to retire other city debt. So that \$7,000,000 was practically extracted from this private enterprise, the Water Department, and used for the general purposes of the city. If we take from that \$7,000,000 the \$1,900,000 that has been taken from the tax levy in excess of what has been paid into the general expense fund of the city, we find that today, if a balance were struck between the city of Boston and the Water Department, the Water Department would be to the good to the extent of \$6,000,000. In addition to that, the various departments of the city for the ten or more years have been getting their water free of charge. During Mayor Hart's first administration he put a stop to the practice of money being transferred from other departments to the Water Department. That, if it were paid at the present time, would amount to about \$300,000 a year. In the face of those facts, I cannot see how anybody can point to the Water Department of the city of Boston in an argument against municipal ownership. When I learned the facts I was very sorry that I was not conversant with them when the subject was before this body. The situation, then, at the present time is this. This Water Department, which has given the city of Boston through its various departments free water for more than ten years, which has given to the city treasury for the general purposes of the city \$6,000,000, comes here and asks for the loan of the credit of the city

for \$75,000. For what? We are all aware of the fact that the market has been very strong for some years back, that it has not been very easy to order materials and get them on short notice; and I have it on the word of the Water Commissioner, whom I believe to be an honest man—and everybody I have met who has had a much longer acquaintance with him expresses the same opinion—that if he should give an order for iron pipe today it would probably be next April before he would be able to get it.

Unless we give him this \$75,000 tonight it means that he cannot buy any water pipe until after the fiscal year, the first of February. And if he should order it then it might be the middle of the summer before he could get it. In view of all these facts I cannot see why this body should quibble over this question. The Finance Commission, according to the member from Wd. 11, did not recommend this. They only said that more than \$75,000 was not necessary. If they thought there wasn't any necessary, wouldn't they have said that? They said that on the figures Mr. Welch gave they thought \$75,000 would be necessary, and Mr. Pierce comes here and says tonight, according to his own figures, that at the present time the Water Department is \$64,000 behind what it was last year, and that in order to lay the same number of mains this year it would have to have that \$64,000. Is that to be obtained by practicing economy in the department? I think I have shown to any fair-minded person, at least, that it is not very practicable to extract \$64,000 from the Water Department unless you suspend the whole department a month or two or take out of labor to get materials, and I certainly would not endorse such a movement as that. It seems to me that the simple request that we lend to the Water Department the credit of the city to the amount of \$75,000 is a reasonable one, and one that should be granted. There is another matter that escaped me. Last year there wasn't any sinking fund requirement in the Water Department. When the state took over the plant west of Chestnut Hill Reservoir and the city received \$12,500,000 and \$5,500,000 of water debt was retired, it meant that the sinking fund which had been creating for some years for the payment of that was still there, and the debt was gone. The result today is that there is sufficient money in the sinking fund to meet the debt of the Water Department when it becomes due. Not only that, but if we add the \$75,000 to the present water debt that sinking fund will still take care of the water debt without one cent more being paid into the sinking fund. In view of those facts, is it not reasonable to ask the loan of the credit of the city for a few months in order to get some pipe and take advantage of the market? If the market next week should drop one-half the Water Department is not in a position to buy any pipe, but has to let it go. As Mr. Welch told me today, "I am not going out to contract for pipe and depend on the City Council to furnish me the money and find out that I am left next year the same as this year. I don't care to have the thing stringing along in that way. I have not sufficient capital myself to go out and buy it, and I am not going to take that chance." I think it would be very wrong for us to expect him to do it and that he is keeping strictly within the rights and duties of his office in the position he takes. If the member from Wd. 11 (Mr. Pierce) is as sincere as he would have us believe he is, I think he will stand in his place in the Council, after the facts have been thus stated to him, and say that he did not so understand

them. Understanding them, he must, if he is sincere, say, "Now that the facts have been stated as they really are I must confess that I was wrong in the matter. I am man enough to confess it and I will now vote for this order."

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, the gentleman, in his very admirable exposition of his side of the argument, says that the Commissioner will not have any money to make contracts with. What is the matter with the \$237,000? Cannot he buy considerable pipe with that? Does he have to have the extra \$75,000 in order to get any pipe?

Mr. FITZGERALD—Does the gentleman desire an answer?

Mr. PIERCE—The gentleman had better wait until I get through. As a matter of fact, it is not wise policy to buy any more pipe than you can help at the present time. Perhaps it has been bought—I don't know; things have happened that way. But, assuming that it has not been bought, it is not good policy to buy now, if it can possibly be avoided, because pipe is so high. Mr. Welch said he thought he would get it at \$31 per ton, but he wasn't sure of that. In view of the situation the department ought to put off buying its pipe as long as it can, so that it can get a price that is reasonable. I think that answers that part

of the question as to the success of the Water Department as a municipal enterprise, he speaks of the fact that a large sum of money has been paid us by the state, and he also knows something which I thought he would leave me to note the fact that we have no sinking fund requirements to meet. That is to say, the department is relieved of that, and in spite of that fact is making these requests. You know, Mr. President, as well as I do that the department could be easily run for \$100,000 less, and that that \$64,000 could be very easily saved. He says he does not know how it can be done. Well, all he has to do is to lay off 200 men and get rid of his Third Assistant Commissioner. He does not need him. I have a warm-hearted respect for the old men in the employ of the city, and if I had my way I would have a pension system so that they might in their old age receive compensation to keep them in comfort. I am not aiming at those men. I say, keep them there. It is not the old men that neglect their duty; it is the young men. Don't make any mistake about that. The old men do more work than the young ones do. I am not aiming at them. I want enough of the able-bodied men dropped to make this economy. Why, the labor market is in need of men, and, looking at the thing from the general economy of the community, it is wrong to keep these men here not doing their work, when there are a lot of places where they could do their work and give an adequate return to the community. Now, Mr. President, mention has also been made of the fact that there are less men on the payroll of the Water Department now than there were formerly. Why shouldn't there be? There ought to be a good many less than there are. Why, when we had the whole Metropolitan supply system to be maintained, we had to send men up into the middle of the state—and lots of them—to maintain our system. Of course we had to have more men than we do now, when we do not go west of the Chestnut Hill reservoir. So that argument, which I expected would be used, is worth nothing. As a matter of fact, the number of employees ought to be reduced a great deal more than it has been.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, at the last meeting of the

Council I was convinced that the gentleman from Wd. 11 made one of the most unfair statements that he has made during his four years' service in this body. I am still further convinced tonight that his attitude is unfair. I am satisfied that the gentleman from Wd. 11 realizes that he has made a mistake. I am satisfied that he realized that in his attempt to inject peanut and petty politics into the discussion of this question he has met with opposition from the members of his own party, and especially opposition from the Finance Committee. I want to read, Mr. President, an editorial that appeared in the Boston Post this morning, entitled "Politics and Water Works." (Reading.)

"A line-up of the Republican minority in the City Council against the Democratic administration on the question of appropriation and loan for extension of water mains would be a political mistake little short of idiocy.

There is no place for partisanship in this matter. No phase of the public service is so delicately sensitive as that which is concerned with protection from fire and with the preservation of healthful conditions. Politicians and grafters must keep their hands off. Even a suspicion that the resources of this branch of the service were granted or withheld for partisan purposes would condemn the party implicated.

The Republican managers ought to be able to see this, and to recognize the fact that the reduction of the proposed water loan to the figure recommended by the finance commission, while providing out of current income for the extension which is imperative, establishes a policy which they cannot afford to antagonize on mere partisan grounds.

What have they to offer in substitution? Nothing; and they don't pretend to have anything. The utmost they can hope to effect is a temporary embarrassment of the Democratic administration at a point where its policy coincides with the public demand and with the judgment of the commission engaged in an inquiry into our municipal methods.

It may be possible for the Republican minority in the council to block the water loan—for the statutory limit of time expires with the current week—but it will be a tactical error from the low ground of party politics as well as from the higher ground of a consideration for the public service."

That, Mr. President and members of the council, is the sentiment of one of Boston's daily newspapers. I want to read also an editorial from what is commonly known as the independent daily of Boston—the Boston Herald—entitled "An Important Vote." It says: "The vote to be taken tonight in the common council on the important matter of securing funds through a loan for construction of necessary connections in the city's water supply service is one that no legislator can afford to play politics with or vote adversely upon. The amount specified has the indorsement not only of the mayor but of the finance commission. Fifty votes must be cast for the item, and the vote must be passed before Sept. 1. The property interests of the city, which depend for adequate protection on proper water supply and first-class equipment are too important to be made the pawn of any political intrigue or any partisan spite or a disposition to put any official in a hole. As a partisan the Mayor could ask for no better card to play than the one which would be in his hands should this important matter be treated in any other than a safe and sensible way."

Mr. President, those are articles

which have appeared in the only two daily newspapers which have touched upon this question. I have read them because I contended at the last meeting of the Council, and I contend tonight, that the gentleman from Wd. 11 is opposing this order for purely political reasons. I am going to endeavor to prove to you, in addition to what I said last Monday night, that that statement is true. At that time, the gentleman from Wd. 11 quoted some figures. Now, he knows, or ought to know, that you and I are not able, at a moment's notice, to cope with him on some point upon which he has had probably weeks to prepare himself. But I want to answer one statement that he made—and that is this: He said that this year the Water Department received \$55,000 more than it did last year for maintenance. I want to recall to his mind the old question that arose before the Committee on Appropriations. When the Water Commissioner went before that committee, he was asked by the gentleman who represents Wd. 11 in the Board of Aldermen: "How much do you need to run your department on?" The Water Commissioner said: "\$900,000." Alderman Bangs questioned that, and Mr. Welch proved to Alderman Bangs' satisfaction that \$900,000 was necessary to maintain the Water Department and to re-lay and construct water mains throughout the city. Then the question was: "How are we going to get the money?" Mr. Bangs said to Mr. Welch: "I believe you ought to have \$900,000, but I do not believe that you ought to have any of it by loan." There was the beginning of this contest. Ald. Bangs went into the Board of Aldermen and manfully stated his case in opposition to the passage of the appropriation bill, recommending that \$300,000 be raised by taxation and be given to the Water Department, instead of raising that amount by loan. What was the attitude of the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Pierce) when the bill came here. It was the attitude of his party. We knew what was to be expected. Did he attempt to amend the appropriation bill and that \$300,000 more be given to the Water Department? No. And he talks about buncoing! He knew that that was the attitude of his party. He waited until the appropriation bill was passed, and now he comes in here and talks about buncoing on the part of the administration. Oh, I almost had to smile, Mr. President, when I heard him talk in behalf of the two hundred laborers. It amused me when I heard him talk about the pension system. Well, Mr. President, for the good of Wd. 11 and for the good of the citizens at large, I hope that the gentleman will go to the Legislature next year; and I hope, Mr. President, that he will spend as much time in their behalf in securing for them a pension system, as he spent this year in going over into my part of the city to find out if \$10,000 was necessary for a bath-house, and doing the same in other sections of the city. Mr. President, I do not want to take up much more of the time of the body, but I want to state that the gentleman from Wd. 11, during his four years' service in this body, has never yet voted for a loan. I want to prove, Mr. President, that very rarely has he voted for an appropriation—excepting one, the \$10,000 for Copley square. Now, Mr. President, I have here the vote taken on Monday last. I am satisfied that through the hypnotism of this gentleman some of the members were misled at that time. For instance, there is a gentleman from Wd. 1 who sits in the first division, and who voted for

\$300,000 last year for this purpose, and did not vote for it this year. I think it is due to his colleagues—his term of service in this body being longer than theirs—that he should explain his attitude. There is a gentleman in the second division, from Wd. 23, who voted "Yes" last year, and voted "Yes" in 1905. I refer to Mr. Carruth, from Wd. 23. I think it is due to his colleagues that he should explain to the members of this body. I wish that he would. I would like to take issue with him. Then there is the gentleman from Wd. 12, sitting in the same division, who voted for this appropriation last year, when this same question of financial policy was discussed. I think it is due to the members of this body that he should explain to the members of this body whether or not he intends to change his vote. One of the gentlemen from Wd. 11 is absent, and I will not speak of him. But there is another gentleman from Wd. 11, a gentleman who also sits in the first division—and, mind you, this is all Wd. 11! Why, they tell me that out of the seven members of the Finance Commission there are four from Wd. 11. But, speaking of the Councilman, the colleague of the gentleman from Wd. 11, I wish to call your attention to the fact that he voted "Yes" on an appropriation of \$300,000 in 1905, and voted last year the same way. He does not come in here this year and offer any explanation, although at the last meeting of the Council he voted "No." And last, but not least, there is my good friend from Wd. 24, who sits in the first division. He voted "Yes" last year, and "Yes" the year before; and he does not offer any explanation. But there is one man, Mr. President, for whom there seems to be an explanation. I refer to the absent member from Wd. 10. I have heard it said that the gentleman from Wd. 10 received his appointment as register of probate because he did a certain thing in connection with the passage of the last loan bill for his party. I refer to David T. Montague, Wd. 10. I heard that statement made in the corridors of the Suffolk County Court House. Does that account for the fact—

Mr. McLENNAN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. McLENNAN—The time allowed for debate on reconsideration has expired.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule that the point of order is well taken, thirty minutes only being allowed for debate.

Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17—Mr. President—

The PRESIDENT—For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. JOYCE—I rise to have the gentleman's time extended five minutes longer.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the rules provide that the time allowed for debate on a question of reconsideration shall be thirty minutes. The question is on the motion to reconsider.

Mr. LILL of Wd. 8—Mr. President—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that no debate is in order.

Mr. LILL—Mr. President, I desire to make a motion—that the rule be suspended.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will accept that motion. Which rule?

Mr. LILL—Rule 36.

The motion to suspend Rule 36 was declared carried. Mr. McLENNAN doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and the motion

to suspend Rule 36 was carried, 24 members voting in the affirmative and 2 in the negative.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, does that former attitude of the gentleman from Wd. 10 explain his attitude on this bill when he voted "Yes" last year, "Yes" the year before, and "No" this year? Now, I think I have named as many members as I care to. I hope that in view of the fact that no sound argument has been advanced in opposition to this bill, and in view of the fact that the policy of the gentleman from Wd. 11, who assumes the leadership of his party, has varied on two different occasions since the first of the year, I hope that the members of his own party will take heed to the will of the people, as expressed by the avowed opponents of the present administration, the Finance Commission, and the daily press. I hope that the money will be appropriated which is needed for the protection of our citizens and taxpayers from fire by means of the construction of new water mains and the relaying of old ones, and for the ensuring of the health and welfare of the people of this city, whether they come from Wd. 11 or from South Boston.

Mr. McGIVERN of Wd. 16—Mr. President, I move the previous question.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I wish that the gentleman, in fairness, would withdraw that. I have listened with a good deal of interest to what my friend in the third division (Mr. McCullough) has said, and I think it is only fair that I should be allowed an opportunity to answer him. I hope that the sense of "a square deal" will prevail, and that the previous question will not be ordered.

Council refused to order the previous question.

Mr. PIERCE—I thank the members very much for their kindness. Mr. President, the municipal ownership advocate in the third division has criticized me for not having offered an amendment to the appropriation bill providing for the appropriation of money from taxes for the purposes for which we are now asked to borrow. My answer to that is that he is going a long way outside of the subject under consideration to find arguments. He must be pretty hard put to it or he would not do that. In answer to that statement I want to say that last year there was credited to the Water Department from taxes, under an act of the Legislature which authorized that procedure, \$120,000 without any action on our part. So it was within the province of His Honor the Mayor to credit this \$120,000 from the taxes, without ever coming to us at all; and he might very well have done that—might much better have done that than to borrow money to pay interest, when our debt is now so overpowering. I think that any head of a department who gets what he asks for in his annual estimates is pretty fortunate. I do not think you will find more than four or five who do. It is generally assumed that their estimates are to be cut down about one-third. If the head of the Water Department got within \$64,000 of what he asked for, it seems to me that he did pretty well. Now, Mr. President, the gentleman in the third division read an editorial from the Post. I handed him, also, an editorial from the Herald; but he had his own copy. I saw those editorials, and I took the trouble to go around and see the gentlemen who wrote them. I find that in the first place they were both misled into believing that the Finance Commission had recommended the loan of \$75,000—which, as you now, is not true. I found also that they had not read the

account of the debate here last Monday night, so that they did not know our reasons for the position which we took. I found also that they did not have the figures and facts in regard to the present situation in that department. I can assure you, gentlemen, that after I had explained it to the gentleman in each of those offices, I felt sure that they realized that our position was the correct position; and I feel sure that tomorrow morning you will find no criticism whatever in those two newspapers of the members of the Republican party, if they adhere to their expressed position. In fact, I think that inwardly those gentlemen who wrote those editorials will applaud our attitude. Now, Mr. President, in the case of the Herald, as I explained to the gentleman who wrote the editorial, it was most inconsistent on the part of that paper, because we were simply carrying out the policy of that paper—the policy which that paper had advocated during the whole of this year. Time and time again, that paper has said editorially that the only way to stop increasing our debt is to stop borrowing. They have said: "It is simple enough, if you only do it." So, we are now only practicing what the Herald has taught all the year; and they realize that now. I am not criticising them, because I feel that they realize that our position is the correct one. Moreover, they have said: "Go to the Legislature and repeal all the authority for borrowing money outside of the debt limit." Now, this money is going to be borrowed outside of the debt limit, so that in refusing to countenance this loan we are simply carrying out the policy which the Herald has advocated during the whole of the year. Now, Mr. President, in regard to playing politics—if to play politics means to vote in such a way as to make something accrue to your own selfish interests, if it means that we vote in order to get contracts for our company, if it means that we vote in order to get unnecessary employees put on the pay rolls of this already overburdened city, then I say that we are not playing politics. I think no one will contend that we can get these things easier by voting against the administration than by voting with the administration. But if by "playing politics" you mean that we are trying to give our party a reputation for doing the right thing, a reputation for looking out at all times for the genuine interest of the people, wealthy and poor, of all classes, then I admit that we are playing politics—and I glory in it. Mr. President, the Finance Commission has been accused of playing politics. Well, in the opinion of those gentlemen, anybody who opposes the present administration is playing politics. You know, and I know, that the members of the Finance Commission are looking out for the good of the community. They have said that where there is extravagance and waste, the things should be stopped. You can say that they are playing politics if you want to, but you know as well as I do that their actions are to be commended when any body of citizens try to do what they think is for the best interests of the city. Mr. President, I trust that this loan will not pass.

Mr. McCORMACK of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I feel that if the editorials in the Herald, the Post or any other paper are going to govern the action of this body, it should be abolished. It seems to me that arguments can be put forward in a sensible way, with a view to the interests of the city of Boston, without reference to the editorials in

the papers. There is not a man elected to this body but what is supposed to have good, hard, sound, common sense, and that is all that is necessary. Editorials do not govern my actions, and I trust that they do not govern the actions of any other members of this body; and all such talk, whether it be partisan or non-partisan, would never change my action on this bill. I come here, as I think the majority of the members of the body do, prepared to vote sensibly and reasonably upon every matter that comes before the body. I am sure that such an argument as has been advanced here, to which I have referred, is nonsensical. This bill has been before the body, and certainly every member understands how he desires to vote upon it. I know which way I intend to vote, and I know each intelligent member of the body—and they are all intelligent—will vote as he sees fit. We have heard a lot of loose talk, and I trust that we will come to some immediate action.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I do not wish to take up more than a moment or two of the Council's time. In view of the statement of the member from Wd. 11 (Mr. Pierce) I think it is well that I should tell the Council that I was talking with a member of the Finance Commission today, and the essence of that talk was practically that from their inquiry they were satisfied that not more than \$75,000 was necessary. This member of the commission told me that if he were a member of the Council, knowing Mr. Welch as he did, if Mr. Welch said \$75,000 was necessary, he would take Mr. Welch's word for it. I will refer to another matter which will not take me more than a moment. The member speaks of the fact that the Water Department has not decreased its expenditures, while a great part of the plant has been taken from it. I wonder if the member is aware of the fact that the state tax increased from \$285,000 in 1898-1899 to \$1,822,000 last year? It seems to me, in view of the facts, that it is hardly possible that the \$64,000 which the gentleman speaks of can be obtained by economies in the conduct of the department. The question, as it appears to my mind, can be stated concisely. The Water Department comes to us and says, "Gentlemen of the Council, the Water Department, which has given to the city of Boston \$6,000,000, which owns its own distributing plant now free from debt"—for it is practically free from debt in view of the fact that the debt that does exist will be taken care of by the sinking fund—"and which has given you water for your various departments for ten years, now comes and asks you to lend the credit of the city to borrow \$75,000, that it may buy some pipes to lay where they are necessary for the fire protection of the city. What will you do?" Gentlemen, your action will be your answer to that question.

Mr. GREEN of Wd. 24—Mr. President, when I came here tonight I did not intend to say a word upon the question, but there have been a lot of figures thrown around here in which I have become somewhat interested. The gentleman in the fourth division who has just spoken (Mr. Fitzgerald), has spoken of about 35 or 40 old men now doing work that could be done by 15 or 20 younger men. Well, suppose 15 men were thrown out of work. That would be a matter of just \$9000, and I for one, if that were the only question, would gladly vote for a loan of \$9000 if that were the only way in which those men could be kept at work. I don't think I would vote to throw the honest old men who are not pro-

vided for by pension out of work. I consider it all nonsense to bring that matter up as having any bearing on this broad question. The gentleman also refers to the \$6,000,000 that the Water Department has given to other departments of the city of Boston. In ten years 10 per cent. of that would amount practically to what they are asking for tonight in this loan of \$75,000. He states another thing in his argument—that this money is needed to buy pipe to be used next year. Perhaps by that time this money will have been saved by the Water Department, or the Water Commissioner will know that he will have that money with which to go out and buy pipe by the end of the year. I hope he will. It is only a matter of \$75,000 anyway, and I think it is poor policy for any man who does not believe in borrowing money outside of the debt limit to be convinced by the arguments here tonight that he should vote for this loan of \$75,000.

Mr. LILL of Wd. 8—Mr. President, as this question has been debated more than one hour, I will move the previous question at this time.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I desire to say just a word in answer to the gentleman in front of me (Mr. Green). As I understand his attitude, he has no desire to see men thrown out of employment. I wonder if he understands that if there is no pipe to be laid there is no need of men to be employed as caulkers, as plumbers, etc., that if work cannot go on labor is not necessary, and therefore that it will mean the suspension of a large number of employees in the Water Department?

Mr. McLENNAN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I have no desire, nor was it the intention of my motion of a few moments ago, to restrict or limit debate on this question; but members seem to have entirely lost sight of the fact that the question is on reconsideration and that the motion does not cut off debate after that question has been acted upon and the matter is properly before us. There will then be plenty of time for debate. It seems to me the Chair has allowed considerable latitude and that the main question should be put.

Mr. GREEN—Mr. President, I would like to answer the gentleman in the third division (Mr. McCullough) by saying that I was not talking about discharging any number of men, but was talking about discharging the men whom the gentleman in the fourth division (Mr. Fitzgerald) has said were so old that they could not do a good day's work. I said that I did not believe in discharging those men, but I did not say a word about discharging the other men.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I asked a member of the Finance Commission if there was anything in their letter which should lead me to change my position upon this matter, and he said emphatically, "No." He said that my argument was absolutely good, and said, "I do not see any reason at all for the Republicans to change their attitude."

The main question was ordered, reconsideration prevailed, and the question came on the passage of the order. The Clerk called the roll with the following result:

Yeas—Barrett, Buckley, Clark (20), Colpoys, Crstello, Cronin, Daly (12), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hackett, Hanrahan, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (5),

O'Brien (18), Pendergast, Purcell, Rackowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Santosuoso, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Troy—45.
Nays—Carruth, Davidson, Green, Harding, McGregor, McLennan, Morgan, Pierce, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetserman—13.

Absent or not voting—Anderson, Bagley, Bramhall, Brown, Clark (24), Cose, Daly (17), Ferguson, George, Montague, Noyes, O'Brien (14), Peshorn, Roberts, Sheehan, Sorenson, Sullivan (15)—17.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I ask for an announcement of the result.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will get it in due season. The Chair is verifying the roll. Forty-five members have voted in the affirmative and thirteen in the negative; it is not a vote and the order is rejected.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, I move that we rescind the vote just taken, and assign further consideration of the same until tomorrow evening.

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I see no reason why this order should be assigned until tomorrow night. We have been here Monday night, we are here tonight, and now they want us to come again tomorrow night. Why? So that the Mayor of this city can get votes enough to pass this order. That is no reason to assign for our coming here again tomorrow night. There is no excuse for it. If you cannot get your votes in two nights, you cannot get them in three nights. I hope the proposed action will not go through.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I would like a ruling of the Chairman. Would not that amount to a second or third consideration of the same order?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that from a motion to rescind is different from a motion to reconsider.

Mr. PIERCE—I would like to ask what fraction is necessary to rescind?

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, before you make a ruling on that, I would like to withdraw my motion with unanimous consent.

There being no objection, Mr. Doherty's motion was considered withdrawn.

LOAN ORDER OF \$75,001.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of ward 13 offered an order—That the sum of seventy-five thousand and one dollar (\$75,001) be appropriated to be expended by the Water Commissioner for the construction of new and the replacing of old water pipes; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

Mr. McLENNAN of ward 12 moved a suspension of the rule that the order might go upon its passage tonight; declared lost.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I move that further consideration of the order be assigned to the next meeting of the council.

The PRESIDENT—The rules not being suspended tonight, the order will naturally take its second reading at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING.

Mr. McCULLOUGH offered an order—That when this Council adjourns it be to meet on tomorrow (Friday) evening at 7:45 o'clock.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24—Mr. President, before that order goes on its passage I would like to know why it is necessary to adjourn this meeting?

You haven't your votes tonight, you didn't have them last Monday night, and you will not have them tomorrow night. When a man gives two nights of his time here in one week I think that is sufficient, and I don't see any reason for trying to jam through any such order as this. I don't call it good politics, I don't think it is good government, and I don't blame any Finance Commission for finding fault with the present administration. I think your attitude tonight is an attitude that no member of the City Government should take. You haven't your votes, and you can only get them by making promises which will land you where some of us were landed a short time ago—before the District Attorney. You don't do your lobbying tonight, but during the daytime and all day tomorrow. I don't think that is what we want in the city of Boston, and I hope that order will not pass here tonight.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, just a word in reply to the gentleman who has just spoken. When I was a candidate for the office of Common Councilman I pledged myself to perform the duties that might be required of me. We all tell the people, when we are seeking their votes, that we are willing to be their public servants, that we wish to act as their agents. I went before the people of East Boston and told them that I was ready and willing to come here at any and all times when there might be a meeting of this City Government. Since I have been a member of the body I have never missed a meeting of the Common Council and never dodged a roll call. I am willing to come here tonight, tomorrow night or any other night until such time as the city of Boston has transacted its business. I am willing to come here at almost any hour of the day in order that the business of the city may be carried on. Every member of this body, when he is seeking office, when he is seeking the votes of the people, goes before them and tells them he is willing to serve them. Now, no man elected to this body should refuse to come here and serve the people in such a manner as his pledge calls for. I have come here tonight and am willing to come tomorrow night or any other night, six days in the week and 352 days in the year, if necessary, in order to perform my pledge to the people who have sent me here to represent them, and I don't see why the gentleman from Wd. 24 (Mr. Willcutt) should object to coming here, if the rest of us have no objection to coming. The business of this city requires that certain things should be done by the body. Unless certain measures are acted upon the business of the city cannot be properly conducted and we should stand ready to fulfill our pledges and obligations to the people who elected us.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, as I understand it, 58 members are present here tonight. The body comprises 75 members, therefore 17 are absent. This is a very important question, and I feel that those 17 members should be given the privilege of voting upon it. For instance, Mr. Daly of Wd. 17, Mr. O'Brien of Wd. 14, Mr. Sheenan of Wd. 17, Mr. Sorenson of Wd. 1 and Mr. Sullivan of Wd. 15 are five among the 17 absentees. I think, in fairness to these five gentlemen, and likewise to the other 12, that we should at least give up one more night to the consideration of this important question, and I think the members will agree to come here tomorrow night to consider this question again.

Mr. WILLCUTT—Mr. President, Mr. McCullough has mentioned five names

from the Democratic party as being absent this evening, and has asked that they should be given an opportunity to vote on this question. That simply means that the administration is going to try to get five men to vote in favor of this order. Now, that is not fair politics. Those men may have a reason for not voting for this measure. They may not be here tomorrow night. They may not be well, or may be out of town, and they may be out of town or unable to come here tomorrow night. The fact is that five or six others of your Democratic members may not be here tomorrow night. The gentleman, by making that statement here this evening, has practically placed those men on record as voting against that measure, and is trying to force them to vote for it. That is unfair politics, and is entirely uncalled for. In regard to Mr. Doherty, I understand that he is running for the Senate, and consequently feels called upon to make as nice a speech as possible. (Laughter.) It occurs to me that this is a Democratic measure, one that His Honor the Mayor is very strongly in favor of, and Mr. Doherty, being a strong defender of the present administration, naturally favors the loan bill, and, in order to secure the support in his district of His Honor the Mayor, feels that he must support the bill this evening. What does he care for the voters in his ward? Do you suppose he goes around and asks them how he shall vote on this measure? No. He does what the little man in the chair down in the corner says—pardon me, Mr. President, what His Honor the Mayor says. If he favors the measure, Mr. Doherty is in favor of it, and none of the Democratic members here favor it because the voters in their wards may be in favor of it. Mr. President, I cannot honestly see any reason why we should have an adjournment until tomorrow night. I came here Monday, and I have come here tonight. Both evenings I have had to give up other engagements, and I expect to have to be away tomorrow night and on Saturday night. I know others here are in the same position that I am. You haven't the votes tonight, and you won't have them tomorrow night, and I think, Mr. President, you will agree with me that it is a waste of time for us to come here tomorrow night. His Honor the Mayor may be able to get enough members here to vote for it, but it will not be for the interests of any of the people they represent. It will be in their own interest, pure and simple.

The PRESIDENT—Regarding what the gentleman has said about the Chair agreeing with him, I will say that if we can scare up those five Democrats tomorrow it looks pretty good to me.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, I don't care to prolong the agony any longer. I realize, as a true Democrat should, that there are not votes enough tonight to pass a measure which is of importance to all the people of Boston, regardless of political affiliation. Reading the newspapers this evening I was somewhat interested in the arguments presented in the columns of some of the papers showing why this was not a partisan measure. At all times I have come here and done my duty, regardless of party. I was sent here by a Democratic constituency to represent East Boston. The gentleman says that because I am a candidate for senator in the second Suffolk district, I am advocating the mayor's measures. He knows and every member of the body knows that the mayor and I have differed and we may differ again. Upon

all matters pertaining to East Boston, when I think I am right I will differ with any person who takes a contrary position, regardless of what his position in the community may be or what office he may hold. I have differed with his honor the Mayor to a great extent, possibly more so than any other Democrat in this body. But it has been an honest difference of opinion. It was a difference of opinion that affected my district, and when that district is affected I cast aside all party feeling and act and vote according to my judgment and conscience, for the best interests of the district I represent, regardless of party politics or

petty politics, or anything that my friend in the first division may term it. I do not stand here tonight in advocacy of this measure because of my candidacy for any office. I do not care who is with me in my candidacy in the second senatorial district, so long as I represent the people, and so long as I advocate the people's cause I will abide and stand by their judgment, regardless of John F. Fitzgerald or anybody else. (Applause).

The order was passed.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Purcell of ward 6, at 10:30 P. M., to meet on Friday, Aug. 30, 1907, at 7:45 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Friday, Aug. 30, 1907.

Adjourned meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 o'clock P. M., President BARRETT presiding.

BUILDING PERMIT.

Mr. McCARTHY of Wd. 8 called up No. 13, past assignment, viz.:

13. Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the Franklin Building Association to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on south side of Ashmont St., Wd. 24, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall, as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied for mercantile purposes.

The question came on the motion of Mr. Willcutt to reconsider the vote of June 13, whereby the above order was passed.

Mr. McCARTHY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I desire to say in calling this up at this time that I have interviewed several members of this society and they have informed me that they have changed the plans from the three-story building which they were going to have, with a hall that they desired to let for dancing, etc., to a two-story building with simply a lodge hall, and that there will be no dancing. As that was the only objection that the gentleman from Wd. 24 (Mr. Willcutt) had at the time, I think now that the order should go on its passage tonight without any objection. I hope the Council will vote that way.

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24—Mr. President, a permit has been issued by the building department entirely different from what Mr. McCarthy now asks this Council to vote for. It is entirely illegal for this body to vote for a permit different from what has been placed on file in the building department. For that reason I would like to ask Mr. McCarthy of Wd. 8—a Democrat in this body defending the Odd Fellows of the city of Boston—why he wishes at this date, after the building plans have been changed from what was originally requested, to have this order passed? For what reason does he want this order passed? For what reason does he want this order to pass here this evening, when it is entirely illegal?

Reconsideration was declared carried. Mr. WILLCUTT—Mr. President, I doubt the vote.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will recognize the doubt, even although it is a somewhat unusual thing when a matter has been acted upon in the way the gentleman who doubts the vote wishes (laughter). Still, the Chair recognizes the doubt.

Reconsideration was refused by a rising vote, three members voting in the affirmative, 12 in the negative.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR HEBREWS.

Mr. ROSENBERG of Wd. 8 offered an order—That the heads of the depart-

ments be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to give leave of absence to all employees of Hebrew faith, without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services rendered to the city of Boston, on Sept. 9-10 and Sept. 18, 1907. Referred to the Mayor.

NEXT MEETING.

Mr. TROY of Wd. 14 offered an order—That when this Council adjourns it be to meet again on Thursday, Sept. 26, at 7.45 o'clock P. M.

Passed.

CHANGING OF SQUARE NAME.

Mr. LILL of Wd. 8 called up No. 8, assignment, viz.:

8. Ordered, That the open space in Wd. 25 now known as and called Barry's Corner, be hereafter known as and called Stadium Sq.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. McCARTHY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I would like to say that I have made it a point today to go and look up something about Stadium Square. I have interviewed quite a number of people in that district and have found out that they all, out that way, consider that that square was named after Commodore Barry, instead of Mr. Barry's rum shop, as the gentleman said. So I believe the best thing we can do is to indefinitely postpone this order.

The PRESIDENT—Does the gentleman make that motion?

Mr. McCARTHY—Yes, sir.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, if it is in order at this time I would like to offer an amendment to the original order—that is, that the square in question be named "Boyle O'Reilly Sq." (Laughter.) I mean that, Mr. President, in all seriousness. I don't know of any citizen of this city who is more entitled to have a monument placed to his name, to his credit, and to the honor of the race from which he sprung, than John Boyle O'Reilly. Therefore, I offer an amendment, that the square in question be named "Boyle O'Reilly Sq." after the immortal poet of the Irish race, after one of the most distinguished citizens that the city of Boston has ever had. I hope, Mr. President and gentlemen of the Council, that my amendment will prevail.

Mr. McCARTHY—The amendment is very acceptable to me, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT—The question is on the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I find objections to Mr. Doherty's amendment. I think his statement is entirely uncalled for, and I think his asking that the name of that square be changed to John B. O'Reilly Sq. is nothing more nor less than a reflection on the Irish name. I feel that that should not be considered as a joke. There is no reason for his making any such statement or offering any such order here. Barry's Corner was named—as Mr. Doherty or any of his friends may find out if they take the trouble to look it up—after a man who ran a roadhouse there. If the citizens, the taxpayers, the property owners of that section wish it to be called "Stadium Sq.," I, living in Wd. 24, Mr. Doherty, living in Wd. 2, or any other man living in any other ward of this city, has no right to offer any objections to it. When he comes here this evening and offers an amendment to name it "John Boyle O'Reilly Sq.," it is entirely uncalled for; and I, although I may be a Protestant,

feel that it is a reflection on the Irish race, because Mr. John Boyle O'Reilly was a personal friend of a friend of mine. (Loud laughter.)

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President and gentlemen of the Council, I am sorry to see that the name of O'Reilly should be greeted with such levity here tonight. I am sorry to find that the Common Council of this city should treat a name that is synonymous with the patriotism of Boston in the manner in which it has been treated here tonight. Mr. President, I resent the imputation of the gentleman in the first division. I think that his remarks are unfair and uncalled for. When I arose tonight, Mr. President, and offered that amendment I did it in all seriousness of mind. I did it in order that I might pay honor and tribute to the man who, as I said before, was one of the foremost citizens of this city. No man in this city can impugn the name of O'Reilly. No man in this country can asperse the name of John Boyle O'Reilly. Let him look to the patriotism and the Americanism of John Boyle O'Reilly and he will have an incentive which will make of him one of the best citizens that this world has ever produced. Mr. President, I am surprised to think that any member of this body should oppose giving to a square the name of one of the most distinguished citizens that this city has ever had within its borders. I did not intend, Mr. President, to offer any apologies or to bestow any encomiums upon the race of which I am a descendant. John Boyle O'Reilly's proudest boast was that he was an American citizen and that he was a citizen of Boston. This city has honored O'Reilly. There is a memorial to his honor in the so-called Back Bay section of this city; and the best men, the men of art, the men of letters and literature, the class of men of whom my friend is a descendant, were proud to do honor to the name of O'Reilly. Can we do less than that which our predecessors have done, and name a square after the immortal John Boyle O'Reilly? I am sorry that my friend in the first division is so narrow in his mind, so narrow in his views that he forgets that this country is big enough and broad enough for us all, that this country is a country of the emigrant, the country that has a flag of which we are all proud. My father was an emigrant, Mr. President; and I am glad that he was an emigrant. I am glad, Mr. President that my father left the old country, so that it was my proud privilege to be born in Boston. That is an honor that anybody should be proud of. It is an honor to be a citizen of this country. It is an honor greater than that which comes to the natives of any other country in the world. But it is a distinctly greater honor to be born in Boston. I am glad that my father left Ireland, so that I should be born here. Ireland has no attractions for me, Mr. President. My father left there and I have a great deal of respect for it on account of the fact that my father came from there, but that is all. Now, my friends, O'Reilly was the most distinguished representative of that country who ever came to these shores. We do not care what any man thinks about what the Irish have done in this country. The Irish fought at Bunker Hill. My friend Willcutt, let me tell you that there were five Dohertys there (laughter); but I do not find in the reading of the history of the battle of Bunker Hill that there was one single Willcutt (laughter). My friends, I believe that you will take me in all sincerity of purpose, that you will adopt my amendment and that you will name this square—which has been so ludicrously

referred to tonight as having been named after a rum seller—and name it after one of the most distinguished citizens that Boston has ever had—John Boyle O'Reilly. Mr. President and gentlemen of the Council, let me say in closing that I sincerely trust that my amendment will prevail.

Mr. McCULLOUGH moved that further consideration of the matter will be assigned to the next meeting.

The PRESIDENT—The question is on assignment. Those in favor will—

Mr. WILLCUTT—Mr. President, I rise to a question of personal privilege.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his question of personal privilege.

Mr. WILLCUTT—I wish to answer Mr. Doherty's remarks.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that that is not a question of personal privilege.

Mr. WILLCUTT—Mr. President, I ask for a fair ruling upon that.

The motion to assign further consideration of the matter until the next meeting was carried.

LOAN FOR WATER MAINS.

The President called up No. 1, unfinished business, viz:

1. Ordered, That the sum of seventy-five thousand and one dollars (\$75,001) be appropriated, to be expended by the Water Commissioner for the construction of new, and the replacing of old, water pipes; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I do not think that much more can be said in favor of the passage of this order. But inasmuch as the charge has been made successfully, and has been proven, that this order will undoubtedly be defeated because of the action of the Republican machine, through its leader in this body, I want to call to the attention of some of the Republican members, and especially those from Dorchester, what the passage of this bill would mean to their district. In a communication sent to the Board of Aldermen on the 22d of this month, among the things which the department intended to do in Dorchester was the construction of a main in the Neponset river section, at a cost of \$10,000; and there was also another item for the completion of the laying of the 20-inch low service main in Codman square, Dorchester. I call those items to the attention of those members because I hope that at this last moment they will think of the needs of their district. There is also an item for the completion of a 30-inch main, to provide high service in Washington and Sanford Sts., Dorchester; to Morton St., calling for an expenditure of \$20,000. So, Mr. President, I wish to say to the silk Republican members in this body who come from the Dorchester district, Wds. 20 and 24, and none of whom have as yet given to this body any reason for opposing the passage of this loan order, that it is well to consider what improvements would go to their district. I also, at the last meeting, called the attention of the members that those representatives of Dorchester voted for an appropriation of \$300,000 for last year, and some of them the year before. Now, Mr. President, I am satisfied that we might discuss this question all night and that we would not thereby change a vote. I am satisfied that the votes must come from the members of the

party which has made this a party issue. I sincerely hope that the members from Dorchester and from Wd. 10, and from the others wards which will profit by the passage of this loan order, will see that they ought to favor this order. I am also reminded that a certain amount of money is to be expended on Tremont street. According to the letter of the 22d, it was proposed to spend there the sum of \$85,000. That letter shows that it was also proposed to spend a sum of money for a main in the Brighton district, from Brookline Ave. to Coolidge Corner. So, Mr. President, in the very districts of the men who are opposing the passage of this loan order, some of the improvements are to be made. Now, then, Mr. President, we are ready for the vote. If you want to defeat the order, defeat it.

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24—Mr. President, Mr. McCullough in his remarks this evening has referred to the Dorchester members of the Council. In his remarks of last evening—and I unfortunately was absent when he made them—he referred to a vote which I, as a member representing the Dorchester district, cast last year in favor of the water loan. He asked me why I cast my vote last year in favor of that loan. Gentlemen, I would not give you my reason here tonight if the gentleman had not called upon me to give it to you, because I do not believe in casting reflections upon the present administration unless I am obliged to do so. After I was first elected a member of this honorable body I had the pleasure of meeting His Honor the Mayor for the first time. That meeting occurred in his office. I said to Mr. Fitzgerald: "I am no politician. I know nothing about how you conduct your business in City Hall. Unfortunately, I am nothing but a business man." He smiled and said nothing. I said: "Your record, your party record, is against you." He said: "Mr. Willcutt, what my party may have done in the past is no reason why you should vote against any measure which I may wish to have passed, now that I am Mayor of this city. All I ask of you." Mr. President—"is to give me a fair show. Let me demonstrate to you that I am honest, fair, square and above board."

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that he is open to conviction.

Mr. WILLCUTT—I said: "Mr. Mayor, you are from my ward, and are a near neighbor of mine; in fact, we live within a stone's throw of each other. I am willing to give you a fair show, and a chance to demonstrate that the statements which you make are true." Mr. President, there is no member of this body who sat with me here last year but what will admit that I did stand by him fairly and squarely, until he proved that the statement which he made to me was an absolute lie, pure and simple.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman is out of order.

Mr. WILLCUTT—I beg your pardon. If the Chair is—

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman has reflected on His Honor, the Mayor of Boston, and is out of order. Unless the gentleman retracts his statement he cannot proceed.

Mr. WILLCUTT—In what way, Mr. President?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair has made a plain statement. I do not see that I can make it any plainer.

Mr. WILLCUTT—You want me to retract the statement that I made.

The PRESIDENT—Or else you cannot proceed.

Mr. WILLCUTT—It is absolutely impossible for me to do that.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will deprive Mr. Willcutt the privilege of the floor.

Mr. WILLCUTT—All right, Mr. President. You can do so.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I do not know as there is much to be gained by a further discussion of this subject. I am of the same opinion now that I was last night—that some of the Republican members of this body are playing politics with this order. We have repeatedly heard the gentleman from Wd. 11 stand here in his place in this Council and accuse the Democrats of playing politics. If there has ever been a clear case of playing politics with an order which is purely for the benefit of the city, I have not witnessed it. The situation is very clear. The gentleman from Wd. 11, who is one of the few Republicans who have got up here and even made a semblance of an excuse for his attitude in this matter, admits that the Water Department is \$64,000 short of what they had last year. Now, the only way in which that amount can be obtained, so the gentleman says, is to practice economy in the department; and the only way to practise economy in the department is either to lay off the men for a while, or else to discharge a part of them permanently. I do not agree to the adoption of either course. I think that the fact which I stated last night, that the Water Department has decreased the payroll of that department between 300 and 400 in the last seven or eight years, showed that that department now is down pretty close to a working basis. If the member from Wd. 11 (Mr. Pierce) says that the whole force of the Water Department should be suspended for a month or two months, in order that this money might be obtained for the purpose of buying pipe for the use of the department, I must say that I am against that. I do not believe in laying off these men, many of whom are dependent from week to week upon their wages for the support of their families. I do not believe in depriving them—

Mr. DRISCOLL—Mr. President, I move that debate upon this matter is closed at ten minutes before ten. I think that there has already been sufficient talk in regard to this matter.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the gentleman is not in order.

Mr. DRISCOLL—I think that every member in this body is thoroughly informed on this matter.

The PRESIDENT—Mr. Fitzgerald of Wd. 3 has the floor.

Mr. FITZGERALD—Mr. President, as I was saying, I do not believe in depriving these men, who are dependent upon the wages that they receive from week to week for the support of their families, of their chance to earn their living for their families. I do not believe in laying them off for a month, or for two months, or for even a week. I do not think it is necessary, in order to suit the whim of a few people in this body, to do that; and if it comes to the question of buying this pipe by means of suspending the Water Department men for a month or two months, I want to say that it will be better to allow the water pipes to go. That is the issue here tonight. The Republican members practically say to the Water Department: "If you want any money for the purpose of buying supplies, suspend the employees for sufficient length of time to enable you to buy it." If the Republican members of this body want to go on record as in favor of that policy, they are welcome to it. I do not think that any citizen of this city, whether he be Republican or Democrat, will sanction such a position. It seems

to me, therefore, that the Republican members of this body are playing very poor politics in taking the attitude which they have on this question. There are a number of citizens in this city who hold the welfare of their city above their party, and who believe that when a man is elected Mayor of this city he should not be hampered in his work. In this matter the Mayor is pretty near being hampered and the water department is being hampered. As I said last night in my remarks, the Water Department has made here a very reasonable request. The Republican members of this body, because they think that it may be a good political move, say that they will not give it to that department. Unfortunately this matter comes up a this time, when some of the members of this body are away on their vacations; and the Republican members have taken advantage of that situation to hold up this order. It seems to me that it is hardly necessary for me to state again, as I did last night, just what the situation of the Water Department is. To state it concisely, it is this: The Water Department has given to the city \$6,000,000. It has given to the various departments of the city during the last ten years or more free water. In addition to that, we have our water plant, the distributing plant of the Water Department, practically free from debt—for while there is a debt there is also a sinking fund which will not only entirely take care of that debt, but will also take care of this \$75,000 contained in this loan order, if this body passes the order.

Mr. President, I might talk on here indefinitely and I don't know that much good would be accomplished. When men are playing a political game in a matter of this sort I don't know what sort of argument we can use to them to get them to desist. During all the discussion which has taken place not a single word has been said which would warrant this body in any way doubting the statement of the Water Commissioner when he says that this money is needed. When the Water Commissioner appeared before the Finance Commission he went over the whole thing with them. He showed them why it was necessary. If his reasons were not good and sound the members of that commission would know it. One member of the commission, Ex-Mayor Matthews, is probably more familiar with the Water Department, its history and its workings, than any other man in this city. Neither Mr. Welch nor any other man could fool him in regard to the facts in that department. But the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Pierce) stands up and says, "I don't care for Mayor Matthews or for anybody else. Even though they accepted Mr. Welch's statement as a fact, I will not accept it as a fact. I am against this, because I believe that the Water Department should practice economy." He says that the city debt is increasing at an unwarranted pace. Gentlemen of the Council, this is not properly a city debt. In this case the city government merely lends its credit to the Water Department. The Water Department, as I pointed out in my remarks last night, is a private enterprise in the hands of the city. Properly, the book-keeping of the Water Department should be entirely separate from that of the rest of the city. Unfortunately, that has not always been so, as Mr. Matthews pointed out in his able valedictory address to the City Council at the end of his term as chief executive of this city. I don't know, as I have said before, that there is anything to be gained by further discussion of this matter, anything more

than has been gained by the discussion that has taken place up to this minute; but I do hope that some of the Republican members, at least, will see their way clear in this matter and will vote for the order.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, at the meeting last night I understood the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Pierce) to be of the opinion that the Finance Commission had not said that it was necessary to obtain money for the construction of mains. I want to read the letter of the Finance Commission to His Honor the Mayor and the City Council. (Reading):

"Boston, Aug. 15, 1907.

"To the Mayor and City Council:—

"Gentlemen:—As an order for a loan outside the debt limit of \$300,000 to provide for the extension of water mains has been specially assigned to the meeting of the Board of Aldermen called for Aug. 26th next, and as, under St. 1903, Ch. 191, any loan for this purpose to be available during the current fiscal year must be acted upon by the City Council before Sept. 1st, we think this an opportune time to make the following suggestions, which are the result of a preliminary investigation into the Water Department.

"For some years past the revenue from the sale of water has apparently not been sufficient to meet the current expenses of the department, to pay the interest on the city water debt, and to defray the city's share of the state assessment for the Metropolitan Water Works. There has, therefore, been no surplus revenue available for the new water mains which it is necessary to lay from year to year, and the expenditures for this purpose have been met by loan.

"For the current fiscal year, 1907-1908, however, the situation appears to be quite different. The estimated income of the department from the sales of water and other sources, as figured out for the annual estimates, was \$2,616,200. There was also carried over from the accounts for 1906-1907 to the credit of this department the sum of \$54,739.39, making the total amount available for the purposes of the department during the current year, without recourse to taxation or to loans, \$2,670,939.39. The City Council has appropriated \$600,000 for the expenses of the Water Department during the present year, and \$179,000 for the requirements of the city water debt. The requirements of the state on account of the Metropolitan Water Works amount to \$1,726,588.68. There will thus be a surplus revenue of \$165,350.71 from the operations of the Water Department for the current fiscal year. Put in tabulated form the figures are as follows:

"1907-1908.

"Estimated revenue from sales of water and other sources.	\$2,616,200.00
"Balance carried over from 1906-1907	54,739.39
"Total monies available without recourse to loans or taxes	\$2,670,939.39
"Appropriated for department expenses	\$600,000.00
"Appropriated to meet the requirements of the city water debt...	179,000.00
"Requirements of the Metropolitan Water Works.....	1,726,588.86
	\$2,505,588.86
	\$165,350.71"

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I rise

to a point of order, that the gentleman's time has expired.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that Mr. McCullough started speaking at quarter of ten (it was at this time ten minutes of ten).

Mr. PIERCE—The gentleman is allowed how much time?

The PRESIDENT—Fifteen minutes.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—(continuing reading from the Finance Commission's communication):

"Careful inquiries at the Water Department and in the office of the City Engineer have satisfied us that the total amount of money which can be reasonably and economically expended during the remainder of the fiscal year by the department for all purposes, including the extension of mains, is \$382,000. Deducting the balance now on hand of \$147,000 (as stated to us by the department) leaves the amount to be provided for the requirements of the current year at \$235,000, or \$70,000 in excess of the \$165,000, estimated surplus income."

There, Mr. President, is where the Finance Commission makes the statement that at least \$70,000 more is needed for the laying and construction of mains. (Continuing reading:)

"We suggest, both for the sake of preventing an unnecessary increase in the city debt and as a matter of justice to the water takers, that a specific appropriation of this surplus income be made by the City Council for the extension of mains, and that the pending loan order for the same purpose be reduced to \$70,000 or \$75,000."

I ask, Mr. President, in view of that statement in writing and in the minutes of the Board of Aldermen of Aug. 26, and in view of the fact that the gentleman from ward 11 last night made the statement that no such recommendation was made, that the members of this body turn to the minutes and see where the Finance Commission recommended an additional \$70,000 or \$75,000. (Continuing reading:)

"We desire to direct your attention to this matter in the confident belief that in the present circumstances you will perceive no necessity for raising over \$75,000 at the present time by loan for laying water mains."

Is there one phrase, is there one sentence in the entire letter that would lead you to believe that the Finance Commission at any time did not believe that this extra money was necessary? (Continuing reading:)

"Indeed, in view of the provision of the act of 1903 referred to above, it is at least doubtful whether a loan in excess of this amount would be legal. The community is now burdened with an annual charge of nearly \$7,500,000 for the interest and sinking fund requirements of the city, county and metropolitan debt, and no increase in these charges should be permitted without a clear necessity. If the policy herein recommended is pursued, there is, in our opinion, a strong possibility that with the expected increase in revenue future loans for the extension of mains may be avoided altogether. Respectfully yours.

The Finance Commission.

"By Nathan Matthews, Chairman."

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. I am a member of this body and I object to having the body made ridiculous. I ask that the Chair stop the filibustering. It does not do us a bit of credit and it hurts our reputation in the eyes of all good citizens. Moreover, it shows the spirit in which this money is asked for.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that Mr. McCullough has the floor. The Chair did the justice to the

gentleman of recognizing him on his point of order, but not for the purpose of allowing him to make a speech. The Chair will state that Mr. McCullough has the floor and under the rules is entitled to 15 minutes for debate.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the gentleman who has just spoken the meaning of the term "filibustering."

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I read that letter in its entirety, not for the purpose of filibustering, as stated by the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Pierce), but to prove that one of the arguments he made last night and one that he has made since the consideration of this loan order was entirely unfair, if not untrue. I now want to answer the statement made by the gentleman from Wd. 11 relative to his visit to the Boston daily papers, the Post and the Herald. If I am not mistaken, he stated to the members of this body that there would appear in the morning papers a retraction of the editorials written yesterday. I took pains to note the editorial columns of the Boston Post this morning and saw nothing but a reiteration of what appeared there yesterday. In the Boston Herald there was no retraction, and if what the gentleman from Wd. 11, or what I believe him to have said is true, about the editor being mistaken and misled, there should have been a retraction in the Boston Herald. Those are the only two arguments he has offered—one, that the Finance Commission never recommended the loan, and the other, that because of certain figures he has been able to get together the department does not need it. I think, in view of the fact that the members of his party are those who are to be benefited—those in Dorchester, those in the South End, those in Brighton—instead of attempting to whip the members of his party into line, playing petty peanut politics, he should in all fairness to the people of Boston release them and allow them to vote as they please, without having fear put into them because the Republican City Committee may punish them for their action.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I am willing to help the gentleman out a little in his filibustering, for the sake of answering certain of his arguments. I did not say that either of those papers would retract. Moreover, the gentleman knows that I did not say that, and is simply resorting to his usual methods in debate. I said that those papers, I felt sure, would not write any more editorials criticising our action. So far as the Herald is concerned, my statement proved correct. In regard to the Post editorial this morning I think a statement is due from me. I saw the gentleman who wrote that first editorial, and he assured me that there would not be another such editorial in that paper. But of course a newspaper is made up of a good many individuals, and he may not have written the second editorial. So it can be easily explained that both the gentleman and myself have stated the facts as they are. In regard to this matter of the newspapers, I am very glad it is brought up, because I can call the attention of the body to the fact that His Honor the Mayor went the rounds of the newspapers on Wednesday night, either by telephone or in person, and all that he could scare up by his personal efforts were these two editorials. The action of the Herald today is more significant than it appears, because yesterday, as I am informed, the Mayor went again to that paper. So that the Herald had presented to it both sides of the case,

one side by His Honor the Mayor and the other side by myself, and, as you see, they refused to give an editorial supporting the Mayor's position. So that, as far as the newspapers are concerned, I think we have no fear of their criticism. I will call attention to the fact that the Transcript and the Record have editorials in favor of the position which we have taken, and commending us for the interest we take in the economizing of the city's resources.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I dislike very much to enter into a controversy as to whether or not this government should pass a loan bill this evening in the sum of \$75,000 for the extension of water mains. But it is a well-known fact that earlier in the year, when this order was offered, the same gentleman who is now the strenuous opponent of the order would willingly have compromised on a sum much greater than \$75,000. He knows, and the members of this body know, that he, in his leadership of his Republican colleagues, would have willingly agreed to have voted for \$200,000 earlier in the year, if this administration or the members of the Democratic party in this body were willing to have compromised on that amount. Then why, Mr. President, does the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Pierce) come in here and oppose this at this late hour, this eleventh hour, when he knows that unless this order is passed here tonight this work cannot go on. The gentleman realizes, and everybody realizes, that this is not a work that appeals to one individual, but which appeals to all the citizens of our city. The water works are of such a nature that they affect the entire body of this community. The water works are of such a nature that they affect the health of the entire community. The gentleman knows that there are three things, Mr. President, which every well-regulated community must have. We must have sufficient fire protection. We must have sufficient police protection, and we must also have that article without which humanity cannot live—pure water. He knows, Mr. President, the condition of our water mains, because I stood with the gentleman outside of City Hall yesterday while he talked to a man in my presence, a well-known contractor, who said that he had dug up water pipes in the city of Boston that he could put a penknife through. I know of a case fully as bad as that, Mr. President. In East Boston one contractor was building certain sewerage works, and when he got his manhole dug fresh water came running in. He did not know what was the matter. He put pumps to work on it, but the pumps were unable to take out the water that came in there. He then notified the Water Department, and that department found that the fresh water being sent out there was the result of defective pipes which had been laid there more than fifty years ago. My friends, you cannot have too large or too pure a water supply. You cannot have too much fire protection, and neither can you have too much police protection. This is one of the necessary things that every well-regulated community has to have. You must provide it, and if you do not do so, you are not doing your duty by the people who sent you to represent them. Let us cast aside, Mr. President, all party differences here to night. If this were a question of party success, I would not stand up here and advocate it. I have always advocated looking out for the well-being of the community which I was sent here to represent, regardless of party affiliations or any party object. But this is

not a party measure. I wish to call to the gentleman's attention a letter which was sent to the Board of Aldermen by His Honor the Mayor, enclosing a letter from the Water Commissioner, and one from the Finance Commission, in regard to this matter under discussion this evening. If you gentlemen believe that the Finance Commission is a fit and proper body, then you should abide by their decision and uphold the recommendations contained in the letter which they sent to His Honor the Mayor, and through His Honor the Mayor to this body. Gentlemen, I beg your indulgence for one moment, while I read the communication from His Honor the Mayor, accompanying which was a letter from the Water Commissioner, an honest and estimable gentleman, a gentleman against whom the finger of scorn has yet to be pointed, a gentleman who, as you all know, has risen from the ranks, and a man who has served for more than thirty years as a member of the Water Department, a gentleman who is where he is, not by reason of any political affiliations, but because of merit, and because he has proved that he has the qualifications necessary to fill the position, and to serve the citizens of this city. That letter is as follows:

"Mayor's Office,

"City Hall, Aug. 26, 1907.

"To the City Council:—

"Your body now has before it a communication from the Finance Commission, under date of Aug. 15, addressed to the Mayor and City Council. I transmit herewith letters addressed to me by the Fire Commissioner and the Water Commissioner, the latter enclosing a letter addressed to him by the City Engineer, stating the ideas of these officials as to work which should be done by the Water Department this year.

"After carefully considering the situation, I am of opinion that as seven months of the financial year have now expired, the sum of \$240,000, as recommended by the Finance Commission, can be made to cover the extensions of mains which are urgently required and which can be laid during the remainder of the working season of the Water Department, which ends by the middle of December. I, therefore, recommend that the accompanying orders, appropriating \$165,000 from the estimated surplus income of the Water Department during the current financial year, and authorizing a loan of \$75,000, be passed, in lieu of the order now pending before you authorizing a loan of \$300,000 for the extension of mains. While I have made no formal recommendation in favor of the passage of this \$300,000 loan order, it has received the support of the administration, and this support is certainly fully justified by the fact that the Finance Commission finds thus late in the year that \$240,000 is still required and can be profitably expended for this purpose."

That bears out my statement that the Finance Commission has recommended that this body should pass some order of this description, in order to facilitate the work of the Water Department.

"As to the method of providing this sum, I am heartily in sympathy with the recommendation of the Finance Commission that the surplus income of the department should first be applied to the extension of mains, and that only the necessary excess above this amount should be raised by loan. The order authorizing a loan of \$300,000 was introduced last February, and it could not be known at that time how much, if any, surplus income the Water Department would have, as this depends

entirely upon the amount of the assessment laid upon the city by the Metropolitan Water Commission, which amount was not determined until July. It now appears that whereas our Metropolitan water assessment amounted to \$1,822,556.33 in 1906, the assessment for the current year, instead of being greater, as would normally be the case, only amounts to \$1,726,583.86. This decrease, in place of an expected increase, of course makes the surplus income materially larger and makes it possible to pay for a considerable amount of new construction work out of income. I may call attention, incidentally, to the fact that a portion of the decrease in our assessment is to be attributed to the operation of Chapter 457 of the Acts of 1906, passed upon my petition, which remedied the former unjust basis of determining the apportionment laid upon the city of Boston.

"In view of the fact that under the provisions of Chapter 191 of the Acts of 1903, any loan for the extension of mains must be authorized by the City Council prior to the first day of September, immediate action upon these orders is necessary if extensions of mains which are urgently needed, both for the protection of property from fire and to meet the pressing requirements of water takers, are to be made this year. I may point out that the sum now recommended provides for less than one-half of the extensions which the City Engineer recommends should be made at once. Respectfully,

"John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor."

Now, gentlemen, we in Boston want new water mains. We desire new water mains, and we demand them from you representatives of the people in this body. We demand it of you gentlemen who were sent here to represent the people, the entire people, not your party, and not your individual desires or wishes. You, gentlemen, came here on the first of January, and you took a solemn oath to serve the entire city of Boston. You held up your right hands in the same way that all of us did, and you swore upon your oath to serve the people of this city. Now show us, gentlemen of the Republican party, or whoever you may be, that you respect your oath; that you are going to fulfil the obligations which you were sent here to fulfil; that you will fulfil all the obligations which you promised to fulfil; and that you will do your duty, not by your party, but by the entire people of this city of Boston.

The question came on the passage of the order, and the Clerk called the roll, with the following result:

Yeas—Barrett, Colpoys, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Ducey, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hanrahan, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Troy—42.

Nays—Carruth, Green, McGregor, Morgan, Pierce, Wentworth, Willcutt—7.

Absent or not voting—Anderson, Bagley, Eramhall, Brown, Buckley, Clark (20), Clark (24), Cose, Davidson, Driscoll, Ferguson, Howard, Hackett, Harding, McCabe, McLennan, Montague, Noyes, Penhorn, Roberts, Santoso, Sheenan, Sorenson, Wharton, Woodside, Zetterman—26.

The PRESIDENT—Forty-two members having voted in the affirmative and seven in the negative, it is not a vote and the order fails of passage. The Chair at this time wishes to make a statement. We, the Democratic members of the body, have done the best we can to protect the interests of the city, but the bulk of Republican members of the Council, at the dictation of the Republican organization of the city, have shown a desire to impair the free service of the city in order to gain what they consider to be a point in party politics. The law stipulates that the appropriation must pass the City Government before the first of September, and that is the last chance possible for its consideration. The responsibility for an inadequate water supply in various sections of the city must, of course, rest with the Republican organization and the Republican Councilmen who voted against the passage of the measure. Every Democrat in the Council recorded on the order voted in its favor. I hope that the business men of the city will bear this fact in mind on election day.

Several members addressed the chair and Mr. Doherty of ward 2 was recognized.

Mr. PIERCE of ward 11—Mr. President, I rise to a point of personal privilege.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair has recognized Mr. Doherty.

Mr. PIERCE—But I rise to a question of personal privilege, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his question of personal privilege.

Mr. PIERCE—The honorable president has made a very serious statement—

The PRESIDENT—That is not a question of personal privilege.

Mr. PIERCE—I think, in all fairness, as a matter of personal privilege, I have the right to reply.

The PRESIDENT—in due course the Chair will recognize the gentleman, but the gentleman rises at various stages and makes points of personal privilege and then wanders along the line on something entirely foreign. Mr. Doherty has offered an order which the Clerk will read.

The Clerk read the paper offered by Mr. Doherty, as follows:

Whereas, this body has just received the sad news that His Grace Archbishop Williams died this evening, be it

Ordered—That this body as a mark of respect for said deceased do now adjourn.

The preamble and order were unanimously passed and the Council stood adjourned at 10:18 P. M. to meet on Thursday, Sept. 26, at 7:45 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Tuesday, Sept. 3, 1907.

Special meeting of the Board of Aldermen held in the Aldermanic Cham-

ber, City Hall, at 12 M., for the purpose of drawing jurors in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 514, Acts of 1894. Ald. BERWIN, senior member, presiding and a quorum present.

Jurors were drawn as follows:

Eight petit jurors, United States District Court, to appear Sept. 17 as follows: Edward J. Brennan, Wd. 23; Charles H. Bryant, Wd. 18; Michael J. Quinlan, Wd. 2; Frank Criley, Wd. 5; Harris Ullian, Wd. 16; Samuel Fellman, Wd. 18; James A. Cottrell, Wd. 17, and Thomas M. Lyons, Wd. 23.

Adjourned at 12.03 P. M.

DEATH OF

Archbishop John J. Williams.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Tuesday, Sept. 3, 1907.

Special meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, Ald. BERWIN, senior member, presiding.

The Clerk read the call as follows:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Sept. 2, 1907.
To the Members of City Council:—

You are hereby requested to meet in your respective chambers in the City Hall, Boston, on Tuesday, Sept. 3, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of taking appropriate action on the death of His Grace, Most Reverend John Joseph Williams, Archbishop of Boston.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Placed on file.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Sept. 3, 1907.

To the City Council:

The Most Rev. John J. Williams died at the archiepiscopal residence on Union Park street on Friday, Aug. 30, 1907. He was one of the few links that connected Boston's town government with the city. For 62 years of priestly life he was a power for good in the community, excelled by none. He dearly loved his native city. In his own simple utterance delivered on the occasion of his golden jubilee he expressed his affection for the city of his birth in these words: "I love the old city of Boston. I was born here when it was only the town of Boston. When I first remember it, it was a city of lanes, alleys, courts and crooked streets. Now we have the greater Boston turned into a beautiful city. From the time I was born I have never left it for long and I love it above all other cities."

This expression exemplifies the whole life of this superb citizen. He was a man of deeds, not words, and no section of the city is without a monument to his worth. In the larger way we may point to Boston College, St. John's

Seminary of Brighton, Carney Hospital, St. Mary's Infant Asylum, the Working Girls' Home, the Working Boys' Home, the Home for Destitute Catholic Children, the Carmelite Convent, the Asylum of the Little Sisters of the Poor, the House of the Good Shepherd, the House of the Angel Guardian, all powerful agencies in the moral, educational and humanitarian development of our city; together with more than a half hundred other institutions of learning and of charity, which owe their existence or their nurture to him and have been carried on to a large measure of success by his interest and devotion to their work. These institutions form but a small portion of the life work of this great man, and time alone will make a just estimate of the splendid good accomplished by this superb citizen.

The death of a churchman who accomplished so much furnishes ample justification for the assemblage of the members of the City Government in special meeting, the first time, I believe, that this has occurred in the history of the city. This man's life, though not a public one in the ordinary sense of election to public office, so enriched the life of the city that all classes of citizens will feel that the City Government in honoring him is paying him but a just tribute.

Though a strong churchman he never forgot his obligations to humanity, and from many hearts not of his own faith sincere and loving tributes have been and will be paid to his memory. We can all take a lesson from the life of this great citizen in the devotion which he bore to our city.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Ald. BANGS offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston learns with profound sadness of the death of the Most Reverend John J. Williams, Archbishop of Boston.

Resolved, That in this sad event Boston learns with profound sadness of the death of the Most Reverend John J. Williams, archbishop of Boston;

"Resolved, That in this sad event Boston has lost one of her most useful and honored citizens, who, notwithstanding the extent and the variety of his spiritual labors, and the time and the attention which they required, neglected none of the duties which a good citizen owes to the community, and demonstrated by the rectitude of his life that true citizenship and a saintly life, far from being contradictory, make the most harmonious blending. Born in Boston in the year in which the town gave place to the city, he was always, heart and soul, as well as

by birth, a Bostonian. To his last breath he was proud of his native city, and loved her with a deep and abiding affection. Quiet, modest, unassuming, a lover of his kind, prudent, just, complete in all the qualities that make a man, he so wore the white flower of a blameless life that none was lovelier, none more unstained than his. He was proud of the history of his native city, all of which he saw and a large part of which he was. He was a strong churchman, who presided over the destinies of a great church, a citizen of ever-widening influence, a tried patriot who loved all men as the children of a common father. For more than half a century he was the guiding star of a devoted people, who in full measure returned the love he bore them, and who, though mourning the death of a father, devoutly thank the Father of All that the rare symmetry of this man's life was so roundly and nobly perfected in his death.

Resolved, That though we mourn the loss of this great churchman and illustrious citizen, and feel that our city is made poorer indeed by his death, we yet reverently thank Divine Providence for preserving him to a serene old age and permitting us to share in the beneficent influence of his ministry among our citizens, all of whom, irrespective of creed, have been steadied by his rare conservatism which dissolved all prejudice, elevated by his saintly example and enriched by his untiring labors;

Resolved, That in the roll of her illustrious sons, whose influence was bounded not by the narrow limits of city and state, and of whom she is so justly proud and whose labors in many and varied fields of human endeavor for the uplifting of humanity have shed an undying lustre on her name, Boston has no worthier son than the profound teacher, the good bishop and the superb citizen, John J. Williams.

Ald. BANGS said:

Mr. Chairman, it seems peculiarly appropriate that the city of Boston by its city government should meet today and pass these resolutions on the death of the Most Reverend Archbishop, not only because he was an ornament to his church, but because he realized in his life the highest standard of good citizenship. I think that we should get together and pass these resolutions, feeling that we have lost a very distinguished citizen and a man whose loss will be almost irreparable to this city. He realized in his life the very highest type of citizenship. He was a man of the utmost purity of life, and had at heart the welfare of this city and county, as well as the welfare of his own church and his own people.

Ald. CURLEY said:

Mr. Chairman, in rising to second the resolutions presented I desire to say this is the first time in the history of Boston that the City Government has been called together to show honor and respect to the leader of a religious belief, to that messenger of peace the lamented and beloved. His Grace the Most Reverend Archbishop John J. Williams. A truly great man has been called from our midst. His departure from this life is mourned by men and women of all nationalities and all creeds, not because of his station in the Catholic church, not because of his worldly attainments, but because of his life, the predominant characteristics of which were justice, charity, humility

and simplicity. His words were words of wisdom; his life a living example of those precepts which are the foundation of our progress and prosperity as a nation, namely—virtue, morality and religion. The monument to his ability as a leader is evidenced by the growth of the archdiocese in clergy, churches and communicants, but the monument to his godlike charity in the hearts of the poor of our city rivals any temple that can be fashioned by the hand of mortal man. He was ever their kind counselor in affliction, their benefactor in want, their spiritual guide when in the shadow of death. His aim was ever to win the hearts of the people, caring little who received their plaudits. His life was an inspiring beacon of hope to the souls shipwrecked in the sea of doubt, and a tower of adamant in the pathway of materialism and atheism. We join with all classes of the community in mourning his loss because his having lived has done much to strengthen our belief in the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God. He has departed this life to receive the divine reward his virtues deserve. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Ald. FLANAGAN said:

Mr. Chairman, I feel that I would like to add one word, as a member of the government which is now honoring the memory of Most Reverend John J. Williams. I come from the section of the city in which his work was most visible, the section in which he himself lived. Perhaps, living in the part of the city where he had his parochial residence, and being a communicant of and attendant at the church over which he presided, I saw him oftener than most members of this government, and I learned to respect and love him as one having the highest and noblest character and attainments. I feel that these few words of mine—coming, as they do, from one who has lived in that section and who respected Archbishop Williams, as he always respects a great man, wherever he sees him—should be added to what has been so well said. Mr. Chairman, I hope that these resolutions will pass, unanimately.

The resolutions were adopted by a unanimous rising vote. Sent down.

Ald. FLANAGAN offered an order that a joint special committee consisting of the Board of Aldermen with such as the Common Council may join, be appointed to attend the funeral of the late Archbishop Williams, and that the chairman of the Board of Aldermen and the president of the Common Council be authorized to make all necessary arrangements therefor.

Passed. Sent down.

Ald. WOODS offered an order that the police commissioner be requested to cause the bells throughout the city to be tolled during the hour set apart for the funeral of the late Archbishop Williams, and that the expense of the same, together with the expense of tolling the bells on the day of the death of the Archbishop, be charged to the appropriation for City Council incidental expenses.

Passed. Sent down.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the flags be displayed at half-mast on the City Hall and public buildings on the day of the funeral of the late Archbishop Williams.

Passed. Sent down.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the Police Commissioner be authorized

to close against public travel such portion of Washington St., in the vicinity of the Roman Catholic Cathedral, as he may deem necessary, on the occasion of the funeral services of the late Archbishop Williams on Wednesday next.

Further ordered—That the City Messenger be authorized, under the direc-

tion of said Commissioner, to rope off such portion of said street as may be deemed necessary; the expense incurred to be charged to the appropriation for City Messenger Department.

Passed. Sent down.

Adjourned at 12.56 P. M., on motion of Ald. BELL.

DEATH OF

Archbishop John J. Williams.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Tuesday, Sept. 3, 1907.

Special meeting of the Common Council, held in the council chamber, City Hall, President BARRETT in the chair. The clerk read the call as follows:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Sept. 2, 1907.
To the Members of the City Council:—
You are hereby requested to meet in your respective chambers in the City Hall, Boston, on Tuesday, Sept. 3, 1907, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of taking appropriate action on the death of His Grace, Most Rev. John Joseph Williams, Archbishop of Boston. Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald,
Mayor.

Placed on file.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Message from the Mayor concerning death of Archbishop Williams. (See meeting of Board of Aldermen).

Placed on file.

Resolutions concerning death of Archbishop Williams. (See meeting of Board of Aldermen).

Mr. DRISCOLL of Wd. 9 said:

Mr. President and Members of the Council, a sad duty confronts us today. As a member of the City Council I am sorry that it falls to my lot on such an occasion to have to rise, knowing that from our midst we have lost a venerable Prelate of the Catholic church and a high and esteemed citizen of the United States, to whom distinguished men of the whole world are at this time paying their last tribute. At this time I find myself, as I believe, the only member of the council that was born and bred, as we may say on his very threshold; and I feel that if I did not pay my last respects to the one that helped to inspire the fear and love of God into our very hearts and souls, I would be neglecting my God, my Constitution, and our never-to-be-forgotten Archbishop Williams, whose name is at this time burning with love, respect and deepest sorrow from all who ever knew

him. We all know the quiet and reserved manner he possessed and the simplicity with which he marked everything. He was loved by all, and loved everybody, Protestants as well as his own. It will be remembered that no two better friends lived than the late Bishop Brooks and our beloved Archbishop Williams. After all, there is nothing grander than such living, for the grandest thing, next to the radiance which flows from the Almighty's Throne, is the light of a noble and beautiful life, wrapping itself in benedictions around the destinies of men and finding its last resting place in the blessed bosom of Our Everlasting God.

The question came on the adoption of the resolutions.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3—Mr. President, it was my good fortune and pleasure to have heard the Most Reverend Archbishop who has just departed from us upon but one occasion. That was a few years ago, during the jubilee at Symphony Hall; and I do not think I will soon forget the sentiment and the words he uttered that day. I believe they truly revealed the character of the man. After telling of some contributions that were made to the church in its early struggles by those who were not members of the church, he said he was greatly pleased to say that those who were the first families of Boston at that time are today the first families of Boston. But the sentiment which impressed me most of all was when he said: "There is much that we have to forget and forgive, but there is one thing we never can forget, and that is the many kindnesses of these men." The late Archbishop was to an almost absolute degree entirely devoid of anything that bordered on selfishness. He apparently never thought of self. In fact, he seemed to put his own self entirely out of consideration and to live entirely for humanity. It is said that on two occasions he asked to be excused when offered an honor which many would covet—a degree from one of our greatest universities, across the bridge. It is also said that at the time of the death of Cardinal McCloskey he was offered the cardinalship, which, to a churchman, is an honor not to be despised, and one which is greatly coveted. But he thought that another might wear the honor with more benefit to the church he loved than he, and he asked that the honor might be given at that time to Archbishop Gibbons of Baltimore. These incidents show the character of the man, and it is certainly a source of sorrow, of grief, to any community to lose such a citizen. As was said in an editorial in

one of the daily papers: "As a man, he was loving and loyal to his friends; as a citizen, patriotic and devoted to his country's welfare; as a priest, a veritable saint on earth, despising earthly vanities and the display of wealth."

Mr. DALY of Wd. 12 said:

Mr. President, as a life-long communicant of Holy Cross Cathedral, I desire to attest my love, devotion and sorrow in the great loss by the sudden death of His Grace, Most Rev. Archbishop John Joseph Williams.

As boy, youth and man I have endeavored to profit by the extreme shining example of spiritual and human life in the person of our long beloved shepherd. It has been a foundation stone upon which to build a perfect life, and I am extremely grateful and thank Almighty God that in his infinite wisdom it has been possible for another generation in the person of my son to receive inspiration to live the right life by his personal contact with his Grace. Pious, zealous and learned, combined with the wealth of God's grace, he was enabled to reach a high pinnacle.

His spotless life of high ideals commanded the respect and love of all. The unswerving advocacy of law and order stamped him as one of America's great citizens. He loved Boston, as it was his privilege to see it expand from the little town to the great Metropolis. As the little town of Boston has become in years the great monument for God.

Country and Education, so in ever increasing years shall the name of Boston's first Archbishop, John Joseph Williams, remain as a monument.

The resolutions were passed in concurrence, by a unanimous rising vote.

Order from Board of Aldermen that a joint special committee be appointed to attend funeral of the late Archbishop Williams.

Passed in concurrence, and the President appointed as said committee Messrs. Bagley of Wd. 1, Hanrahan of 2, Fitzgerald of 3, Hayes of 4, Sullivan of 5, Rackowsky of 6, Kennedy of 7, Lill of 8, Driscoll of 9, Leonard of 9, Sachs of 9, Wharton of 10, Roberts of 11, Daly of 12, McCullough of 13, Fitzgerald of 14, Mealey of 15, McGivern of 16, Daly of 17, Barrett of 18, O'Brien of 18, Murphy of 19, Clark of 20, Hackett of 21, Morgan of 22, Davidson of 23, Clark of 24, Cose of 25.

Order from Board of Aldermen that the flags on public buildings be half-masted on the day of the funeral.

Passed in concurrence.

Order from Board of Aldermen that the bells be tolled during the hour set apart for funeral.

Passed in concurrence.

Order from Board of Aldermen that the Police Commissioner be authorized to close such portion of Washington St. as he may deem advisable on occasion of funeral.

Passed in concurrence.

Adjourned at 1:19 P. M. on motion of Mr. Colpoys of Wd. 15.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Sept. 9, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Ald. BERWIN, senior member, presiding. Absent—Ald. CLARK.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. LEARY, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last three meetings.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Board, the Mayor submitted the following appointments, viz.:

- (1) William P. Derby, M.D. (12 Cummings R.I., Wd. 25), an Overseer of the Poor for the term ending April 30, 1910.
- (2) Arthur E. Cudworth (14 Irwin St., Winthrop, Mass.), a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1908.
- (3) George W. Brooker (20 Eldredge St., Wd. 23), a Constable of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1908.
- (4) William L. Caulfield (190 Paris St., Wd. 2) a Constable of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1908.
- (5) Frank R. Oxley (196 Lexington St., Wd. 1), a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1908.

Severally laid over, under the law.

HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of Drake Bros. Company for leave to project a marquee from building 83-85 Savin St., Wd. 21.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.).

On petitions for leave to project bay-windows, viz.:

2. Jacob Shapiro, one over Meridian St., one over Trenton St., and one over the corner of said streets, from building 329 Meridian St., Wd. 1.

David W. Simpson, 317 Meridian St., appeared and objected.

3. Michael Fitzmorris, one from building 100 Brooks St., Wd. 1.

George W. Cobb, corner Saratoga and Brooks Sts., and Henry A. Johnson, adjoining owner, appeared and objected.

Severally referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.), on motion of Ald. BATTIS, with instructions to give a public hearing.

4. Patrick Darcey, one over the corner of Orleans and Sumner Sts., from building 258 Sumner St., Wd. 2.

5. Owen McGillen, one from building 43 Orleans St., Wd. 2.

6. George T. Horan, one from building 3 Cross St., Wd. 3.

No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.).

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Department (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

C. Zianikas, an electric sign, at 4 Main St., Wd. 5.

G. W. Simpson & Co., one sign over South Market St. and one over Commerce St., from building 77 South Market St., Wd. 6.

Joseph Bursteen, a sign, at 51 Cross St., Wd. 6.

William J. McNeil, a wooden sign, at 327 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Sim Ciccolo, a transparent sign, at 44 Lagrange St., Wd. 7.

H. P. Tracy, an electric sign, at 91 Essex St., Wd. 7.

Howard S. Moy, 19 Essex St., Wd. 7.

The Keilty Company, an illuminated sign, at 765 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Burrows & Co., an illuminated sign, at 2 Franklin St., Wd. 7.

Paul C. Klein, an electric mortar, at 628 Washington St., Wd. 7.

H. M. Nash, two signs, at 29 Temple Pl., Wd. 7.

Max Green, a sign, at 140 Merrimac St., Wd. 8.

H. Smith, a sign, at 37 North Russell St., Wd. 8.

Nathan Fleishman, an electric sign, at 271 Shawmut Ave., Wd. 9.

George King, an electric sign, at 1139 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Joseph Mondello, an electric sign at 7 Paul St., Wd. 9.

Frank Caliri, an electric sign, at 465 Tremont St., Wd. 10.

A. C. Stone, an illuminated sign, at 11 Park Sq., Wd. 11.

Benjamin F. Hutchinson, a transparent sign, at 718 Dudley St., Wd. 16.

Max Rubin, a sign, at 1945 Washington St., Wd. 18.

Jefferson Club of Wd. 20, a transparency, at 251 Bowdoin St., corner Hamilton St., Wd. 20.

International Trust Company, sign, corner Milk and Arch Sts., Wd. 7.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

William H. Baker, on the evening of Sept. 13.

General committee of the Columbus celebration on Oct. 13, from 2 to 5 o'clock P. M.

Walter S. Glidden, on Sept. 21, at noon.

Electric Wires.

Police commissioner, for leave to locate a post for a police box at the northeast side of Mystic avenue, ward 4.

Petitions of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Massachusetts, viz.:

For leave to remove one pole from Commonwealth Ave., near Strathmore Rd., Wd. 25.

For leave to remove one pole from near Heath St., Wd. 22.

For leave to erect and to remove four poles on Bennington St., Wd. 1.

For leave to erect and to remove one pole from Centre St., Wd. 23.

Railroads.

Austin Biscuit Company, for leave to lay a single track across Beverly St., Wd. 6.

Claims.

Samuel S. Dennis, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Court St.

John E. Smith, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Garrison St., and for a hearing.

W. W. Steere & Co., for compensation for injuries to a horse by an alleged defect in River St., Mattapan.

William McGlinchy (a minor) for injuries caused by a live electric wire in Congress St.

Public Improvements.

George B. Macomber Company, for leave to erect four posts on Water St., two on Post Office Sq., and one on Congress St., Wd. 6.

Society San Michele Arcangelo, for leave to stretch ropes on which to hang lights across North St., North Sq. and other streets on Sept. 27, 28, 29, 30 and Oct. 1, 1907.

Petitions for leave to display fireworks on the North End Park, viz.:

Mutual Benevolent Society, Maria SS. Vallisbona, on the evening of Oct. 7.

Seven Dolores Society, on the evening of Sept. 16.

Italian Society of St. Rocco, on the evening of Sept. 5.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:

W. P. Ruisseau & Son, 1039-1045 Washington St. and on Cherry St., Wd. 9.

L. Sudhalter, 101-103 Morris St., Wd. 1.

Shelton Barry, 119-123 Westville St., Wd. 20.

W. H. Sullivan, on the Hamilton St. side of estate 248-250 Bowdoin St., Wd. 20.

H. C. Kendall, 15 Kenwood St., Wd. 20.

James H. Kelley, 145 Bowdoin St., Wd. 20.

Drake Bros., 83-89 Savin St., Wd. 21.

Charles J. Johnston, 166-172 Walnut Ave., Wd. 21.

Margaret F. Mahoney, 11½ Woodlawn St., Wd. 23.

James D. Russo, 4 Capen St., Wd. 24.

Scott & Higgins, 129 Capen St., Wd. 24.

H. E. Rankin, 55-9 King St., Wd. 24.

Mary E. Stevens, 24 Roslin St., Wd. 24.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

7. Notice of the indefinite postponement by the Common Council, on Aug. 26, of an order for a loan appropriation of \$75,000 for the construction of new, and the replacing of old, water pipes.

Placed on file.

8. Ordered, That the city of Boston's proportion of the expense incurred in the dedication of the Cambridge bridge be charged to the reserve fund.

9. Ordered, That the Street Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to widen Roxbury St., Wd. 19.

10. Ordered, That the Wire Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place some kind of a ticker or a bell at Roxbury Crossing to warn the people when the fire engines are coming.

Severally passed in concurrence.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Chair, there being no objection, called up unfinished business, Nos. 11 to 19, inclusive, viz.:

Action on appointments by the Mayor, viz.:

11. William D. Austin, to be a member of the Board of Appeal, for the term ending July 31, 1908.

12. Dennis J. Sullivan, to be a member of the Board of Appeal, for the term ending July 31, 1909.

13. Edward H. Eldredge, to be a member of the Board of Appeal, for the term ending July 31, 1910.

14. Neil McNeil, to be a member of the Board of Appeal, for the term ending July 31, 1911.

15. George R. Swasey, to be a member of the Board of Appeal, for the term ending July 31, 1912.

16. Frank W. Flint, Frank L. Murphy, and Albert G. Terminiello, to be Constables, for the term ending April 30, 1908.

17. Charles E. Berry, H. A. Henderson and Joseph A. Tighe, to be Weighers of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1908.

18. Matthias W. White, to be a Measurer of Wood and Bark, for the term ending April 30, 1908.

19. Edwin D. Gurney and J. Herbert Hinds, to be Weighers of Boilers and Heavy Machinery, for the term ending April 30, 1908.

The question came on confirmation Committee—Ald. CURLEY and BATTIS. Whole number of ballots cast 3, yeas 9, and the several appointments were confirmed.

ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions for leave to project bay windows and marqueises, orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:

C. E. Richardson, one bay window, 33-7 West street, ward 7.

William F. McClellan, two bay windows, 370-2 Chelsea street, ward 1.

Cushing Real Estate Trust, marquise, 25-7 Temple place, ward 7.

Stone & Shaw, marquise, 4 Tremont row, ward 6.

Boston Automobile Renting Company, for license to store and keep for sale gasoline at the Copley square garage, Irvington street, ward 10, an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

COAL AND COKE LICENSES.

A list of coal and coke licenses granted by the secretary of the commonwealth was received.

Placed on file.

LYING-IN HOSPITAL.

A report was received from the Board of Health on petition of Margaret Elizabeth Carley, M. D. (referred Aug. 26), for license to maintain lying-in hospital at 541 Washington St., Wd. 25—that the petition be granted.

Leave was granted on the usual conditions.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Railroad Commissioners of a hearing Sept. 12, on petition of the Boston Elevated Railway Company for approval of certain plans showing proposed changes at the following named stations, viz.:

Northampton St., Beach St., South Station, State St., Battery St., City Sq. and Thompson Sq.

Placed on file.

PROJECTIONS, ETC.

Ald BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.), submitted reports on petitions (severally referred today), for leave to project signs, etc.—that leave be granted, viz.:

C. Zianikas, electric sign, 4 Main St., Wd. 5.

Paul C. Klein, electric mortar sign, 628 Washington St., Wd. 7.

The Keilty Co., illuminated sign, 765 Washington St., Wd. 7.

G. W. Sirapson & Co., one sign over South Market St. and one over Commerce St., from building 77 South Market St., Wd. 7.

Joseph Burnsteen, sign, 51 Cross St., Wd. 6.

William J. McNeil, wooden sign, 327 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Sim Ciccolo, transparent sign, 44 La-grange St., Wd. 7.

H. P. Tracy, electric sign, 94 Essex St., Wd. 7.
 Howard S. Moy, 19 Essex St., Wd. 7.
 Burrows & Co., illuminated sign, 2 Franklin St., Wd. 7.
 Max Green, sign, 140 Merrimac St., Wd. 8.
 H. Smith, sign, 37 North Russell St., Wd. 8.
 H. M. Nash, two signs, 29 Temple Pl., Wd. 7.
 Nathan Fleishman, electric sign, 271 Shawmut Ave., Wd. 9.
 George King, electric sign, 1139 Washington St., Wd. 9.
 Joseph Mondello, electric sign, 7 Paul St., Wd. 9.
 Frank Caliri, electric sign, 465 Tremont St., Wd. 10.
 A. C. Stone, illuminated sign, 11 Park Sq., Wd. 11.
 Benjamin P. Hutchinson, transparency, 718 Dudley St., Wd. 16.
 Max Rubin, sign, 1945 Washington St., Wd. 18.
 Jefferson Club, Wd. 20, transparency, 251 Bowdoin St., Wd. 20.
 International Trust Co., sign, corner Milk and Arch Sts., Wd. 7.
 Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. BATTIS, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted reports on petitions (severally referred today) for use of Faneuil Hall—that leave be granted, viz.:
 General Committee on the Columbus Celebration, from 2 to 5 P. M., on Oct. 13.
 Walter S. Glidden, noon of Sept. 21.
 William H. Baker, evening of Sept. 13.
 Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

LICENSES.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:
 (1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 13 newsboys and 2 vendors.
 Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.
 (2) Reports on petitions for licenses to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum—that licenses be granted, viz.:
 Patterson Lubricating Company (referred July 1), rear 114 Broad St., Wd. 7.
 G. H. Proctor Supply Company (referred July 1), Copley Sq. garage, Irvington St. and Harcourt St., Wd. 10.
 The Patterson Sargent Company (referred July 1), 307 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 1.
 Park Sq. Auto Station (referred Aug. 26), 45 Columbus Ave., Wd. 10.
 Edward H. C. Joy (referred Aug. 26), 525-7 Columbia Rd., Wd. 20.
 Stephen Bradford (referred Aug. 26), 145 Norfolk St., Aug. 24.
 Edward F. Baker (referred Aug. 26), 269 Newbury St., Wd. 11 (for use only).
 Timothy J. Murphy, M.D. (referred Aug. 26), rear of 372 Dudley St., Wd. 17 (for use only).
 Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of premises 114 F St., on Fourth St. side; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing at the corner of Hooker St. and Melville Ave., Wd. 20; the expense of same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.
 Orders severally passed.

CLOSING OF MERIDIAN ST. BRIDGE

A petition was received from Patrick F. McDonald, Superintendent of Bridges, for leave to close Meridian St. bridge.
 In connection with the above Ald. BATTIS offered the following:
 Ordered, That permission be granted to Patrick F. McDonald, Superintendent of Bridges of the city of Boston, to close Meridian St. bridge for a period of six weeks from Aug. 13, 1907, for the purpose of reconstructing the draw of said bridge.
 Passed.

PERMIT FOR FIREWORKS.

Ald. LEARY presented the petition of the American Club for leave to set off fireworks on Border St. and Sumner St. on the evening of Sept. 10.
 The board voted, on motion of Ald. LEARY, to suspend the rule and leave was granted on the usual conditions.

REPAIR OF SIDEWALK.

Ald. BELL offered an order, that the Superintendent of Streets be requested to place gravel on the sidewalk in front of the estate 15 Mt. Everett St., Wd. 20, the expense of the same to be charged to the Street Department appropriation.
 Passed.

RAILROADS.

Ald. DRAPER, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted a report on petition of Austin Biscuit Company (referred today), for leave to lay a single track across Beverly St., Wd. 6—that an order of notice be passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, Sept. 30, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.
 Report accepted; order of notice passed.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted at 3.31 P. M., on motion of Ald. BALDWIN, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair—recess subject to the call of the Chair.
 The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chair at 4.15 P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. BERWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:
 (1) Report on petition of George B. Macomber Company (referred today) for leave to erect posts—recommending the passage of the following:
 Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to George B. Macomber Company to erect, maintain and use guy posts, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over the following streets: Three posts in Water St., between Kilby and Congress Sts.; one post in Water St., between Congress and Devonshire Sts.; two posts in Post-office Sq., between Water and Congress Sts.; one post in Congress St., between

Water and State Sts.; the locations to be approved by the Superintendent of Streets; the work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1907, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for leave to discharge fireworks—that leave be granted, viz.:

Mutual Benevolent Society, Maria S. S. Vallisbona, North End Park, evening of Oct. 7.

Seven Dolores Society, North End Park, evening of Sept. 16.

Italian Society of St. Rocco, North End Park, evening of Sept. 5.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on petition of Society San Michele Arcangelo (referred today), for leave to stretch ropes on which to hang lights across North St., North Sq. and other streets on Sepos. 27, 28, 29, 30 and Oct. 1—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

NEXT MEETING.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That when this board adjourns it to be meet on Wednesday, Sept. 25, 1907, at three o'clock P. M., and that hearings under orders of notice assigned to a prior date be postponed accordingly.

Passed.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order, that the Board of Aldermen proceed to the election of a chairman for the current municipal year, under the provisions of Section 7 of Chapter 26 of the Revised Laws.

The order was read a second time and the question came on its passage.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, in presenting this order at this time I do so with no disrespect for the present chairman, who has served in that capacity since the beginning of the year, and who has discharged the duties of that high office in a manner creditable to himself and to every member of this Board. I feel that there is a duty that the Democratic members of this Board, who are in the majority here, owe to the party that honors them with an election to this body. Personally, I feel that any Democratic member of this Board possesses the qualities requisite for filling in a capable and proper manner the honored office of chairman of this Board. I feel that those members of the Board who might be called senior members—such as Ald. Whelton, Ald. Baldwin or Ald. Curley—perhaps have prior rights to this high honor as compared with those men who are serving their first year in this Board. I have felt from the beginning that, if a chairman were to be elected, some one of these three men should be honored with the votes of their Democratic colleagues. But at this time I am going to waive my feeling in that respect and say that I propose here today, if possible, in order that I may set myself right with the Democratic party, which honors me with an election, to try to have as many ballots taken as there are Democratic members of this Board, and that I propose on each succeeding ballot to vote for the members of the Democratic party alphabetically, beginning with the member whose name stands highest on the alphabetical list. I feel that this is a duty that every member of the Democratic party in this Board owes to his party, and I sincerely trust that they will take it in that light.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, to say that I am dumfounded at the introduction of this order at this time is putting it mildly. I don't want to seem disrespectful to the member of the Board who introduced the order, but I cannot help feeling that the order was introduced because one of the Republican members is absent today and it was thought that it would be easier to get a majority with twelve members. Personally, I see no reason why we should make a change at this time of the year. It seems to me that the present Chairman has certainly given satisfaction to all the members of the Board. He has been fair and impartial in the matter of committee appointments. I think it is safe to say that the Democratic members received more of the so-called "plurs" than the Republican members did, and I think it only fair, on account of the absence of Ald. Clark, that this order should wait until he may have the same privilege of exercising his choice for presiding officer, if we are to change, that the rest of us have. For that reason I sincerely hope that this will not be jumped through today, but will be laid on the table.

Ald. BATTIS—Mr. Chairman, I move that further consideration of the order be assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I had not considered the absence of Ald. Clark, but I will say on behalf of the party I have the honor to represent that I am grateful to the gentleman from Dorchester for the information that has been given by him to the Democratic members of this Board. I believe that the question of finesse might also be considered, as well as the question of duty that the Democratic members of this board owe the party that elected them. The question of finesse, as it might apply to the absence of Ald. Clark from the meeting here today had not entered into my mind until such time as the Alderman from Dorchester brought it to my attention. But as one member of this Board elected by the Democrats of Boston, I believe that, if anything, it is a stronger argument why the Democratic members of this Board should vote against assignment and should proceed to a ballot. I stated at the opening that I had great admiration for the ability of the temporary Chairman of this body who has had the honor to preside over its deliberations from the beginning of the year—a man perhaps as well versed in parliamentary usage and law as it is possible to find at the head of any parliamentary body in the entire United States. But, Mr. Chairman, while we respect and admire your great parliamentary ability, as well as your many other enduring qualities, there is still something else besides admiration that should be considered in a question of this character. There is a duty that we owe to our party, and that duty places an obligation upon us. The obligation is to take advantage of every opportunity that is presented by the opposing party. I believe we will be derelict in our duty if we waive the opportunity of taking advantage of the information that has been furnished us by the gentleman from Dorchester, as well as the absence of his colleague from Dorchester.

Ald. BALDWIN.—Mr. Chairman, I rise at this time to say, lest my position may be misunderstood, that my position is the same as it has been all the year. I feel that I owe something to the Democratic party and to the Democrats of this city; but I still feel, having gone into a Democratic caucus with a majority of the Democratic

members of this Board, and having secured the nomination for Chairman, that I should not change my position. I wish to say to my fellow members of the Board that the position I maintained earlier in the year I still maintain, and that I am a candidate for Chairman of this Board.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I have no desire to cast any reflections on any member of this Board. I just desire to make my position plain, and that is that I consider the Democratic party greater than I.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, the Alderman who has spoken and introduced the order admits plainly that he believes it is his duty to take advantage of the absence of my colleague from Dorchester, and I am going simply to appeal to the members of this Board, asking them if they think that is a fair way to play with a man who has been fair with every member of the city government during his term here? There isn't a fairer or squarer man who sits in this Board, or who probably has ever sat in the Board than Louis Clark, and, simply because he is unavoidably absent, I think it is beneath the dignity of the Board to allow any member to try to rush such an order through. If he were present and the Democratic members thought they had their Democratic strength and could get several votes, I would not raise my voice in protest. But when he is absent I think it is unfair to take advantage of a man who represents in part the people of Boston, just the same as the rest of us, by trying to rush such an order through, particularly when we have all been perfectly satisfied with the present Chairman from the first meeting in January to the ninth of September. I don't know why my colleague is absent. It may be on account of sudden sickness, death, or something of the sort. But it seems to me you should wait until he is here and then introduce your order, and I will be as willing to vote for a permanent Chairman then as any other member of the Board.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I can conceive of no reason why the personal character or the many excellent traits that are possessed by Ald. Clark should be considered an issue in the discussion of this proposition. The character of Ald. Clark is not a matter that should be seriously discussed here, nor his manner, nor his disposition. The question before this body is the election of a Chairman. I can well appreciate, perhaps, the nervous dread that animates my friend from Dorchester that Ald. Battis intends, perhaps, to vote for me, but I can set the Alderman's mind at rest in regard to that. I don't believe George will do it; neither do I believe the present Chairman will vote for me today; neither do I believe he will vote for Ald. Baldwin. So far as he is having any nervousness because of any possible defection from his party is concerned, I can see no occasion for that, and as for the absence of Ald. Clark, I don't think that that should have any weight with the Democratic members of this Board, because his absence is something that, in justice to their party, they are bound to take advantage of. I do realize, however, that perhaps it is a serious consideration as far as the Republican members of this Board are concerned, and I believe that they are justified in considering it a serious breach of etiquette to take advantage of the absence of Ald. Clark. But, because it appeals to you in that light, just so much stronger is the reason why it should appeal otherwise to the Democratic members of the Board.

Ald. BATTIS' motion, to assign fur-

ther consideration of the order to the next meeting of the Board, was declared carried. Ald. CURLEY doubted the vote, and called for the yeas and nays.

The motion to assign to the next meeting of the Board was declared carried, yeas 6, nays 1:

Yeas—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Draper, Whelton—8.
Nay—Ald. Curley—1.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I move a reconsideration of the vote just passed, hoping that the same will prevail. On the question of reconsideration I desire to say just a word. This order was introduced this afternoon for the purpose of affording an opportunity to the Democratic members of this Board to prove to the constituencies that make possible their election that it was their desire, since they were in the majority of this Board, that the party that honored them with an election should be represented in the Chairman's seat. It was not presented with any hopes that I might be honored by the chairmanship of this body, but it was presented with a desire that some one of the Democratic members of the Board should be made Chairman of the body. The Democratic party is entitled to the chairmanship of this Board. They represent the majority in this Board, and I fail to conceive how any member of this Board who has voted for assignment, or who has failed to respond when his name has been called can justify his position before his constituents at the coming election.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, as I understand it, the order introduced this afternoon was not introduced after a consultation of the Democratic members but it seems to simply originate with one member on the Democratic side. I feel, as well as he does, that a Democratic member should preside over the destinies of this body, and I have felt it all the year; but today I am surprised that the Alderman on my right should desire to bring up this matter without any consultation with the other members on his side of the Board. I feel that perhaps this afternoon is an inopportune time to bring this matter before the Board. I feel, and I reiterate, that a Democrat should preside over this body, and I feel, as one who went into a Democratic caucus and received the Democratic votes in that caucus, that my name is the one that should be voted for until I am made Chairman of this Board. I feel that I have some rights in the premises, and I am not going to shirk or yield those rights until I am satisfied that my position is wrong. I feel that I owe something to the Democratic party, as well as other members of the Board, and I feel also that I have done something for the Democratic party. I think my position here this afternoon is a proper one, and I think if a matter of this kind is to be brought up that I should at least be consulted in regard to it.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, perhaps it might be considered unfair for me to present this order without consulting the Democratic party. I don't say the Democratic members of this Board—I say the Democratic party, because apparently there is a Democratic party here and a Democratic representation, and the Democratic party is superior to the Democratic representation. I have never felt at any time that I was superior to any other man who was entitled to the franchise or to a vote, and who voted the Democratic ticket. Surely I never took the position that has already been taken by one of the leaders of the party, George Fred Williams, and that has been taken this afternoon by another,

that they as individuals were greater than the party itself. My position is this: I believe that if any member of this Board has a majority of the Democratic members pledged to him and finds that it is an impossibility for him to get a sufficient number to agree to vote for him to make him Chairman, he should waive his candidacy for the greater interests of the greater party. I don't believe any individual is greater than the party. I have heard many say that they were, but I question if the party thinks that they are. I have no idea that this action will be reconsidered, and I have no idea that a vote will be taken on the proposition this afternoon; but, as I have said before, I would like to ask how any member of this Board, of the Democratic party in this Board, who has announced himself as a caucus nominee, who has made the declaration that he is entitled to the support of the Democratic members of this Board, justifies his position in refusing to vote either way on the question of assignment of the order to proceed with the election of a Chairman? I can conceive of no argument that can be advanced that will support his position, and I question if he can.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I desire at this time to say that it was not my intention to dodge the vote, but as four or five other members of the Democratic party in this Board failed to respond to their names when called, I waited, expecting that they would get up and have their names called. It was my intention to vote for assignment. I intended to vote yes, if the other members had voted, because I feel that we have been fair to each other all the year, have not taken advantage of any one's absence, and I would vote for assignment to the next meeting in consideration of the absence of Ald. Clark. I, therefore, wish to make my position plain—that I expected some of the other Aldermen to get up and announce their vote, and if they did, I would have voted yes, for assignment.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, my remarks were not directed against the representative of the Brighton district. When I spoke, I spoke of a leader, a leader who was greater than the party, not of an Alderman who represented a district. The gentleman speaks about our being fair to each other. I admit that we have been fair to each other, but I deny the assertion of any man who is a Democratic member of this Board who claims that, in not voting upon this matter, he has been fair to the party which honors him with an election.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, all I desire to say is this, that I have been

identified with the Democratic party since I was 21 years of age, the same as the Alderman on my right (Ald. Curley). I don't think the Democratic party ever considered that I was a leader, and I never myself thought that I was. I think that during the career of the gentleman on my right he has many a time even dreamed that he was a leader himself. But I think circumstances have changed. I am not bigger than my party and I don't want any member of this Board or any Democratic citizen of Boston to suppose that I consider myself such. I feel that they know differently.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I do not desire to prolong this discussion, but if I were discussing this proposition and were in the position of the gentleman on my left (Ald. Baldwin) in opening I would say: "Since the Democratic party has been identified with me," rather than, "Since I have been identified with the Democratic party."

Ald. CURLEY'S motion to reconsider was lost.

LAMPS ON MARGINAL STREET.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place three lamps on Marginal St., between Jeffries Point and the water front; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

RESURFACING OF MERIDIAN ST.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to resurface Meridian St. from Eutaw St. to Condor St., and to repave Bennington St., from Prescott St. to Central Sq., East Boston.

Passed.

OPENING OF SARATOGA ST.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the City Engineer, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform this Board when it is expected that Saratoga St. will be opened for teaming.

Passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. BELL moved reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 4:46 P. M., on motion of Ald. BALDWIN, to meet on Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 3 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Sept. 16, 1907.

Special meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 11:30 A. M., Ald. BERWIN, senior member, presiding, and a quorum present.

Jurors were drawn for the superior civil court, October term, for the first to seventh sessions, inclusive, 25 for each session, to appear Oct. 7, viz.:

First session—

Charles W. Liscomb, Wd. 18; Danie J. Sullivan, Wd. 9; Robert E. Turner, Wd. 7; Franklin S. Young, Wd. 1; Michael Cull, Wd. 9; Frederick N. Fish, Wd. 22; George M. Flynn, Wd. 7; William H. Dacey, Wd. 8; William J. Lavery, Wd. 11; William F. Howes, Wd. 22; Thomas M. Wilson, Wd. 21; William H. Dwight, Wd. 5; George W. Farrar, Wd. 19; Morris M. Hermann, Wd. 8; Joshua B. Whitney, Jr., Wd. 22; Martin E. Battis, Wd. 1; Linwood M. Tillinghast, Wd. 12; John B. Guaning, Wd. 22; Edward W. D. Hamilton, Wd. 11; Thomas Uniacke, Wd. 9; George A. Badger, Wd. 12; Charles P. Duff, Wd. 16; Dennis W. Donahue, Wd. 1; George F. Clare, Wd. 21; Patrick J. Cashin, Wd. 22; James B. Cook, Wd. 17; Robert C. W. Libbey, Wd. 17; Edward Fee, Wd. 3; Edward A. Kidney, Wd. 1; Daniel E. Murphy, Wd. 4; Francis L. Johnson, Wd. 15; John F. Reynolds, Wd. 14; Arthur L. Foster, Wd. 21; Peter J. Dowling, Wd. 25; Timothy Hanley, Wd. 9.

Second session—

William H. Rothfuchs, Wd. 9; Jeremiah O'Leary, Wd. 5; George T. Roberts, Wd. 17; Nathan Gansberg, Wd. 21; Edward F. Nunan, Wd. 14; Dennis McCarthy, Wd. 15; Patrick J. Dooley, Wd. 3; Ralph S. Lounsbury, Wd. 20; Richard J. Mahoney, Wd. 15; Robert Lieber, Wd. 19; Jeremiah J. Sullivan, Wd. 7; Michael F. Danihy, Wd. 1; Hugh Blair, Wd. 19; Morris F. Ryall, Wd. 16; George E. Whittmore, Wd. 24; Daniel Stromberg, Wd. 9; Dominick F. Barry, Wd. 20; Edward W. Manahan, Wd. 11; John E. Thornton, Wd. 15; James C. Gallagher, Wd. 17; Frank W. Milward, Wd. 2; James L. Murray, Wd. 9; Carl W. Geiler, Wd. 18; Daniel J. Lynch, Wd. 24; John L. Francis, Wd. 2; James L. Crowley, Wd. 8; Charles W. Foss, Wd. 22; Daniel J. Gillis, Wd. 24; Daniel F. Doherty, Wd. 17; Frank A. Fay, Wd. 16; Edward Walsh, Wd. 8; George W. Hunt, Wd. 21; William N. Ritchie, Wd. 18; Albert W. Bullard, Wd. 12; James E. Glennon, Wd. 20.

Third session—

William J. Freeman, Wd. 9; Joseph H. B. Sullivan, Wd. 5; John T. Jennings, Wd. 17; Thomas J. Nugent, Wd. 21; Francis A. Sprad, Wd. 25; Edward H. Mitchell, Wd. 1; Charles Keveney, Jr., Wd. 24; Walter F. Hayes, Wd. 18; Rufus Coffin, Wd. 8; Walter G. Clark, Wd. 20; John Remison, Wd. 5; Walter L. Carcy, Wd. 18; Richard T. Hill, Wd. 14; Charles H. Salmon, Wd. 25; Edward G. Meade, Wd. 25; James Browne, Wd. 18; Walter H. Watts, Wd. 24; Herbert W. Pickett, Wd. 10; Frank N. Perkins, Wd. 15; Bernard J. Evans, Wd. 20; Edwin S. Davis, Wd. 20; George Moore, Wd. 9; Neil F. Doherty, Wd. 3; Francis J. Graham, Wd. 19; John J. Tobin, Wd. 22;

James T. F. Green, Wd. 19; Louis M. Jacobs, Wd. 21; Horace P. Studley, Wd. 21; Arthur H. McEnery, Wd. 4; George W. Brooks, Wd. 21; William R. Normile, Wd. 3; James W. Colgan, Wd. 19; Karl F. Blomquist, Wd. 23; George Solomon, Wd. 20; William J. Ivers, Wd. 14.

Fourth session—

Patrick Dwyer, Wd. 15; Harry A. Anderson, Wd. 20; Silas L. Crowell, Wd. 4; W. Herbert Boynton, Wd. 20; Richard F. Leonard, Wd. 3; James C. Clark, Wd. 20; James F. Leonard, Wd. 8; Joshua H. Gordon, Wd. 9; Frank A. Smith, Wd. 25; Charles H. Gardner, Wd. 3; George W. Woods, Wd. 1; Thomas W. Herrick, Wd. 25; James Lorimer, Wd. 20; Horace J. Phipps, Wd. 25; Charles H. Tisdale, Wd. 17; James Harvey, Wd. 24; Samuel Mitchell, Wd. 4; Charles A. Stearns, Wd. 25; Frederick Carver, Wd. 25; Charles I. Ochs, Wd. 15; Henry D. Geodale, Wd. 24; William T. Roberts, Wd. 16; William E. McCoy, Wd. 15; John M. Noll, Wd. 27; James F. Farrell, Wd. 20; Edmond L. Smith, Wd. 18; Tancrede D. Monast, Wd. 20; Frank D. Masterson, Wd. 10; John L. Rodden, Wd. 3; William M. Robinson, Wd. 20; John P. Morris, Wd. 17; Joseph H. Aitken, Wd. 1; William E. Murphy, Wd. 4; John B. Feely, Wd. 20; Arthur W. Mackenzie, Wd. 22.

Fifth session—

Edward B. Aiken, Wd. 24; Bernard Martin, Wd. 19; Jake Jacobson, Wd. 13; Enos M. Sheffield, Wd. 15; John J. Walters, Wd. 21; George W. Kenyon, Wd. 22; James O'Hara, Wd. 14; George M. Grozinger, Wd. 9; Patrick J. O'Brien, Wd. 13; John H. Buckley, Wd. 14; James F. O'Brien, Wd. 2; William T. Foley, Wd. 2; Michael Kelley, Wd. 13; Stephen Plunkett, Wd. 13; Morris Silverstein, Wd. 3; Edmund D. Bean, Wd. 20; Robert W. Oliver, Wd. 4; Frank W. Ramseyer, Wd. 22; John H. Ripley, Wd. 1; Francis E. Sargent, Wd. 24; Alfred Inch, Wd. 12; John J. Scanlan, Wd. 20; Charles P. Lyon, Wd. 24; Frederick H. Mills, Wd. 24; Joseph E. Cooksey, Wd. 21; Patrick W. Flynn, Wd. 19; Thomas G. McCandlish, Wd. 19; David P. Wyman, Wd. 12; George H. Metcalf, Wd. 23; Jacinthe S. Rebello, Wd. 3; William F. Fallon, Wd. 23; Timothy Crowley, Wd. 3; Daniel J. Cashman, Wd. 2; Daniel Collins, Wd. 18; Charles F. Eaton, Wd. 6.

Sixth Session:

Francis C. Creber, Wd. 20; George T. Daly, Wd. 12; Henry S. Pearce, Wd. 10; Edwin F. Sawyer, Wd. 25; Samuel D. Guild, Wd. 11; Walter F. Brookings, Wd. 9; G. Herbert Brazzer, Wd. 16; Harry L. Reardon, Wd. 3; Henry Lang, Wd. 9; James E. Dolliwer, Wd. 19; Daniel Sullivan, Wd. 24; John J. Gillispie, Wd. 10; John F. Swift, Wd. 19; William Shaal, Wd. 17; Albert H. Bumpus, Wd. 21; Albert Helmboldt, Wd. 19; Henry T. F. Tanisch, Wd. 22; Patrick H. Shea, Wd. 19; Wallace Adler, Wd. 14; Lincoln Brown, Wd. 10; Benjamin F. Litchfield, Wd. 15; Israel Quint, Wd. 18; Richard J. Thompson, Wd. 15; Daniel Deward, Wd. 23; Thomas J. Hurley, Wd. 24; Frank E. Cole, Wd. 5; Osgood I. Bourne, Wd. 22; Anton Anderson, Wd. 12; John J. Burke, Wd. 8; John F. Murphy, Wd. 17; William J. Hancock, Wd. 1; James H. Tapley, Wd. 3; Sylvester R. Crocker, Wd. 22; William P. Farrington, Wd. 12; George F. Sloane, Wd. 3.

Seventh session—

Samuel A. Wright, Wd. 5; Robert Crampton, Wd. 17; Edward J. Williams, Wd. 13; Patrick E. Murray, Jr., Wd. 18; Will O. Merrill, Wd. 10; Jerome C. Daly, Wd. 13; Dennis M. Shields, Wd. 18; Anthony L. Linhares, Wd. 10; Dennis A. Foley, Wd. 16; Eli L. Andrews, Wd. 8; James Hasso, Wd. 8; Joseph Klaus, Wd. 13; George B.

Thompson, Wd. 20; George F. Miller, Wd. 20; John H. Means, Wd. 15; Harold E. Maxfield, Wd. 4; Patrick J. Mitchell, Wd. 22; John J. Johnson, Wd. 7; Oliver J. Fischer, Wd. 25; James W. Mitchell, Wd. 11; John M. Campbell, Wd. 25; Charles F. Whitaker, Wd. 25; James Connolly 2d, Wd. 4; George T. Boyd, Wd. 19; Patrick J. Shea, Wd. 19; Roscoe

B. Jewett, Wd. 20; Willard A. Brown, Wd. 17; Philip N. Branch, Wd. 8; Charles G. Doe, Wd. 12; Joseph Moss, Wd. 22; Charles J. S. Rudolph, Wd. 10; Matthew J. Leary, Wd. 6; John S. Codman, Wd. 23; Thomas F. Reddington, Wd. 23; Frank E. Oberhauser, Wd. 22.

Adjourned at 12:15 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Wednesday, Sept. 25, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Acting Chairman BERWIN presiding, and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. WOODS, to dispense with the readings of the records of the last two meetings

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn under the provisions of Chapter 514 of the Acts of 1894, as follows, to appear Oct. 7, 1907:

Forty-one traverse jurors for the Superior Criminal Court, first session.

viz.
 J. Hurd Hutchins, Wd. 11; John J. O'Bryan, Wd. 17; Thomas H. Fitzpatrick, Wd. 3; John Dyke, Wd. 12; Jere C. Spillane, Wd. 21; Michael F. Murphy, Wd. 15; Hugo Pinksohn, Wd. 20; Jere R. Mullen, Wd. 5; Frank E. Wells, Wd. 16; James F. O'Neil, Wd. 19; Louis H. Trautman, Wd. 21; Wm. Slattery, Wd. 12; Wm. P. Harrington, Wd. 12; Elmer E. Given, Wd. 15; Denis J. Kelly, Wd. 19; Lee S. Perkins, Wd. 23; Michael Gateley, Wd. 22; Wm. E. Knight, Wd. 1; James W. Holmes, Wd. 17; Timothy Buckley, Wd. 13; Francis A. Horle, Wd. 25; Benj. J. Wall, Wd. 13; George Dudley, Wd. 9; Henry Stackpole, Wd. 11; Edwin C. Whittmore, Wd. 20; Edward Berran, Wd. 23; Stephen J. Fitzpatrick, Wd. 6; Arthur W. Lewis, Wd. 23; Michael J. Hurley, Wd. 3; Maurice J. Reardon, Wd. 21; Charles W. McCarty, Wd. 14; Thomas E. Thornton, Wd. 25; Henry T. Buffington, Jr., Wd. 20; Patrick J. Quill, Wd. 5; Josiah Hinkley, Wd. 20; Abraham Ehrlick, Wd. 21; Charles F. Nostrom, Wd. 22; William M. Curtis, Wd. 21; John J. McNulty, Wd. 17; Henry B. Porter, Wd. 17; Thomas J. Crosby, Wd. 17.

Thirty-one traverse jurors for the Superior Criminal Court, second session, *viz.*—

Elbridge S. Clark, Wd. 20; Jas. J. Donnelly, Wd. 24; James Kelly, Wd. 7; Wm. A. Casey, Wd. 18; Patrick J. Lawless, Wd. 18; John E. Holland, Wd. 16; James F. Loughlin, Wd. 3; C. Gustave Hauck, Wd. 16; Carlton W. Crocker, Wd. 1; Robert F. Reddy, Wd. 14; Francis D. Noonan, Wd. 19; Harry F. Adams, Wd. 8; Jonas M. Allen, Wd. 4; James D. Ennis, Wd. 12; Thos. L. McEnaney, Wd. 10; Fred. L. Gile, Wd. 15; David E. Mulcahey, Wd. 25; Richard C. Wheelwright, Wd. 24; Joseph Dooly, Wd. 8; Israel Jacobs, Wd. 12; Louis Adams, Wd. 22; Frank M. Robinson, Wd. 23; James R. McArthur, Wd. 2; Edgar R. Stickney, Wd. 11; Hobart W. Winkley, Wd. 11; Arthur M. Morrison, Wd. 23; Chas. N. Stearns, Wd. 16; John Fleming, Wd. 13; Harry R. Hunt, Wd. 21; Geo. H. Dowling, Wd. 6; Eugene T. Eiterich, Wd. 20.

THANKS FROM ARCHBISHOP.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Sept. 21, 1907.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a letter from the Most Reverend William H. O'Connell,

Archbishop of Boston, extending his thanks to the city government for the action taken on the occasion of the death of Archbishop John Joseph Williams.

Respectfully,
 John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

12 Union Park, Boston, Mass.,
 Sept. 18, 1907.

To His Honor John F. Fitzgerald,
 Mayor of Boston, City Hall, Boston.

Your Honor: I beg to thank you for your kindness in enclosing to me a copy of the proceedings of the City Council of the city of Boston at the meetings held to take action on the occasion of the death of the late Archbishop Williams. I pray you convey my most cordial thanks to the Boston City Council and government for the kind action they took to show their sympathy with me in my recent bereavement. And I wish to add a word of hearty thanks to Your Honor for the prominent part you took in the official demonstrations of sympathy on the part of the city of Boston.

Yours sincerely,
 W. H. O'Connell, Archbishop of Boston.
 Sent down.

RELIEF HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, Sept. 25, 1907.

To the City Council:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital calling attention to the recent takings of land made by the Rapid Transit Commission in extending and amplifying the subway under the Haymarket Relief Station under eminent domain. This action will deprive the Relief Station of a large part of its basement and all of its ambulance station.

To remedy this injury to the Relief Station it is proposed by the Trustees that a new wing be added to the present building for the housing of the boiler plant, ambulance station, and male employees. For the purpose of carrying out the proposed alteration the Trustees request that there be transferred to the Hospital Department a portion of the vacant land to the north of the Relief Station, contiguous thereto and extending therefrom on Canal Street seventy (70) feet, and being bounded on the other Easterly side by the location of the subway. A plan showing the proposed taking is submitted herewith.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

The Boston City Hospital.

Boston, Aug. 20, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of Boston, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:—As you are undoubtedly aware the Rapid Transit Commission, in extending and amplifying the subway under the Haymarket Relief Station under eminent domain, will deprive the Relief Station of the major part of its basement and all of its ambulance station, and thereby, as well as by the noise and vibration, entailed in operating the subway, threaten greatly to curtail the efficiency of the Relief Station.

In casting about for a remedy for these dangers, the Trustees of the City Hospital are unanimously of the opinion that the best, if not the only, way of effecting their purpose is by adding a wing to the present Relief Station building, extending along Canal St. and occupying the space between the street

and the subway location. This wing is to be used for the purpose of housing the boiler plant, the ambulance station and the male employees, and will compensate the Hospital Trustees for the space taken by the Rapid Transit Commission; the question of noise and vibration still being a problematical one, and remedial only through the greatest care in construction, maintenance and operation of the subway by the Transit Commission.

The Trustees have been over the premises personally, have had plans drawn by competent architects, and have been in conference with the members of the Transit Commission and its engineers. It seems particularly fortunate that there should be vacant available land contiguous to the hospital building, as by the proposed use of a portion of such vacant land it seems to be possible to save the Relief Station, we trust, in unimpaired efficiency for the city, at a moderate expense, to be borne by the Rapid Transit Commission, and not entailing an additional large draft upon the public funds.

For the purpose of carrying out the proposed alterations and remedies necessitated by the new subway, the Trustees of the City Hospital therefore request you to cause to be transferred to the Hospital Department a portion of the vacant land to the north of the present Relief Station, contiguous thereto and extending therefrom on Canal St., seventy (70) feet, and being bounded on the other easterly side by the location of the subway. If this can be done, the Trustees of the hospital have reasonable cause to believe from their interviews with the Rapid Transit Commission that a fair sum will be set aside by said Commission for the expense of such alterations as the Trustees have considered; that work can be commenced at once, and expeditiously carried forward, so as not seriously to interfere with the conduct of the Relief Station during such alterations, and will result, with the remaining portion of the hospital, in a complete hospital establishment.

First drafts of plans have been made which the Trustees will be pleased to submit to Your Honor, and to such other members of the City Government as it may be necessary to consult in the matter of the transfer of this land. The Trustees would be pleased if you would make an appointment at which this might be done; and, further, that you might take such steps, should you yourself approve of the transfer of this land to the Hospital Department, as may legally lead to such transfer for hospital purposes.

I have the honor to be, on behalf of the Trustees,

Very respectfully yours,
A. Shuman,
President Board of Trustees

Ordered, That so much as is hereinafter described of the parcel of land transferred to the City of Boston by the Boston Transit Commission under the provisions of Chapter 317 of the Acts of 1897, and bounded by Haverhill St., Haymarket Sq., Canal St., and Travers St., extended be placed in the charge of the trustees of the Boston City Hospital to be used for the erection thereon of an addition to the relief and ambulance station in Haymarket Sq. The premises to be so placed in the charge of said trustees are bounded and described as follows: Southeasterly by land placed in the charge of said trustees by an order of the City Council approved March 24, 1900, there measuring thirty-seven feet; southwesterly by Canal St., seventy feet; northwesterly by a line

parallel with the southeasterly boundary line of the described premises, thirty-seven feet, and northeasterly by a line parallel with said Canal St. seventy feet; containing 2590 square feet, more or less, and shown on a plan signed by John E. Cheney, acting city engineer, dated Feb. 7, 1900, and deposited in the office of the city engineer.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

VETO—WOODEN BUILDING.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, Sept. 11, 1907.

To the City Council:

As the annexed order granting a permit to the Franklin Building Association to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on south side of Ashmont St., Wd. 24, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall, was undoubtedly passed under a misapprehension of the building laws as they at present exist, I herewith return it without my approval.

By Chapter 550 of the Acts of 1907, which went into effect Aug. 1, 1907, the law relative to the construction, operation and maintenance of buildings in the City of Boston was materially changed, and all the former building laws inconsistent with said act were repealed. The new building law of 1907 deals with the construction of wooden buildings and does away with the jurisdiction of the City Council over them which it had under Chapter 49 of the Acts of 1892. As the permission can have no legal effect and might lead to the impression among owners and builders that the City Council still had jurisdiction in relation to the erection or alteration of wooden buildings outside the building limits, it ought not to be given.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

The question came on the passage of the order notwithstanding the veto of the Mayor.

The order was rejected, yeas none, nays 12.

WHARF, LONG ISLAND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Sept. 25, 1907.

To the City Council:

I transmit herewith several communications from present and former officials of the city relating to the condition of the wharf on the northwest shore of Long Island. The Pauper Institutions Trustees inform me that it is absolutely necessary that the wharf be reconstructed during the present year. The City Engineer estimates that the cost of the work to be done will be \$16,500, and I recommend the passage of the accompanying loan order appropriating this amount for this purpose. Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

(Annexed were the several communications referred to).

Ordered, That the sum of \$16,500 be, and hereby is appropriated to be extended by the Pauper Institutions Trustees for building a wharf at Long Island; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

CONGRESS ST. BRIDGE.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, Sept. 25, 1907.

To the City Council:

My attention has been called by the Superintendent of Bridges to the dangerous condition of Congress St. bridge, and he informs me that the City Engineer estimates that an expenditure of \$23,000 for reconstruction work is absolutely essential in order that this bridge may be kept open to public travel. I therefore recommend the immediate passage of the accompanying loan order. Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of \$23,000 be, and hereby is appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Bridges for the reconstruction of Congress St. bridge; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount.

Referred to the Committee of Public Improvements.

MINOR APPOINTMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, Sept. 25, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to confirmation by your Board I hereby appoint Edward Koelzer (99 Stoughton St., Wd. 20), a Weigher of Boilers and Heavy Machinery for the term ending April 30, 1908.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, Sept. 25, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to confirmation by your Board I hereby appoint Benjamin F. Powell (3 Smith Court, Wd. 11) a Constable of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1908.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, Sept. 14, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:

Subject to confirmation by your Board, I make the following appointments:

(1.) The following named persons to be Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1908:

Fred T. Baker, Samuel Bennett, James W. Blakeley, Joseph O. Briggs, Howard A. Brown, John Cunningham, James Donovan, James K. Farry, William W. Gordon, Charles E. Harris, Frank E. Hawkins, Frank C. Howe, John Hurley, John W. Kelley, William F. Mahoney, Albert A. McCarthy, Eugene, McCarthy, James C. McMahon, Christian Moore, George A. Mowers, Dennis O'Sullivan, Obadiah E. Ring, Ellsworth G. Robbins, Harry W. Sawyer, Eugene Sheridan, George M. Smith, George B. Spencer, Edwin F. Tarbox, John P. Tully, Michael Wall.

(2.) The following named persons to be Measurers of Wood and Bark for the term ending April 30, 1908:

Fred T. Baker, Samuel Bennett, James W. Blakeley, Bernard F. Brennan, Edward F. Brennan, Joseph O. Briggs, Howard A. Brown, Ira W. Brown, George A. Clark, John Cunningham, James Donovan, James K. Farry, Charles W. Furlong, William W. Gordon, John J. Haley, Charles B. Harris, Frank E. Hawkins, Frank C. Howe, John Hurley, John W. Kelley, William F. Mahoney, Albert A. McCarthy, Eugene McCarthy, James C. McMahon, Christian Moore, George H. Mowers, Peter O'Neil, Dennis O'Sullivan, Obadiah E. Ring, Ellsworth G. Robbins, Harry W. Sawyer, Eugene Sheridan, George M. Smith, George B. Spencer, Edwin F. Tarbox, John P. Tully, Henry J. Wade, Michael Wall.

(3.) The following named persons to be Measurers of Grain for the term ending April 30, 1908:

Fred T. Baker, Samuel Bennett, James W. Blakeley, Bernard F. Brennan, Edward F. Brennan, Joseph O. Briggs, Howard A. Brown, Ira W. Brown, George A. Clark, John Cunningham, James Donovan, James K. Farry, Charles W. Furlong, William W. Gordon, John J. Haley, Charles B. Harris, Frank E. Hawkins, Frank C. Howe, John Hurley, John W. Kelley, William F. Mahoney, Albert A. McCarthy, Eugene McCarthy, James C. McMahon, Christian Moore, George H. Mowers, Dennis O'Sullivan, Obadiah E. Ring, Ellsworth G. Robbins, Harry W. Sawyer, Eugene Sheridan, George M. Smith, George B. Spencer, Edwin F. Tarbox, John P. Tully, Henry J. Wade, Michael Wall.

(4.) The following named persons to be Weighers of Boilers and Heavy Machinery for the term ending April 26, 1908:

Fred T. Baker, Samuel Bennett, James W. Blakeley, Bernard F. Brennan, Edward F. Brennan, Joseph O. Briggs, Howard A. Brown, Ira W. Brown, George A. Clark, John Cunningham, James Donovan, James K. Farry, William W. Gordon, Charles B. Harris, Frank E. Hawkins, Frank C. Howe, John Hurley, William F. Mahoney, Albert A. McCarthy, Eugene McCarthy, James C. McMahon, Christian Moore, George H. Mowers, Dennis O'Sullivan, Obadiah E. Ring, Ellsworth G. Robbins, Harry W. Sawyer, Eugene Sheridan, George M. Smith, George B. Spencer, Edwin F. Tarbox, John P. Tully, Henry J. Wade, Michael Wall.

(5.) The following named persons to be Weighers of Beef for the term ending April 30, 1908:

Fred T. Baker, Samuel Bennett, James W. Blakeley, Bernard F. Brennan, Edward F. Brennan, Joseph O. Briggs, Howard A. Brown, Ira W. Brown, George A. Clark, John Cunningham, James Donovan, James K. Farry, William W. Gordon, John J. Haley, Charles B. Harris, Frank E. Hawkins, Frank C. Howe, John Hurley, John W. Kelley, Thomas C. Lamb, William F. Mahoney, Albert A. McCarthy, Eugene McCarthy, James C. McMahon, Christian Moore, George H. Mowers, Dennis O'Sullivan, Obadiah E. Ring, Ellsworth G. Robbins, Harry W. Sawyer, Eugene Sheridan, George M. Smith, George B. Spencer, Edwin F. Tarbox, John P. Tully, Henry J. Wade, Michael Wall.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, Sept. 25, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:

Subject to confirmation by your Board I hereby appoint Frank P. Black (19

Port Norfolk St., Wd. 24), William H. Campbell (48 Holbrook St., Wd. 23), William H. Franklin (38 Dover St., Wd. 9), and John A. Whittemore, Jr. (33 Hastings St., Wd. 23), Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1906.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

CONSTABLES REMOVED.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Sept. 17, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

You are hereby notified that John H. Jennings, James E. Kendall, James McNulty, Joseph J. Sullivan, Joseph P. Swift and Harvey N. Tilden have this day been removed from the office of Constable of the City of Boston, they not having filed a bond, as required by law.

You are further notified that John R. Mahoney has resigned from the office of Constable of the City of Boston and that his resignation has been accepted.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Placed on file.

ACTION ON SEALERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Sept. 25, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:

On July 15th and 23d I transmitted to your Board several appointments of persons to be Deputy Sealers of Weights and Measures and Seizers of Illegal Coal, Coke and Charcoal Measures for the term ending April 30, 1908, the said appointments being made subject to confirmation by your body.

In view of the report made by the Finance Commission, a copy of which is now before you, relating to the conduct of the Weights and Measures Department, I suggest that action upon the said appointments be suspended for the present. Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Placed on file.

RANDIDGE FUND REPORT.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, Sept. 21, 1907.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a report from the official who has had charge of the Randidge Fund Excursions, giving a list of the excursions this year and an account of the income and expenditures.

I recommend that the report be printed as a city document.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

The message and accompanying report were ordered printed as a city document and sent down.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and were referred to the committees named, viz:

Building Department, Ald.

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:

George W. McConnell, an illuminated sign at 243 Meridian St., Wd. 1.

Thomas B. Crimes, two political transparencies at 226 Meridian St., Wd. 1.

E. A. Finlin, an electric sign at 96 Orleans St., Wd. 2.

Anthony La Centra, a sign at 20 Brattle St., Wd. 6.

Dr. Sizeleman, two electric signs at 7 Parmenter St., Wd. 6.

H. Newman & Son (Inc.), an illuminated sign at 224 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Edward L. Cauley, an illuminated sign at 222 Washington St., Wd. 6.

O. L. Fern Co., an illuminated sign at 164-166 Blackstone St., Wd. 6.

John Sullivan, a sign at 92 Tyler St., Wd. 7.

G. A. Jackson, an electric sign at 24 Bromfield St., Wd. 7.

E. S. Boyadjian, a V sign at 42 Pleasant St., Wd. 7.

David J. Ingraham, an illuminated sign at 3 Temple place, Wd. 7.

Nicholas D. Plakias, an electric sign at 126 Bedford St., Wd. 7.

Arthur L. Green, an electric sign at 232 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Solomon Cardiff, a sign at 35 No. Russell St., Wd. 8.

Arthur T. Shanlian, a sign at 309A Shawmut Ave., Wd. 9.

John W. Horgan, a wooden sign at 78 Dover St., Wd. 9.

Charles Smith, an electric sign at 4A Irvington St., Wd. 10.

Dr. George L. Tullock, an electric sign at 567 Tremont St., Wd. 10.

H. Demeter, an electric sign at 332 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 10.

Lillie Vanarkey, a sign at 67 Church St., Wd. 10.

Nernst Lamp Company, two electric lights over Dartmouth St., from building 607 Boylston St.

E. C. Hoffman, an electric sign at 51-61 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 11.

Posnar & Harris, an electric sign at 81 Pembroke St., Wd. 12.

R. Elliott, an electric sign at 369 Broadway, Wd. 13.

John L. Lowery, a gas arc lamp at 168 D St., Wd. 13.

Michael L. Makres, an illuminated sign at 788 Dudley St., Wd. 16.

Abraham Marks, a gas arc lamp at 1971 Washington St., Wd. 17.

M. Levin, an illuminated sign at 110 Dudley St., Wd. 18.

Samuel Rodday, a sign at 1130 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20.

Crawford Studio, electric sign at 27 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Marciano Cardillo, barber pole at 111 Hampden St., Wd. 17.

Claims.

Boston Journal, for compensation for damages caused by overflow of sewer at 268 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Antonio Cornetta, for compensation for damages to premises 27 Decatur St., E. B., by the bursting of water pipes.

Joseph P. Hamlin, for a hearing on his claim for damages to estates 129 and 23 London street by clogging of the sewer in said street.

Wm. M. Farrington, agent, for compensation for expenses incurred on account of the stoppage of a sewer at 12 Blaine St., Wd. 25.

Halleck Welles, Jr., for compensation for injuries caused by one of the city's sanitary wagons.

A. L. Draper, for compensation for damage to automobile by an alleged defect in Carruth St., Wd. 24.

Alice E. Powell, for compensation for injuries to her child by his falling into an open manhole on Boston Common.

Peter Doyle, for compensation for personal injuries, and for a hearing on his claim.

Electric Wires.

Fire Commissioner, for leave to erect two poles on Barry St., Wd. 20.
 Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, for leave to erect and to remove one pole on Chelsea St., near Grove St., Wd. 2.
 Same company, for leave to erect and remove one pole on Clyde St., Wd. 2.
 The New England Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to erect and to remove one pole on Clyde St., Wd. 2.
 Same company, for leave to erect eight poles on Harvard St., Wd. 24.

Faneuil Hall.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:
 Italian Colony, on the evening of Sept. 20.
 Socialist Party, on the evening of Oct. 7.

Licenses.

W. C. Masson, manager, for license for Margaret O'Brien, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Castle Square Theatre, for the week ending Sept. 14.

Public Improvements.

Geo. E. H. Macomber Company, for leave to erect one guy post at 3 Dock Sq., and one on Franklin Ave., corner 35 Cornhill, and to stretch guy wires across Adams Sq.
 M. H. Gulesian, for leave to lay a 1¼-inch pipe under and across sidewalk at Harcourt St., corner Irvington St., Wd. 10.
 T. J. Billings, for leave to move a building from Hooper St., Wd. 20, to No. 7 Alpha Rd., Wd. 20.
 John Soley & Sons, for leave to move a building from 508 Bremen St. to 90 Moore St., Wd. 2.
 Timothy F. Murphy, for leave to discharge fireworks on Parker Hill, Sept. 16.
 Society San Michele Arcangelo, for leave to display fireworks on the North End Park, on the evening of Sept. 30, 1907.
 Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:
 Cornelius J. Desmond, 34-36 Corbet St., Wd. 24.
 Evelyn T. Gale, 93 Albany St., and corner Harvard St., Wd. 7.
 E. J. Bahan, 99-103 Humboldt Ave., and 179 Townsend St., Wd. 21.
 James H. Levis, 206 Bremen St., Wd. 2.
 Home Savings Bank, 16-24 Stone St., Wd. 3.
 W. B. Cox, 12 Brimmer St., Wd. 10.
 P. L. Newcombe, 205 East Cottage St., Wd. 20.
 G. L. Davidson, 435 Columbia Rd., Wd. 20.
 Boyd & Berry, 350-352 Centre St., Wd. 20.
 Wm. P. Henderson, 8 Victoria St., Wd. 20.
 Frederick J. Rockwell, 6-8 Norton St., Wd. 20.
 Joseph Rudnick, 16 Gannett St., Wd. 21.
 William White, 175-177 Townsend St., Wd. 21.
 John McDevitt, 1023-1027 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 24.
 Thomas Haley, 626 Freeport St., Wd. 24.
 Barbara Hoppe, 19 Howell St., Wd. 16.
 Catherine Fortunato, Dewey St. (north side), corner Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 16.
 Francis Normile, 107-109 Calumet St., Wd. 19.
 Joseph Engel, 244-248 Harvard St., and on Talbot Ave., Wd. 20.
 Clifford S. Conant, 24 Glendale St., Wd. 20.
 C. W. Seavey, trustee, 28 Charles St., Wd. 20.
 Chas. Hall Adams, 44 Murdock St., Wd. 25.

Ervin R. Dix, Parsons St., Wd. 25.
 L. Sudhalter, 101-103 Morris St., Wd. 1.

HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

On petition for leave to project bay windows, viz.:
 1. William F. McClellan, two, at 370-372 Chelsea St. (Day Sq.), Wd. 1.
 No objections. Referred to Committee on Public Improvements (Ald.), on motion of Ald. LEARY.
 2. C. E. Richardson, one, from building 33-37 West St., Wd. 7.
 Objections were received from F. G. Cook, 10 Tremont St., representing T. D. Whitney & Co., 25-37 West St., and from C. H. Tyler, Esq., Ames Building representing C. E. Cotting.
 Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, objections having been recorded, I move that the matter be referred to the Committee on Building Department, with instructions to give a public hearing.
 No further objections. Recommitted to the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), with instructions to give a public hearing.
 On petitions for leave to project marquis, viz.:
 3. Stone & Shaw, one, at 4 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.
 No objections. Leave granted under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ald. BALDWIN.
 4. Cushing Real Estate Trust, one, at 25-27 Temple Pl., Wd. 7.
 No objections. Recommitted to the Committee on Building Department (Ald.).
 On petitions for licenses to store and keep gasoline, viz.:
 5. Boston Automobile Renting Company, at the Copley Sq. Garage, Irvington St., Wd. 10.
 No objections. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.
 6. Tremont Garage Company, at 541 Tremont St., Wd. 10.
 Objections were received from Mary E. Renstein, owner, of 27 Warren Ave., and Dr. Honora J. Cote, owner, 29 Warren Ave.
 No further objections. Referred to the Committee on Licenses, with instructions to give a public hearing.
 7. Gordon Dexter, at 55 Beacon St., Wd. 11.
 8. Charles Grosse, at 1772 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24.
 9. Charles A. French, at 45 Englewood Ave., Wd. 25.
 No objections, Nos. 7, 8 and 9 were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads.
 On petitions of the West End Street Railway Company, viz.:
 10. For a location for an alteration of its existing tracks, as follows: Double tracks on Dudley St. from Magnolia St. to Nonquit St., with the right to use the overhead single trolley electric system thereon.
 No objections. Referred to the Committee on Railroads.
 11. For a location for double tracks on Bennington St., East Boston, from and connecting with the existing tracks on Saratoga St. to and connecting with the tracks of the Boston & Northern Street Railway Company on Bennington St., south of Breed St., with the right to use the overhead single trolley electric system thereon.
 No objections.
 Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I will say that, while it was perhaps somewhat out of course, the Committee on Railroads, to whom this matter would properly be referred, had a meeting this afternoon, and it was considered then

that perhaps the proper course to take would be to put the matter on the table. Therefore, in order to expedite matters, I move now that the matter be laid on the table.

Ald. BATTIS—Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIR—No debate is in order on the motion to lay on the table.

Ald. LEARY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Chair if an amendment would be in order to refer No. 11 to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The CHAIR—The Chair, if the motion is made, will entertain it.

Ald. LEARY—Mr. Chairman, I make that motion, that the matter be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, these matters have always been referred to the Committee on Railroads, and I see no reason now why that rule should be departed from. I hope that motion will not prevail.

Ald. LEARY—Mr. Chairman, I desire to say for the benefit of the members of the Board that this is a matter that the people of that section have been trying to get for a number of years. The railroad officials of both the Boston & Northern and the Boston Elevated have now come to terms and are making an application to this Board for the right to connect the Boston Elevated tracks with the Boston & Northern tracks. It is only a small matter, and I assure the members of this Board that it is something the people of that section are very much in need of. It is the only section of Boston where the citizens of Boston are compelled to pay two fares to ride to any part of Boston. In that section of East Boston known as Orient Heights the Boston & Northern railroad has tracks running down almost connecting with the Boston Elevated tracks, coming within 50 feet of them; and all the people of that section want is to have the Boston Elevated connect with the Boston & Northern tracks so that they can ride to Boston and obtain the same privilege that is enjoyed by people in any other section of Boston—a ride for five cents.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield for a question?

Ald. LEARY—Mr. Chairman, I will answer the question when I get through.

Ald. CURRY—I was about to ask how the Boston & Northern St. Railway is interested in this.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order. The Alderman has asked reference of the matter to the Committee on Public Improvements, and he is at the present time speaking to the merits of the question.

The CHAIR—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken.

Ald. LEARY—Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIR—Ald. Leary will proceed.

Ald. LEARY—Mr. Chairman, I desire to say that I am not at all surprised at the attitude of some gentlemen present here who are members of the Committee on Railroads. The action they have taken here this afternoon in offering some objection to this small matter is not a bit surprising to me. I have always tried to be friendly during this session to every member of this board. When members have asked for a small thing, and still a matter of such importance as this to the people of their section, I have favored it; and I think the other members of this board, having due consideration for the people of our section, should accord them the same courtesy which East Boston has always extended to other sections. In

asking the members to vote to refer this matter to the Committee on Public Improvements this afternoon I do so with the purpose of asking them to report back this afternoon granting the location to the Boston Elevated to run its tracks to connect with those of the Boston & Northern, so that the people of that section of East Boston can ride to Boston for 5 cents. Not only that, but this will be an accommodation to many of the people of that section. The Boston & Northern Railroad officials admitted in a hearing before his Honor the Mayor that in the winter they do not run their cars down there until 12 o'clock noon, and so, even by paying double fare, the people along that line could not get a car until 12 o'clock noon. I don't think the other members of the board would for a minute stand for such conditions in their sections, and I hope the members will vote this afternoon to refer this matter to the Committee on Public Improvements, and that they will report back favorably.

The question came on the substitute motion to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. BATTIS—Mr. Chairman, this matter has been threshed out in the Mayor's office on two or three occasions. It certainly is a matter in which the people of Orient Heights are interested, and it is rather peculiar that the Committee on Railroads took the matter up this afternoon even before they came to the Board or arrived at any agreement. It looks rather like a put-up job on the part of somebody, for the amusement of others. But, in my opinion, this matter should be referred to its proper committee, and if they don't want it, we should put it before the Committee on Public Improvements. I certainly hope it will go there, as long as the Committee on Railroads, don't care to have it. The Boston Elevated Road, in the first place, are not anxious to have this right themselves. They are not anxious to put in this spur track. It was only upon the agitation of the people of Orient Heights that they were prevailed upon to do it; and on several occasions they have asked us why we held up matters of this kind when they really are willing to put in the spur track. Certainly the Boston & Northern Road was not anxious to have it, and I know that the Boston Elevated was not; but finally the Boston & Northern has agreed to let the Boston Elevated run over its tracks to the top of the hill. That will be an accommodation to a great many people, and they will be able to ride to the city for five cents, the same as the people in other parts of Boston. I believe this matter should be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, as long as the Committee on Railroads does not care to receive it.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I suppose that the Committee on Railroads is not especially antagonistic to the measure, but probably every member of the board has received some such oration as has just been delivered by the alderman from East Boston—speaking about the matter being small and that few requests come from that section of the city. I know the chairman of the Committee on Railroads received that information, and the Committee decided ahead of time, before the matter was placed on the calendar, that they would give a hearing to those from East Boston who were interested—namely, the two aldermen. It was announced that they could be heard today, some time about one o'clock. The com-

mittee met and was in session until nearly one o'clock, and no one appeared. It seems to me that under those circumstances my motion was perfectly proper, and I hope it will prevail.

Ald. LEARY—Mr. Chairman, I understood that the committee was to give a hearing to persons objecting, not to persons who were in favor of this proposition, because if the latter were the understanding, we could have filled this chamber or this hall this afternoon with persons in favor of this project. Will the chairman say whether a single person appeared here today to object. I want to say that in East Boston we are all a unit in favor of the proposition. I ask the chairman of the Committee on Railroads if anybody did appear to object?

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, for the information of the Alderman I will inform him that it is the custom of the Railroad Committee to hear both sides, not only one side.

Ald. BATTIS—Mr. Chairman, I will state that if the chairman of the Committee on Railroads had wanted to hear anybody that was interested in favor of the proposition, he certainly knew that we were right here in the hall and had been talking with him before we went into session. If he had been anxious to hear from us, he certainly could have let us know that, not coming in and trying to lay the matter on the table for the amusement of some people or just for the sake of creating more or less talk.

The substitute motion of Ald. Leary, to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements, was declared lost. Ald. BATTIS doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The motion was lost, yeas 2, yeas 1, Ald. Battis and Leary voting yeas.

Ald. BATTIS—Mr. Chairman, I move that this be laid on the table.

Ald. LEARY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask if it would be in order to ask for a suspension of the rule at this time, in order to discuss the matter?

The CHAIR—The Chair must rule that if there were an order prepared at this time, which was before the body, such a motion made by the honorable Alderman might be in order; but, under the circumstances, the Chair must rule that that motion is not in order at this time. The question is on Ald. Battis' motion to lay on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was declared lost.

The CHAIR—Under the rules, the order will be referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Ald. LEARY—Mr. Chairman, I most respectfully doubt the vote whereby the motion to lay on the table was declared lost.

The roll was called, and the motion to lay on the table was declared carried, yeas 8, nays 5:

Yeas—Ald. Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper, Finigan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—8.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Bangs, Battis, Curley, Flanagan—5.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, under the circumstances I feel that the Committee on Railroads could not act on the matter without some bias, possibly. Therefore, I move a reconsideration of the vote referring the matter to the Committee on Railroads.

The CHAIR—The Chair must rule that motion out of order.

Ald. BATTIS—Mr. Chairman, at this time I move that No. 11 be taken from the table.

The motion was carried.
Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I move a suspension of all rules at this time, that No. 11 be placed upon its passage.

(Ald. CURLEY, by unanimous consent, withdrew the motion.)

The CHAIR—If there are no objections, in order to dispose of this matter, the Chair will refer No. 11 on the calendar to the Committee on Public Improvements.

No. 11 on the calendar was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

REPORT ON WEIGHTS AND MEASURES DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:—
Sept. 21, 1907.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Boston:—

Gentlemen:—The Finance Commission submits herewith a report on the Department of Weights and Measures, with special reference to the proposed increase in the number of deputy sealers.

The Commission has considered the laws and ordinances relating to the department, has examined its books and records, has heard the sealer, his deputies and other persons, including a former head of the department, and has personally investigated its work.

The Department of Weights and Measures is a department which the city is bound by statute to maintain, and it has charge of one of the most important branches of municipal work; for through its efforts all citizens, particularly the poor, ought to be safeguarded from imposition, and fraud in the purchase of such necessities as coal, provisions and ice.

The duties of the department, under Chapters 57 and 62 of the Revised Laws, are, stated briefly, to test and seal each year all the weights, measures and balances used in the sale of commodities, to seize the measures which do not conform to the legal standard, and to prosecute vendors of merchandise in whose possession illegal measures used, or intended for use, are found. Section 30 of Chapter 62 specifically directs the sealer and his deputies to prosecute such vendors. Statute 1906, Chapter 216, and Statute 1907, Chapter 224, make it a crime to use or to give false weights or measures. Section 90 of Chapter 57 directs the sealer to keep a separate book recording the baskets of coal sealed by him, and all weighings of coal. The Revised Ordinances of the city provide in Chapter 43 that the sealer shall have direction of the deputy sealers and shall keep regular books showing the work done by the department.

The city charter (Statute 1854, Chapter 449, Section 46) makes it the duty of the Mayor to be vigilant and active at all times in causing the laws for the government of the city to be enforced, to inspect the conduct of all his subordinates, and to cause all negligence, carelessness and positive violations of duty to be duly prosecuted and punished. The Charter Amendments of 1885 (Chapter 266, Section 6) direct the Mayor to secure the earnest, efficient and economical conduct of the entire executive and administrative business of the city.

The department as at present organized consists of a sealer with a salary of \$3000, of ten deputy sealers with salaries of \$1000 each, and of two laborers. The sealer and the deputy sealers are appointed annually by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen. The deputy sealers are divide for administrative purposes into two classes; four are assigned to duty at the office of the department in the Old Court House, and are called "inside" deputies, while the remaining six do work away from the office and are called "outside" deputies. One of the inside deputies acts as book-keeper and clerk.

The Commission's investigation has disclosed almost hopeless inefficiency in the department, as at present and for some time past conducted.

The book required by the City Ordinances to record all the work performed by the deputies has not been kept as the law demands, for the inspection work is not recorded at all, and no attempt is made to record correctly the daily work of individual deputies, or the number of days in which work of any kind is accomplished. Thus in the year ending July 31, 1906, only 685 days' work is recorded to the credit of the six outside deputies, an average of only 114.1-6 days in the year for each. This indicates idleness, or improper book-keeping, or both. In December, 1905, the records show only one day's work apiece credited to the six outside deputies, and for December, 1906, only 2.5-6 days apiece. For the other days of these months the deputies have not satisfactorily accounted, except in the case of one deputy, who testified that when he found that he was not needed he put up his horse and went home. The original records of work accomplished by the inside deputies in the sealing of milk jars, bottles, etc., are destroyed as soon as they are posted in the book, and the book itself does not give the individual records, but only the aggregate, thereby leaving no record which indicates who are active, and who are not. The record of the total number of such measures tested and sealed is contradicted by evidence received from five of the largest dealers in Boston, who state that they sent in 1906 to the department 327,320 such measures, while the department records state that during the same period there were tested and sealed for the same dealers 553,575 measures, or 226,255 more than the figures furnished by the dealers. Revised Laws, Chapter 57, Section 90, requires the sealer to keep a book devoted solely to the purpose of recording all weighings of coal, coke and charcoal by his deputies; but no such book has been kept. As only weekly reports are required from the outside deputies, the check upon neglect of duty which daily reports would furnish is absent.

According to the testimony of the sealer, no work is done by the deputies on Saturdays, except to hand in cards of their week's work and to draw their pay, the sealer explaining that "Saturday is only a half day anyway."

Though many visits to the office have been made by various members of this Commission, practically no work has at any time been found in progress there, and to determine the nature of the duties performed by the inside force a special exhibition had at last to be requested of one of the deputies.

One of the labors of the department emphasized many times by the sealer and his deputies, and which requires the services of two or more deputies for a number of days each month, is the testing of coal scales for one of our large public service corporations. As these coal scales are not used for the purpose of selling coal or for public weighing, there appears to be no justification in law for this use of the department.

Effective checks seem wanting throughout; for the sealer appears to have only a slight acquaintance with the laws which relate to weights and measures, and which prescribe the duties of himself and his deputies, has no knowledge of the time required to test large scales, no knowledge as to whether the entire number of weights and measures which the law requires to be tested and sealed annually are tested and sealed in fact, and no knowledge as to whether the amount

of fees which should be collected are collected, or whether the amount collected is accounted for. It is to be noted, also, that although his outside deputies do not perform their regular work on stormy days because their kits may get wet, he has never tried to devise a means for their protection.

The evidence taken by the Commission shows that no adequate inspection is made to ascertain whether cheats are practised on the public, that inspections of fruit and provision peddlers and coal, ice and junk dealers are not made with sufficient frequency to insure protection, that a large number of weights and measures are not sealed as the law requires, and that the established policy of the department under its present administration is not to prosecute any offenders for violation of the laws.

These conclusions are confirmed by a report made to the Mayor under date of Sept. 19, 1907, by the State Commissioner of Weights and Measures, in which the Commissioner states that a large proportion of the scales in use have been found upon examination to be unsealed, that in but few instances have weights been found to be sealed, that in a majority of instances dry measures, liquid measures and yard sticks have not been sealed, that in some stores spaces measured by counter-tacks have been found in use, that in many cases ice scales have not been carried on the carts, and that out of a large number of inspections of milk bottles found upon the teams of various dealers in different sections of the city 90 per cent. had not been sealed. The State Commissioner concludes that there appears to be little protection afforded the public against the use of false weights and measures. The Commissioner has also informed the Finance Commission that he has repeatedly called the attention of the Boston Sealer to the necessity for prosecutions, but without results.

The most serious remissness of the department lies in the failure to prosecute offenders. In the face of the statute referred to above making it the duty of the sealer and his deputies to prosecute violators of the law, the present sealer has since he took office, in 1902, brought only one offender into court. During the past five years prosecutions have entirely ceased, and incriminating evidence, when discovered, is no longer preserved for use in court. The records of the department have always been poorly kept, and it does not follow that no more prosecutions have been brought than the records prior to 1902 indicate. They do show that between 1889 and 1898 the department collected evidence, prosecuted offenders and secured numerous convictions. The present sealer, on the contrary, maintains that he cannot bring himself to consider "exactly as criminals" persons guilty of defrauding the public by the use of false weights and measures, and adds that he has a "pretty stern way" with him, and that he thinks his system of lecturing the guilty preferable to prosecutions.

The Commission finds itself unable to regard the man who defrauds his fellow-citizens by the use of false weights and measures as anything but the meanest kind of swindler. Cheating by false measures was a criminal offense at the common law, and has for many years been the subject of legislative prohibition in this Commonwealth. The sealer and some of his deputies effect to believe that this crime is not of frequent occurrence in this city; but other deputies state that there is a vast amount of cheating by dishonest weights and measures, and this is also the opinion of the State Commissioner.

That no amount of sealing, testing and inspection not followed by prosecutions can suppress or seriously check the perpetration of this crime is the opinion of a former head of the department, of the State Commissioner, and of this Commission.

Lack of time, or an insufficient number of deputies cannot successfully be assigned as a reason for this omission to prosecute the users of short weights and measures; for the Commission is satisfied that deputies could have devoted much time to this work if the sealer had not deliberately abandoned the attempt to enforce the law.

The Commission is of the opinion that the Department of Weights and Measures, as conducted during the past five years, has entirely failed to protect the public from the impositions freely practised by unscrupulous vendors of coal, ice, provisions and other necessities of life; and that the department should be reorganized from top to bottom. It should be placed in charge of a man of executive ability, who knows the law and will enforce it. The methods of the department should be radically changed; daily reports should be made of the work done by each deputy; proper records should be kept of this work; a card index should be kept by streets and numbers of the dealers using weights and measures; all complaints should be recorded in a separate book, with a complete history of each case; and there should be a vigorous enforcement of the law, particularly in regard to inspections and prosecutions.

The Commission also recommends the revocation of the licenses of peddlers or itinerant vendors who use false weights and measures, but who have no fixed place of business and therefore cannot readily be found for prosecution.

The Commission believes, in short, that the system should be entirely reformed, and that there should be an immediate and complete reorganization of the department under a new head, assisted by such of the present deputies as may succeed in passing a proper examination under the Civil Service rules.

As to the ordinance recently passed, providing for an increase in the number of deputy sealers from ten to eighteen, the Commission believes that to act upon this ordinance by confirming the appointments recently made would only aggravate the evils of the present system. It would be, in the opinion of the Commission, an act of folly and a waste of public money to increase the force, or to add to the appropriations of this department as now conducted.

In the first place, it is impossible for any one to say that the number of deputies should be increased to enable the department to perform its statutory duties until an honest and earnest effort has been made by the department to do its work with the present force.

The Commission is not impressed with the suggestion that the state legislation of 1907, or the Federal enactment known as the "Pure Food Law" necessitate an increase in the number of deputy sealers. It is not clear that any of these laws will actually increase the work of the department. What appears to be needed is the prosecution of offenders against laws which have long been on the statute books; and it is not a deficiency in the number of deputies, but a lack of purpose on the part of the sealer himself which has prevented the doing of this work. While some of the deputies protest that all their time is occupied with their present duties, others have frankly ad-

mitted to the Commission that they have more or less spare time which they could devote to the prosecution of offenders against the law if they were requested to do so by the sealer.

Finally, the Commission believes that no increase in the force should be considered until the present method of appointments is changed. So long as the deputy sealers hold their office by virtue of annual appointments by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen, their positions must necessarily be regarded as secured by political methods, and held upon a political tenure.

The following testimony by the sealer illustrates the present situation:

Q. Don't you think it would help you some if you had some voice in the choice of your deputies, if you could select them?

A. Oh, I tell you I think it would be a mighty good plan if the corps were within the enfolding arms of the Civil Service. I think so for this reason —

Q. Would you like to pick out your deputies, the men who are to work under you, as head of the department? Wouldn't that be a desirable thing?

A. You know very well I couldn't.

Q. Why not?

A. Why, I wouldn't be permitted to. The sealer told the Commission that he had not recommended that the number of his deputies should be increased by eight, that he was not acquainted with the men who were appointed, and when asked if he knew whether they were competent or not replied that he did not know whether they were black or yellow. Further light is shed upon the political aspect of these positions by the testimony of one of the deputies, who told the Commission that he would be afraid to prosecute peddlers when caught with short measure, because of their political influence with the Board of Aldermen. In justice to the sealer these conditions should be borne in mind.

Some evidence as to the lack of necessity for the proposed increase in the number of deputy sealers may also be extracted from the experience of New York City, where a similar department, with only 13 sealers for a population nearly seven times as great as that of Boston, filed in the year 1906 2750 requests for prosecution and secured the collection of some \$16,000 in penalties.

The State Commissioner of Weights and Measures informs the Commission that, in his opinion, there should be no increase in the present force of the Boston department until the same has been completely reorganized in the manner suggested above, placed under the Civil Service rules, and at least one entire year has elapsed during which an intelligent and vigorous effort to enforce the law has been made; for not until that time will the head of the department or anybody else be in a position to say exactly how many men are required for a thorough enforcement of the law.

The Commission assumes that the ordinance in question was passed, and the appointments made without a full knowledge of the facts as disclosed to the Commission by its investigation, and now reported to the Mayor and Aldermen; and for the reasons stated the Commission recommends the withdrawal of the nominations of the eight additional deputies whose confirmation is now pending in the Board of Aldermen, and the repeal of the ordinance authorizing these appointments. The Commission believes that to add

eight deputies to the present force under existing conditions would only result in a duplication of inefficiency and expense; and that when the department is reorganized in the manner suggested, and under the direction of a competent sealer and new deputies drawn from the Civil Service lists, in place of some of the present deputies, a force of 10 will be sufficient to test and seal all the weights and measures, and to do a large amount of inspection and prosecution; and that, if prosecutions are made frequently and pressed vigorously, a moderate amount of inspection will suffice to protect the public from imposition. It agrees with the State Commissioner that not until the department thus reorganized has been in operation for a considerable length of time, at least one year, can it be determined whether the number of deputies shall be increased or decreased.

The Commission had intended to give a public hearing on this department, but it now sees no occasion for such a hearing.

A copy of the testimony given by the sealer is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

Boston Finance Commission.

By Nathan Mathews, Chairman.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

PROBATION OFFICER, CHELSEA COURT.

A communication was received from the Justice of the Police Court of Chelsea determining the salary of the Probation Officer of said court at \$1500, subject to the approval of the Board of Aldermen.

Referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS PAYROLL.

A communication was received from the Register of Deeds certifying to the persons employed in his office for the month of September, with the amount of work performed and the compensation therefor.

Approved by the Board.

COAL AND COKE LICENSES.

A list of the coal and coke licenses granted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, under the provisions of Chapter 484 of the Acts of 1903, was received and placed on file.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Communications were received from the Railroad Commissioners approving the plans No. 26187, 26188, 26189 and 26190, showing locations of Boston Elevated Railway Company on Washington St., from near Union Ave. to near Woodside Ave., and from Williams St. to the Arborway, and disapproving plan 26191, showing location near Arborway to Tower St., etc.

Placed on file.

CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The Constable's bond of Albert Terminiello, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, was approved by the Board.

HARBOR AND LAND HEARING.

A notice was received from the Harbor and Land Commissioners of a

hearing, Sept. 18, on petition of City of Boston for license to extend down stream end of pier at Congress St. bridge.

Placed on file.

REGISTER OF PROBATE ELECTION.

A precept was received from the Governor of the Commonwealth for an election to fill the vacancy in the office of the Register of Probate and Insolvency.

Placed on file.

RAILROAD HEARING.

A notice was received from the Railroad Commissioners of a hearing Oct. 3 on petition of West End Street Railway for extension of time for maintaining grade crossing on Neponset Ave.

Placed on file.

ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the petitions of Drake Bros. Co., for leave to project a marquee from building No. 83-85 Savin St., Wd. 21. and on petition of A. Shuman for leave to project a canopy from building 33 Broad St., Wd. 7—Orders of notice were passed for hearings on Monday, Oct. 7, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

On the petition of Lawrence & Stanley Garage Company, for license to store and keep for sale gasoline at 525-527 Columbia Rd.—an order of notice was passed for hearing on Oct. 14, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Ald. BELL, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order for the payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families for the month of September, under the provisions of Chapter 78 of the Revised Laws.

Report accepted; order passed.

LICENSE REPORTS.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition of W. C. Masson, Mgr., for a license for Margaret O'Brien, a child under 15 years, to appear at the Castle Square Theatre for the week ending Sept. 14—Recommending that a permit be granted.

Report accepted, permit granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 29 newsboys, 1 bootblack and 1 vender.

Report accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

FANEUIL HALL REPORTS.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, submitted reports on the following petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

Socialist Party, evening of Oct. 7, 1907.
Italian Colony, evening of Sept. 20, 1907.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

PROJECTION OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department, Ald., submitted the following:

(1) Reports on the following petitions for leave to project bay windows, recommending that leave be granted, viz.: Owen McGillen (referred Sept. 9), one bay window, 43 Orleans St., Wd. 2.

Bernard Cadden (referred Aug. 26), one bay window, 41 Orleans St., Wd. 2. Patrick Darcey (referred Sept. 9), one bay window, 253 Sumner St., Wd. 2.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of Sarah H. Sneideron (referred Aug. 26), for leave to project one bay window at 653 Saratoga St., Wd. 1, recommending that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Accepted.

(3) Report on the petition of George T. Horan (referred Sept. 9), for leave to project one bay window at No. 3 Cross St., Wd. 3, recommending that the petitioner have leave to withdraw at his own request. Accepted.

(4) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for leave to project signs, etc.—Recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

Thomas B. Grimes, transparencies, 226 Meridian St., Wd. 1.

Crawford Studio, electric sign, 27 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Marciano Cardillo, two barber poles, 111 Hampden St., Wd. 17.

George W. McConnell, illuminated sign, 243 Meridian St., Wd. 1.

E. A. Finnin, electric sign, 96 Orleans St., Wd. 2.

Anthony La Centra, sign, 20 Brattle St., Wd. 6.

Dr. Szeleman, two electric signs, 7 Parmenter St., Wd. 6.

H. Newman & Sons, illuminated sign, 224 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Edward L. Cauley, illuminated sign, 222 Washington St., Wd. 6.

O. L. Fern Company, illuminated sign, 164-166 Blackstone St., Wd. 6.

John Sullivan, sign, 92 Tyler St., Wd. 7.

G. A. Jackson, electric sign, 24 Bromfield St., Wd. 7.

E. S. Boyadjian, sign, 42 Pleasant St., Wd. 7.

David J. Ingraham, illuminated sign, 3 Temple Place, Wd. 7.

Nicholas D. Plakas, electric sign, 126 Bedford St., Wd. 7.

Arthur L. Green, electric sign, 332 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Solomon Cadiff, sign, 35 North Russell St., Wd. 3.

Arthur T. Shanlian, sign, 309A Shawmut Ave., Wd. 9.

H. Demeter, electric sign, 332 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 10.

Lillie Vanarkey, sign, 67 Church St., Wd. 10.

Nernst Lamp Company, two electric lights, 607 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

F. C. Hoffman, electric sign, 51-51 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 11.

Posnar & Harris, electric sign, 51-61 Pembroke St., Wd. 12.

R. Elliott, electric sign, 369 Broadway, Wd. 13.

John W. Horgan, sign, 78 Dover St., Wd. 9.

Charles Smith, electric sign, 4A Irvington St., Wd. 10.

John L. Lowery, gas arc lamp, 168 D St., Wd. 13.

Michael L. Makres, illuminated sign, 788 Dudley St., Wd. 16.

Abraham Marks, gas arc lamp, 1571 Washington St., Wd. 18.

M. Levin, illuminated sign, 110 Dudley St., Wd. 18.

N. W. Thompson, electric sign, 1203 Tremont St., Wd. 18.

Samuel Rodday, sign, 1130 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20.

Dr. George L. Tullock, electric sign, 567 Tremont St., Wd. 10.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

RAILROAD REPORT.

Ald. DRAPER, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted a report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company (recommitted Aug. 26), for a location for a third track on Huntington Ave., recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted to the West End Street Railway Company for locations for tracks in the streets of the city of Boston, said company shall have the right to construct, maintain and use a third track on Huntington Ave., from a point west of Gainsboro St., to a point west of Parker St., connecting at both ends with the southerly of the existing tracks there situate, together with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated July 8, 1907, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

And the consent of the Board of Aldermen is granted to said company to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said location, and to erect, maintain and use iron poles, not less than 20 feet in height, at places indicated by red dots or circles on the aforesaid plan, or at such other places, to be shown by blue dots or circles on said plans as the Commissioner of Wires shall approve.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, and the kind and location of poles, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order, and shall file such acceptance with the City Clerk in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 399 of the Acts of 1902; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work authorized to be done under the provisions of this order shall be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed.

RELOCATION OF POLE.

Ald. CURLEY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted a report on the petition of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston (referred today), for leave to relocate one pole on Chelsea St., Wd. 2—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. A. Fuller; said pole to be located as follows:

Chelsea St., near Gove St., Wd. 2, one pole; height and diameter not to exceed 50 feet by 15 inches; width of sidewalk, 10 feet; date of plan, Sept. 16, 1907.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Chelsea St. one pole shown by a black dot on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue a permit for opening and occupying the street for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in Chapter 33, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1893.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CLARK presented the petition of the Republican State Committee for the use of Faneuil Hall on Nov. 4, 1907, at noon, and, on motion of Ald. CLARK, the rules were suspended and leave granted on the usual conditions.

REMOVAL OF TREES, ETC.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to have trees removed in front of the following estates:

Nonantum St., corner Washington St., Ward 25.

Lake St., near Washington St., Wd. 25.

16 Parker Hill Ave., Wd. 19.

The expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to have trimmed two trees in front of estate numbered 32 Rill St., Wd. 20; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove trees standing in front of estate 12 Rill St., Wd. 29, 29 Sagamore St., Wd. 29, expense of same to be charged to Public Grounds Department appropriation.

Passed.

CAR TRACKS, RIVER STREET.

Ald. BELL offered an order: That the Old Colony Street Railway Company be and hereby is requested to relay their car tracks on River St., from Mattapan square to Hyde Park line.

Passed.

REPAIR OF GRAMPIAN WAY.

Ald. BELL offered an order: That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to place in proper condition the north sidewalk and the street on Grampian Way, Wd. 20, the expense to be charged to Street Department appropriation.

Passed.

WIRE ACROSS ST. MARGARET ST.

Ald. BELL offered an order that permission be granted to Harmon W. Ladd to stretch a wire across St. Margaret St., from premises No. 50 on said street to a vacant lot on the opposite side of said street, in such manner as may be approved by the Wire Commissioner.

Passed.

REVOCATION OF PERMIT.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the permit granted by the Mayor and Aldermen to the Society of San Benigno

to display fireworks at the North end park on the evening of Sept. 30, be and the same is hereby revoked.

Passed.

REPAIR OF SWIFT ST.

Ald. Battis offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to have Swift St., between Bennington and Lubec Sts., put in proper condition for public travel.

Passed.

SIDEWALK, DUDLEY ST.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along Nos. 738, 752, 754, 756 Dudley St., Wd. 16, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of brick.

Under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Passed.

WALK HILL, SIDEWALK ORDER RESCINDED.

Ald. CLARK offered an order—That the order passed by this Board, May 22, 1907, and approved by the Mayor, May 27, 1907, directing the Superintendent of Streets to make a sidewalk of gravel with granite edge-stone along the westerly side of Walk Hill St., between Blue Hill Ave. and Harvard St., Wd. 24,—be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Passed.

CLEANING OF ROXBURY CATCH BASINS.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order that the Superintendent of Sewers, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this Board to have the catch basins in the Roxbury District cleaned at the earliest possible date.

Passed.

ROXBURY IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order that the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this Board to repair Fellows St., from Lenox St. to Hunneman St.; repave Hampden St., from Howard St. to Dudley St.; pave Southampton St.; pave Gerard St.

Passed.

LAYING OUT RANDALL STREET.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept, lay out and construct as a public highway Randall street, Ward 17.

Passed. Sent down.

GAS LAMP, FELLOWS STREET.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain a gas lamp opposite No. 130, Fellows street, Ward 17; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

Under unfinished business, the Chair took up the following:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz.:

12. William F. Derby, M. D., to be an Overseer of the Poor for the term ending April 30, 1910.

13. William L. Caulfield and George W. Brooker, to be Constables for the term ending April 30, 1908.

14. Arthur B. Cudworth and Frank R. Oxley, to be Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1908.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Ald. Curley and Clark. Whole number of ballots, 11; yes 11, and the appointments were confirmed.

VOTES FOR CHAIRMAN.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY, the Board took up special assignment, viz.:

16. Order of Alderman Curley "that the Board of Aldermen proceed to the election of a Chairman for the current municipal year, under the provisions of Section 7 of Chapter 26 of the Revised Laws."

The order was passed, and the Clerk called the roll, each member responding as his name was called, with the following result:

For John E. Baldwin—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—6.

For Tilton S. Bell—Ald. Bangs, Berwin—2.

For William Berwin—Ald. Battis, Draper—2.

For Louis M. Clark—Ald. Bell—1.

For Francis R. Bangs—Ald. Clark—1.

For Fred A. Finigan—Ald. Whelton—1.

There was no choice. Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I move you, sir, that under Section 7 of Chapter 26 of the Revised Laws we proceed to another ballot.

Ald. CLARK—Mr. Chairman, I would ask if there is anything peculiar about Section 7 of Chapter 26?

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, for the benefit of the gentleman I will say that the only thing I can discover peculiar about it is that it is an impossibility for seven Democrats to get together upon one man for the chairmanship.

Ald. CURLEY'S motion was declared lost. Ald. CURLEY doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The motion was lost, yeas 6, nays 7. Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—6.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper, Whelton—7.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I move you, sir, that the Board proceed to the election of a permanent Chairman.

The CHAIR—The Chair will rule that that motion is not in order at this time, other business not having intervened.

RECESS TAKEN.

Ald. WHELTON moved that the Board take a recess subject to the call of the Chair; declared carried.

Ald. CURLEY doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The Board voted to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, at 4:26 P. M., yeas 13, nays none.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 5:30 P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Chairman BERWIN, for the Com-

mittee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on petition of William F. McClellan (recommitted today), for leave to project two bay windows from building 370-372 Chelsea St., Wd. 1, that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions, referred today:

Society San Michele Arcangelo, to display fireworks on the North End Park on the evening of September 30, 1907.

Timothy F. Murphy, to give exhibition of fireworks on Parker Hill, Monday, Sept. 16, 1907.

Reports accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports on petitions referred Sept. 9, recommending the passage of orders—That the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, and to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, owners to furnish material, in front of following estates:

W. P. Ruisseau & Son, 1039-1045 Washington St., and on Cherry St., Wd. 9, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

H. B. Rankin, 55-59 King St., Wd. 24, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Mary E. Stevens, 24 Roslin St., Wd. 24, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Drake Brothers, 83-89 Savin St., Wd. 21, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

W. H. Sullivan, 248-250 Bowdoin St., on the Hamilton St. side of estate, Wd. 20, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Shelton Barry, 119-123 Westville St., Wd. 20, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

James H. Kelley, 145 Bowdoin St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Scarr & Higgins, 129 Capen St., Wr. 24, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

James D. Russo, 4 Capen St., Wd. 24, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

H. C. Kendall, 14 Kenwood St., Wd. 20, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Margaret F. Mahoney, 11½ Woodlawn St., Wd. 23, brick, with granite edgestone.

Charles J. Johnston, 166-172 Walnut Ave., Wd. 21, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Also similar reports on petitions referred today, as follows:

James H. Levis, 206 Bremen St., Wd. 2, brick, with granite edgestone.

Home Savings Bank, 16-24 Stone St., Wd. 3, brick.

W. B. Cox, 12 Brimmer St., Wd. 10, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

P. L. Newcombe, 205 East Cottage St., Wd. 20, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

G. L. Davidson, 435 Columbia Rd., Wd. 20, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Boyd & Berry, 350-352 Centre St., Wd. 20, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Joseph Rudnick, 16 Gannett St., Wd. 21, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Wm. P. Henderson, 8 Victoria St., Wd. 20, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Frederick J. Rockwell, 6-8 Norton St., Wd. 20, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Wm. White, 175-177 Townsend St., Wd. 21, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

John McDevitt, 1023-1027 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 24, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Thomas Haley, 626 Freeport St., Wd. 24, gravel, with granite edgestone.

Barbara Hoppe, 19 Howell St., Wd. 16, brick.

Catharine Fortunato, Dewey St., North side, corner Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 16, brick.

Francis Normile, 107-109 Calumet St., Wd. 19, gravel, with granite edgestone.

Joseph Engel, 244-248 Harvard St., and on Talbot Ave., Wd. 20, brick, with granite edgestone.

Clifford S. Conant, 24 Glendale St., Wd. 20, gravel, with granite edgestones.

C. W. Seavey, trustee, 28 Charles St., Wd. 20, brick.

Charles Hall Adams, 44 Murdock St., Wd. 25, gravel, granite edgestones.

Ervin R. Dix, Parsons St., Wd. 25, artificial stone, with granite edgestones.

Cornelius J. Desmond, 34-36 Corbet St., Wd. 24, brick, with granite edgestones.

Evelyn P. Gale, 93 Albany St. and on Harvard St., Wd. 7, artificial stone, with granite edgestones.

E. J. Bahan, 99-103 Humboldt Ave. and 79 Townsend St., Wd. 21, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Also in similar report on the petition of L. Sudhalter (referred Sept. 1), 101-103 Morris St., Wd. 1, brick, with granite edgestone.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

(4) Report on the message of the Mayor, with accompanying order (referred today), for the placing in charge of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital of certain land transferred to the city by the Boston Transit Commission, to be used for an addition to the Relief and Ambulance Station in Haymarket Sq.—recommending that the same be printed and sent down, and that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; message and order ordered printed, and said order passed, yeas 13. Sent down.

(5) Reports on petitions referred today recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits to move wooden buildings, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto, as follows:

John Soley's Sons, one, flat roof, 49 feet in length, by 18 feet in width, by 30 feet in height, from 508 Breinen St. through Bremen, Bennington and Moore Sts. to land at 90 Moore St., Wd. 2.

T. J. Billings, one, hip roof, 43 feet in length, by 38 feet in width, by 25 feet in height, from Hooper St., near Melville Ave., along Hooper St. and across Tremlett St. and private land, to Alpha Rd., and along to No. 7 on said Alpha Rd., Wd. 20.

Reports accepted, said orders passed.

(6.) Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company (referred today) for location of tracks, with the right to use the overhead single trolley electric system on Bennington St., from Saratoga St. to south of Breed St.—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted to the West End Street Railway Company for locations for tracks in the streets of the city of Boston, said company shall have the right to construct, maintain and use double tracks on Bennington St., East existing tracks on Saratoga St. to and connecting with the tracks of the Boston & Northern Street Railway Company on Bennington St. south of Breed St.; together with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches

and connections; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated July 15, 1907, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

And the consent of the Board of Aldermen is granted to said company to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said location, and to erect, maintain and use iron poles, not less than twenty feet in height, at places indicated by red dots or circles on the aforesaid plan, or at such other places, to be shown by blue dots or circles on said plan, as may be approved by the Superintendent of Streets, and to place on said poles such wires and other appliances as the Commissioner of Wires shall approve.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, and the kind and locations of poles, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order, and shall file such acceptance with the City Clerk in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 399 of the Acts of 1902; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work authorized to be done under the provisions of this order shall be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed.

(7) Report on the petition of M. H. Gulesian (referred today), recommending the passage of an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to M. H. Gulesian to lay, maintain and use three one and one-quarter inch iron pipes, with screw covers attached, under and across the sidewalk on the Harcourt St. side of estate at the corner of Irvington St., Wd. 10, the work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1907, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(8) Report on the order (referred today), that the Superintendent of Streets make a brick sidewalk along Nos. 738, 752, 754, 756 Dudley St., Wd. 16—recommending the passage of the same.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(9) Report on petition of Geo. B. H. Macomber Company (referred today), recommending the passage of an order—that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Geo. B. H. Macomber Co. to erect, maintain and use guy posts with necessary ropes attached, one at or near 3 Dock Sq., one at or near Franklin Ave., corner 35 Cornhill, and to stretch wires from private lands over and across Adams Sq., Wd. 6, for use during building construction; the work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1907, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

ATTEMPT TO ELECT CHAIRMAN.

Ald. CURLEY moved that the board proceed to the election of a permanent chairman.

Ald. CURLEY doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The motion was lost, yeas 6, nays 6.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—6.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Whelton—6.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY, the

board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. BANGS, at 5.38 p. m., to meet on Monday, September 30, 1907, at 3 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, Sept. 26, 1907.

Adjourned regular meeting of the Common Council, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 P. M.

In the absence of President Barrett, Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15, senior member, called the meeting to order.

The CHAIR—The gentlemen of the

Council will come to order. The first business in order will be to elect a president pro tem., in the absence of the President of the Council.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I move that the Clerk be requested to cast one ballot for the election of Timothy J. Sullivan, as president pro tem.

The motion was carried, and the Clerk reported that he had attended to the duty assigned, and that Mr. Timothy J. Sullivan had been elected president pro tem.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 offered an order—That when this Council adjourns it be to meet again on Thursday, Oct. 10, at 7:45 o'clock P. M.

Passed.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. McCULLOUGH, at 8 P. M., to meet on Thursday, Oct. 10, 1907, at 7:45 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Sept. 30, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Ald. BERWIN, senior member, presiding, and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. CURLEY, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The Mayor submitted the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board, viz.:

(1) Joseph J. McWeeny (440 Meridian St., Wd. 1), and Robert J. Ware (862 Second St., Wd. 14), Constables of the city of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1908.

(2) Thomas F. White (51 Spooner St., Wd. 20), a Measurer of Grain for the term ending April 30, 1908.

Severally laid over, under the law.

HEARING AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of the Austin Biscuit Company for leave to lay a single track railroad for private use in the transportation of freight by steam power across Beverly St., from the tracks of the Boston & Maine Railroad to a private way running into said Beverly St., about 135 feet north of Causeway St.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Railroads.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Department (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Jeremiah McGillicuddy, an electric sign, at 59 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Nightingale & Childs Company, a wooden sign, at 205 Congress St., Wd. 7.

William C. Gregor, an electric sign, at 52 Winter St., Wd. 7.

Harry Fialkow, two barber poles, at 18 Brooks St., Wd. 1.

Arthur V. Haraden, an illuminated sign, at 2 Saratoga St., Wd. 1.

Domenico Mongiovi, an electric sign, at 4 Prince St., Wd. 6.

Nunzio Anastasi, an electric sign, at 438 Tremont St., Wd. 10.

Bornstein & Herson, two electric signs at 1132 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

Tilton S. Bell, political transparency, Norfolk Hall, Washington St., Wd. 20.

Unique Theatre Company, electric sign, 700 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Henry Paul, complaining that a sign erected by leave of the Board of Aldermen by Morris Maybush at 30 Parmenter St. obstructs the view from his premises at 23 on said street.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, etc., viz.:

The Berkeley Association, on Nov. 1 and 2 (noon and evening).

Railroad Trainmen Associates, on Nov. 4 and Dec. 9 (evening).

The Boston Advancement League, on Dec. 6 and 7 (noon and evening).

Claims.

Hugh O'Connor, to be paid the amount of wages lost by him on account of his being injured by a horse of the Sanitary Department.

Public Improvements.

Jennie H. Wallace, for leave to construct a bulkhead opening in sidewalk, at 48 Cambridge St., Wd. 8.

F. P. Howard, for leave to construct a bulkhead opening in sidewalk, at 266 Bennington St., Wd. 1.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:

Bryant G. Smith, Trustee, 706-714 Dudley St., and 66-74 Humphreys St., Wd. 16.

Charles H. Lindsay, 222 Harvard St., Wd. 20.

William H. Lindsay, 1230-1242 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 20.

P. O'Hearn, 164-168 Westville St., Wd. 20.

Morris Wheeler and Michael Rudnick, 62-68 Brunswick St., Wd. 21.

Clara A. Sawyer, 94 Thetford Ave., Wd. 24.

Margaret Weber, 96 Thetford Ave., Wd. 24.

Julius R. Deis, 98 Thetford Ave., Wd. 24.

Hanora Flynn, 52 Murdock St., Wd. 25.

ORDER OF NOTICE.

On the petition of Lawrence J. Killian, for leave to project a marquee at 651 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7, an order was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, Oct. 14, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

COAL AND COKE LICENSES.

A list of coal and coke licenses granted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth was received.

Placed on file.

CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The City Treasurer, after having duly approved of the same, submitted the constable's bond of George W. Brooker Approved by the Board.

EVENING SCHOOL, COMINS BUILDING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

In School Committee, Sept. 23, 1907.

Boston Public Schools,

Superintendent's Office,

Mason Street, Sept. 23, 1907.

To the School Committee:

With reference to the order of the City Council concerning the establishment of an evening elementary school in the Comins School building, which was referred to me by the School Committee at its meeting of June 29, 1907, I desire to say that during the summer months the Comins School building has been equipped with electric lighting, and an order introduced this evening provides that an evening school be established in that building.

Yours very respectfully,

Stratton D. Brooks,

Superintendent of Public Schools.

Placed on file and the secretary directed to notify the City Council accordingly.

A true copy.

Attest: Thornton D. Apollonio,
Secretary.

Sent down.

BRICK SIDEWALK, DUDLEY ST.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to have a brick sidewalk constructed on Dudley St., between Clifton and Humphreys Sts., under the new railroad bridge, caused by the elimination of the grade crossing at said point.

Passed.

LICENSESES.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 14 newsboys.

Reports severally accepted; permits granted on the usual conditions.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to remove a tree in front of estate No. 3 Alpine St., Wd. 21; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of estate 11, Brown Ave., Wd. 23; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

HOURS OF STREET CLEANING MEN.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Street Cleaning be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place the laborers in his department, outside of the business district, on days instead of nights.

Passed. Sent down.

CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Finance Commission be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of erecting a municipal building on land owned by the city on Albany St., said building to be used by the sanitary, street cleaning, watering, and lamp departments, and also to make recommendations as to the continuance or discontinuance of renting outside office quarters.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, the purpose of this order is manifest on the face of it. The city of Boston pays annually in the neighborhood of \$40,000 for rentals of outside quarters that are now used by various departments that could be quartered in a building erected on land owned by the city, and in charge either of the Sewer, Watering, Paving, Street Cleaning or Sanitary Departments. There is sufficient land there at the present time to permit of the erection of a building, and in all probability the erection of such a building as would be sufficient to accommodate those departments that now find it necessary to engage headquarters at very good rentals in the Tremont Building and elsewhere. It would be possible to quarter all those different departments in a municipal building on Albany St., and thereby save to the city annually somewhere in the neighborhood of \$30,000 to \$40,000. It is a matter that has been presented before this Board at various times during the past few years, but upon which, up to the present time, neither action has

been taken nor recommendation made. I can conceive of no good reason why such a building should not be erected. If a building suitable to accommodate these various quarters could be erected there for \$40,000, it would mean an annual saving to the city, above sinking fund and interest, of in the neighborhood of \$35,000 to \$36,000. The most important department of the city service is the Fire Department. That department has no central quarters in this building, in the Tremont Building or in any down-town building. Its headquarters are located on Bristol St., south of Dover St. If the most important branch of the city's service finds it possible to conduct its business outside of City Hall and vicinity, I can conceive of no reason why the other departments cannot find it possible to do likewise. The argument might have been advanced some fifteen or more years ago, previous to the scientific advances and improvements that have been made in telephone service, that it was necessary that those quarters be centrally located; but with telephone service as it is today, making it possible to connect one building with any other building in any other portion of the city in less than one or two minutes, I can conceive of no good reason why the city should continue to pay rentals of \$38,000 to \$40,000 for outside office quarters, when, as the order says, a municipal building can be erected for about \$40,000 sufficiently large to accommodate all departments, or a great many of them, that now engage outside quarters. I trust that the Finance Commission will consider the proposition seriously and will report favorably upon it to this City Council at an early date.

The order was passed. Sent down.

REPAIR OF STREETS.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have gutters on Carlow St., Wd. 17, placed in proper condition, and to pave Gerard St., Wd. 17; also to resurface Dunmore St., Wd. 17, and to place the sidewalks on Adams and Yeoman Sts., Wd. 17, in proper repair.

Passed.

LEAVE FOR VETERAN FIREMEN.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the various heads of departments be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to grant all veteran firemen in their employ leave of absence on day of the annual muster at Brockton.

Passed. Sent down.

PAVING OF OTIS ST.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to have Otis St., Wd. 7, between Summer St. and Winthrop Sq., paved with a noiseless pavement.

Passed.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted at 3.27 o'clock P. M., on motion of Ald. BELL, to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber, and were called to order at 5.05 o'clock P. M. by the Chair.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The CHAIR, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on message of Mayor and

order (referred Sept. 25), that \$16,500 be appropriated for wharf at Long Island—that the message be sent down and the order passed.

The report was accepted.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I move that this matter be assigned for two weeks.

The motion to assign was lost—yeas 6, nays 6, on a rising vote.

The question came on the passage of the order, which was rejected—yeas 8, nays 5 (9 votes being necessary for passage), as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—8.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark—5.

The vote whereby the order was rejected was reconsidered, on motion of Ald. Curley, and reconsideration was assigned to the next meeting.

(2) Report on message of Mayor and order (referred Sept. 25), that \$23,000 be appropriated for the reconstruction of Congress St. bridge—that the message be sent down and the order passed.

The report was accepted, the order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, I sincerely trust that this loan will be passed here today. I believe it is a proposition which should meet with the hearty co-operation of every member of this Board—a proposition which has been explained in the Committee on Public Improvements by the City Engineer and by the Superintendent of Bridges. It is a matter in which the teamsters of the city are interested and which very largely affects the welfare of a great many business people in the vicinity of Congress St. and Summer St. Extension, as well as in the city proper. I appeal to each and every member here today to look at this in a business light. I believe it is a matter that concerns the business interests of the city of Boston, that that large, growing district beyond Congress St. bridge is developing so rapidly that its interests should be protected by the members of this Board. I believe that all members, irrespective of party affiliation, should do their duty by the citizens, by the taxpayers of the city of Boston, and by the business interests, and I sincerely trust that this order will be put upon its passage today.

The order was rejected (a two-thirds vote being required for passage), yeas 7, nays 6:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—7.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper—6.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, at this time I move a reconsideration of the vote just had, hoping the same will prevail. I realize that any argument that might be advanced by myself or my colleagues at this time will probably be of no avail; and I believe it would be unfair to take up the time of the stenographers in jotting down all the things that might be said in favor of the proposition before us. I had supposed that when the honorable gentleman who represents Wd. 11 (Ald. Bangs) had asked in the Committee on Public Improvements that the matter be laid over for a week, he would come to the Board of Aldermen today prepared to vote in favor of the proposition, but by his vote it is apparent that he is not so prepared. Congress-St. Bridge, as Ald. Baldwin has so well said, is the principal artery of travel between the city proper and South Boston. No section of the entire city has witnessed such a development as has taken place in that particular section during the past ten years. Great warehouses, great manufacturing es-

tablishments have been erected. We have there the terminus for the New Haven road, with its storage warehouses, with its great docks, I believe constructed out of an appropriation made by the state of in the neighborhood of half a million dollars or more some eight or ten years ago; and yet, because of our difference of opinion on the question of what constitutes current expense and what constitutes an expenditure for permanent improvements, we propose to close up this principal artery of travel and say that it shall remain closed until such time as the money is raised from the tax levy. I believe there is no section of our city that is more congested with travel at all hours of the day than that section known as Congress St. Congress-St. Bridge is perhaps put to a greater amount of use in travel of vehicles than any other similar structure in the entire city, or possibly the entire state. Each year for the past three years a recommendation has come to this city government that an appropriation be made either for the strengthening of the approaches to Congress-St. Bridge, for the widening of the draw, or for repairs of one kind and another. Congress-St. Bridge cannot be considered in the same light as the bridge connecting the city of Boston with that portion of the city of Cambridge that is south of Craigie Bridge, the old Harvard Bridge; and we cannot consider it in the same light as the numerous bridges that cross Southampton St. or Massachusetts Ave.—because they are not subject to the same amount of travel. In fact, we cannot consider it in the same light that we would repairs on the Dover-St. bridge or the Broadway bridge, because the amount of traffic that passes over Congress-St. bridge is greater than the amount of traffic that passes over all the other bridges in any given time in any one year. A bridge that is subject to constant travel must necessarily require constant repair. The proposition might be likened to the condition of our public streets. Atlantic Ave., Commercial St. and Hanover St. are subject to more travel than are Beacon St., Arlington St., Huntington Ave. or any of those streets in the Back Bay portion of our city. It becomes necessary in about every 10 years to appropriate money for the reconstruction of these heavily traveled down-town streets, while the streets in the Back Bay portion of the city, not subject to a great amount of travel, require an appropriation of money for their repair and reconstruction only about once in every 20 years. That is the proposition as it applies to the Congress-St. bridge. It is subject to more travel than any similar structure in the entire city. It is a peculiar thing, and certainly appears strange, that on matters of this character party lines are drawn. I don't know whether they are drawn intentionally, whether the Good Government Association demands it, or whether it is done with the purpose of winning the plaudits and commendation of a certain element of our community. But we cannot lose sight of the fact that they are drawn. There is just one little proposition that I would like the gentleman from Wd. 11 to answer, why it is, on a measure involving a tremendous expenditure of money—and by a tremendous expenditure of money I mean an expenditure such as was made for the Boston and Cambridge bridge, recommended by a Republican Legislature, saddling upon the city of Boston and the city of Cambridge a burden of more than three million dollars—party lines are not drawn and the question of current

expense and permanent improvement never enters into it, while it is brought into this question? Why, there has been more money spent for unnecessary ornamentation on the Boston and Cambridge bridge than would be necessary to place all the bridges in the entire city in proper repair. Great, monstrous turrets, unsightly, in my opinion, not good from any architectural point of view, have been built on that bridge. Great plates have been placed upon the bridge, costing more money than would be necessary to place in proper repair the Congress street bridge, a bridge constantly used for travel. If it is all right to vote such appropriations in the Legislature, where your party is in the majority, why quibble on the question of appropriating \$23,000 for such necessary work as is required on the Congress street bridge? Can any man say that it is a fair position to take? Every member of this board realizes that if this money is to come out of the tax levy it will not be available before July of next year. Every member realizes that a great injustice and a great hardship will be wrought on merchants and manufacturers, men engaged in business on the South End flats and in all sections of South Boston, the other side of Congress street bridge, unless this work is done. Suppose, for instance, the bridge should break down in December or January, would it be fair to ask that those merchants put up with the inconvenience until such time as the money was available from the tax levy? It is not a fair proposition, view it in whatever light you will, and it cannot be considered a fair proposition. I believe it is eminently unfair to place the consideration of this proposition in the same light that we have placed every other proposition that has come before us, where the question of a loan was under consideration. I sincerely trust that reconsideration will prevail, and that every member of the board who is today opposed to this proposition will some time between now and the next meeting, take it upon himself to visit the section where Congress street is located, view the traffic over the bridge, and then come back here and do his duty.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, any one listening to the eloquent remarks of the Alderman on the other side would get the impression that some of the Republican members of this Board were opposed to the rebuilding of Congress St. bridge; that immediate action was a matter of dire necessity, and that if the matter were not promptly attended to and the Board of Aldermen did not immediately grant the money, serious accidents would happen. That may be the true state of affairs, but I think the Alderman has neglected the most important factor in the opposition to the order. If anything should happen to Congress St. bridge today or tomorrow, or in December or in January, I think the business men, merchants and teamsters who use the bridge should place the blame where it properly belongs, and that is with His Honor the Mayor. His Honor the Mayor is at the head of this city and has a reserve fund laid aside for the identical purposes which this bill is supposed to cover. The Assistant City Auditor at the last meeting of the Board informed us that there was over \$100,000 there available for any purpose—and, in my opinion at least, as one member, there is no more worthy purpose than to take out this \$23,000 from the \$100,000 to fix that bridge. Every member of the Board agrees that the bridge should be fixed up, or the approaches to it. Everybody realizes that there is an exceedingly great amount

of traffic over that bridge every day, and we all want to see that all our bridges are perfectly safe for use at all times. It is an injustice to people who have to go back and forth between Boston and South Boston that they should not be amply protected. Yet the fault lies not with the Board of Aldermen, because they will not pass an order borrowing money for the purpose, but with the administration in not using the money it has on hand, raised by taxation this year. That is where the \$23,000 should come from; and I trust that His Honor the Mayor at the next meeting, when he understands that the opposition that has been raised to this order is simply and solely because we do not believe in borrowing the money, will recommend to the Board that \$23,000 out of over \$100,000 in the reserve fund be transferred to this purpose. I, as one member of the Board, will certainly give that request my most hearty approval.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I am rather surprised at the weak statement of the gentleman from Dorchester. It is apparent that he does not realize that the reserve fund is created primarily to meet executions of court. I realize that at the end of the year it may be used to meet deficiencies in various city departments, and I suppose deficiencies will exist, as they always have existed. I do not believe that \$100,000 or even \$150,000 as a reserve fund is sufficiently large to be the subject of a tax of this kind on the part of the members of this Board. I think it is unfair to ask that this amount be taken from the reserve fund and that it comes with rather poor grace from the Alderman from Dorchester to make such a recommendation. Every member of the board knows just where the blame rests, and there is no necessity for evading or dodging the issue. With our present tax rate, if it were not for the unnecessary expenses saddled on the city by the Massachusetts Legislature, it would not be necessary to borrow money to do this work. There would be a sufficient fund available. I have here a tabulated list of the various state, county and city taxes, with totals, since 1885, and it is rather interesting, Mr. Chairman. In 1900, seven years ago, the city's portion of the amount of money raised by tax levy was \$13.14 on every \$1000; in 1905, just five years later, the total amount was \$13.40. Yet in this short period of five years the state tax had increased from 61 cents to \$1.87 on a thousand, an increase of more than 200 per cent. That is where the trouble is. The state takes our money, money that should be appropriated for the maintenance of city departments and for necessary city work. It is turned over to the state in the form of taxes and assessments. The city is not the chief criminal; the city is not the one responsible for conditions as they exist. The state is the one responsible and I sincerely trust that when my distinguished and elongated friend from the Dorchester district goes to the Senate next year, as I have every reason to believe that he may, he will endeavor to defend the city's interests along such lines.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, I hope reconsideration will prevail. I desire at this time to call attention to the attitude of some members on the other side of the house, on the Meridian St. bridge proposition a short while ago, as contrasted with the position taken today. If you remember, Mr. Chairman, the Alderman from East Boston—both Aldermen—were very much interested in the loan order of \$10,000 to repair the Meridian St. bridge. At that time they were contented and

satisfied, as will appear by the records, to vote for that loan order of \$10,000. It seems to me that the conditions at that time in regard to that bridge were similar to the conditions today in regard to the Congress St. bridge; and it certainly seems to me that the position some gentlemen have assumed here today is at least inconsistent.

The motion to reconsider prevailed, upon a rising vote, seven members being in favor of it.

On motion of Ald. BALDWIN, further consideration of the order was assigned to the next meeting of the board.

(3) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for permits to construct bulkhead openings—recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits to the hereinafter-named parties to do said work; the same to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1907, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, viz.:

F. P. Howard, to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening 4 feet by 1 foot and one-half, and with an iron cover of rough upper surface under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 266 Bennington St., Wd. 1.

Jennie H. Wallace, to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening 5 feet by 2 feet and one-half, with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 48 Cambridge St., Wd. 8.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed.

(4) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), recommending the passage of orders, that the Superintendent

Streets make sidewalks in front of the following-named estates on the hereinafter-named streets; said sidewalks to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone with granite edgestone, unless otherwise specified, the owner to furnish the material, viz.:

Bryant G. Smith, trustee, 706-14 Dudley St. and 66-74 Humphreys St., Wd. 16.
Charles H. Lindsay, 222 Harvard St., Wd. 20.

William H. Lindsay, 1230-42 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 20.

P. O'Hearn, 164-68 Westville St., Wd. 20.

Morris Wheeler and Michael Rudnick, 62-8 Brunswick St., Wd. 21.

Clara A. Sawyer, 94 Thetford Ave., Wd. 24 (gravel).

Hanora Flynn, 52 Murdock St., Wd. 25 (gravel).

Julius R. Deis, 98 Thetford Ave., Wd. 24 (gravel).

Margaret Weber, 96 Thetford Ave., Wd. 24 (gravel).

Reports severally accepted; orders passed.

PROJECTIONS, ETC.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:

Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for leave to project signs, etc.—that leave be granted, viz.:

Nightingale & Childs Co., wooden sign, 205 Congress St., Wd. 7.

Jeremiah McGillicuddy, electric sign, 59 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

William C. Grogan, electric sign, 52 Winter St., Wd. 7.

Domenico Mangiov, electric sign, 4 Prince St., Wd. 6.

Harry Chalkow, two barber poles, 13 Brooks St., Wd. 1.

Arthur V. Haraden, illuminated sign, 2 Saratoga St., Wd. 1.

Bornstein & Herson, two electric signs, 132 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

Nunzio Anastasi, electric sign, 483 Tremont St., Wd. 10.

Unique Theatre Company, electric sign, 700 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Tilton S. Bell, political transparency, Norfolk Hall, Washington St., Wd. 20.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted the following:

Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for use of Faneuil Hall—that leave be granted, viz.:

The Boston Advancement League, noon and evening, Dec. 6 and 7.

Railroad Trainmen Associates, evening of Nov. 4 and Dec. 9.

The Berkeley Association, noon and evening, Nov. 1 and 2.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

SIDEWALK, LEYDEN ST.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along both sides of Leyden St., between Breed and Northwood Sts., Wd. 1, in front of estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of brick with granite edgestone, the owners of the several estates to provide the said material.

Passed.

PAYMENT OF JANITORS.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform this Board at its next meeting, if convenient, why janitors in the service of the School Committee are not paid weekly, as provided by law.

Passed.

CATCH BASIN, WD. 17.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Sewers be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have a catch basin placed at the corner of Thordike St. and Harrison Ave., Wd. 17.

Passed.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Board of Aldermen proceed to the election of a Chairman for the current municipal year, under the provisions of Section 7 of Chapter 36 of the Revised Laws.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, at a previous meeting of the Board of Aldermen I believe it was the desire of a majority of this Board to proceed with the election of a permanent chairman for the ensuing year. With that purpose in mind—not that I have any desire to hold the honored office myself, because I am not convinced that there is any possibility of my getting it, but in order that an opportunity may be given members of this Board to elect a chairman—I suggested at that time that we begin, alphabetically, at the top of the list, and proceed to vote for a chairman. It is just barely possible that the reason why a selection was not made at the last meeting of the Board was because some of the Democratic aspirants for the chairmanship were

laboring under the delusion that it was the intention of Ald. Bell and Ald. Battis to vote for myself. That their minds may be easy today, I propose today to vote alphabetically for members of the Board, beginning with the one whose name is at the extreme end of the alphabet, **W, and working up**; and if the votes are taken, I shall so vote.

Ald BATTIS moved that the order be assigned to the next meeting; declared lost. Ald. BATTIS doubted the vote, the roll was called, and the motion to assign was lost, yeas 6, nays 7:

Yeas—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper—6.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—7.

The order was declared rejected. Ald.

CURLEY doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The order was rejected, yeas 6, nays 7:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—6.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper, Whelton—7.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY, the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. WHELTON, at 5:37 P. M., to meet on Monday, Oct. 7, at 3 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Oct. 7, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Aid. BERWIN, senior member, presiding. Absent—Ald. Leary.

The Board voted, on motion of Aid. BANGS, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

JURORS DRAWN.

Twenty-two traverse jurors were drawn for the Superior Civil Court, fourth session, October sitting, to appear Oct. 21, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 514, Acts of 1894, viz:

Henry W. Johnson, Wd. 23; John J. Merigan, Wd. 1; Charles Carstens, Wd. 7; Frederick E. Palmer, Wd. 4; Charles S. Taylor, Wd. 25; James Humphry, Wd. 16; Edward C. McCarron, Wd. 12; John A. Toland, Jr., Wd. 24; Mike Lightman, Wd. 8; George L. Miller, Wd. 20; James J. Ross, Wd. 6; Edgar P. Brooks, Wd. 2; Frank F. Gerrish, Wd. 10; Thomas B. Wellington, Wd. 23; Wm. J. Hopkins, Wd. 1; Robert E. Lack, Wd. 19; George L. Perkins, Wd. 24; Napoleon E. Tougas, Wd. 20; John J. Dempsey, Wd. 10; Oscar G. Rankine, Wd. 21; John J. Hurley, Wd. 3; Frank J. Howard, Wd. 20.

RESCISSION OF ORDER—VETO.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Oct. 5, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my approval an order of your Board rescinding an order previously passed, which directed the Superintendent of Streets to make a sidewalk with granite edge-stones along the westerly side of Walk Hill Street, between Blue Hill Avenue and Harvard Street, Wd. 24.

The construction of a sidewalk along this street appears to be necessary for the public convenience. Persons desiring to visit the men's department of the Boston Insane Hospital, Mt. Hope Cemetery and Calvary Cemetery are compelled to travel over this street, and at a hearing given by me it was brought out that its condition has been deplorable. A majority of the abutters along this way also demand the improvement. Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Ald. BATTIS moved to assign the matter to the next meeting.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I move as a substitute motion, that the matter be acted on at the present time. It is a proposition that has been passed upon unanimously by the board at one time. As I understand it, a full hearing was given in the matter and there is now a very short time in which to lay the sidewalk. Therefore, I think the matter ought to be acted upon at the present time.

Ald. BATTIS' motion to assign was declared carried. Ald. Draper doubted the vote; a rising vote was taken and the motion was declared lost, one in favor, four against.

The board refused to pass the order over the mayor's veto, yeas 3, nays 6. Yeas—Alds. Bangs, Battis, Berwin—3. Nays—Alds. Baldwin, Curley, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan, Woods—6.

STRETCHING OF WIRE—VETO.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Oct. 7, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my approval an order of your Board granting permission to Harmon W. Ladd to stretch a wire across St. Margaret St., Wd. 16, from premises No. 50 on said street to a vacant lot on the opposite side of said street, in such manner as may be approved by the Wire Commissioner, for the reason that the Commissioner of Wires reports that the wire has already been suspended, that its maintenance does not conform to the requirements of the Wire Department, and that he therefore cannot approve of the construction as it exists.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

The vote whereby the order was passed was reconsidered and the question came on the passage of the order, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Board refused to pass the order over the Mayor's veto, the vote being yeas 0, nays 10.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Oct. 7, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to the confirmation by your Board, I make the following appointments:

(1) John F. Kiernan (10A Westcott St., Wd. 20) and Edward B. Jones (8 Carmen St., Wd. 20), to be Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1908.

(2) Coleman Francis Flaherty (179 Tudor St., Wd. 15) and John F. Kiernan (10A Westcott St., Wd. 20), to be Measurers of Wood and Bark for the term ending April 30, 1908.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Severally laid over, under the law.

CHANGES IN ELEVATED STRUCTURE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Oct. 4, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith, in order that they may be placed in the files of the City Clerk, eight blue-prints, of the plans of the proposed modifications and changes for the accommodation of eight-car trains in the elevated structure of the Boston Elevated Railway Company at the Northampton Street Station (No. 28500), Beach Street Station (No. 28252), South Terminal Station (No. 27721), State Street Station (No. 27791), Battery Street Station (No. 27824), City Square Station (Nos. 27629 and 27630), and the Thompson Square Station (No. 27653).

The above plans have been approved by me, under the provisions of Chapter 500 of the Acts of 1897 and Chapter 277 of the Acts of 1907, as to architectural appearance and obstruction to light and air.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

(Annexed were plans referred to.)
Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Department (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Major P. J. Grady Camp, U. S. W. V., a transparency, at the Armory Building, on Maverick St., Wd. 2.

Wong H. Locka, an arc light, at 439 Columbus Ave., Wd. 10.

Lazarus Goldstein, an arc light, at 213 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

John J. Madden & Co., one electric sign at 12 Washington St., and one at 110-112 Union St., Wd. 6.

Howard C. Woodbury, an electric sign, at 75 Devonshire St., Wd. 6.

A. G. Olson, an electric sign, at 175 Court St., Wd. 6.

Samuel Glass (clothing from a fire escape), at 77 Prince St., Wd. 6.

Abraham B. Goldstein, two barber poles, at 27 Compton St., Wd. 7.

J. C. Brash & Co., an illuminated sign, at 15 Avon St., Wd. 7.

Abram Bloom, two signs, at 20 Minot St., Wd. 8.

Hyman Smith, two signs, at 48 Lowell St., Wd. 8.

Harry S. Benjamin, an electric sign, at 1807 Washington St., Wd. 12.

E. J. Powers, sign, 330 Washington St., Wd. 7.

John A. Andrew Circle No. 23, Ladies of the G. A. R., illuminated sign, 168 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 10.

Walter Davis, lamp sign, 38 Warren St., Wd. 21.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

ica, on the evening of Nov. 15; Democratic City Committee, Oct. 8, 9, 10 and 11 (day and evening); Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans, on the evening of Oct. 25.

Electric Wires.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, for leave to erect and to remove eight poles on Mapleton St., Wd. 25.

West End Street Railway Company and the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, that the first named company be allowed to attach feed wires to nine poles of the second named company on Keyes St., West Roxbury.

West End Street Railway Company for leave to erect five poles on Keyes St., West Roxbury.

Claims.

Patrick Mahan, for compensation for personal injuries caused by the overflow of a sewer.

Lewis Wharf Company asking that the defective condition of said wharf, alleged to have been caused by the city, be remedied.

Police (Ald.).

Liversidge Institute of Industry (Julius Tibbetts, Supt.), to be paid for the loss of fowls killed by dogs.

Public Improvements.

F. P. Howard, for leave to lay a 1½-inch pipe under and across sidewalk at 268 Bennington St., Wd. 1.

T. O. McEnaney, for leave to lay a 1½-inch pipe under and across sidewalk on Moore St., corner Saratoga St., Wd. 1.

Drake Bros. Company, for leave to construct a coal vault with openings at 83-85 Savin St., Wd. 21.

The Harvard Musical Association, for leave to enlarge existing area at building on West Cedar St., Wd. 11.

Charles H. Belledeu, for leave to erect

guy posts—one on Northampton St., and one on Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 12.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.: Patrick Canny, 9 Howard Ave., Wd. 16.

Richard C. Humphreys, northerly side Dudley St., near Humphreys St., Wd. 16.

James D. Russo, 4A Capen St., Wd. 24.

Lawrence J. Towle, 354-356 Washington St., Wd. 20.

James Campbell, 58 Esmond St., and on the Bradshaw St. side of said estate, Wd. 20.

William H. Crosby, 61 Hamilton St., Wd. 20.

G. W. Rankin, 211 East Cottage St., Wd. 20.

Shapiro & Levine, 3, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21 Intervale St., and 50 Brunswick St., 272-272A Warren St., Wd. 21.

Louis Cavagnaro, 16 Calder St., Wd. 23.

H. B. Rankin, 5-7 King St., Wd. 24.

L. E. H. Jones & Sons, 12-8-12-2 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 24.

John H. Lyons et al., edgestones, Round Hill St., between Walden and Gay Head Sts.

HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of A. Shuman, for leave to construct a canopy of iron and glass over the sidewalk at 83 Broad St., Wd. 7.

There being no objections the rule was suspended, on motion of Ald. WHELTON, and leave was granted on the usual conditions.

2. On petition of Drake Bros. Co., for leave to construct a marquee of iron and glass over the sidewalk at 83-85 Savin street, Ward 21.

William W. Kennard, Esq., for Louis Lipsky, an adjoining owner, appeared and objected to granting the petition on the ground that the proposed projection would interfere with the view and injure the property.

No further objections. Referred on motion of Ald. DRAPER, to the Committee on Public Improvements.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

There being no objection the Chair called up Nos. 4 to 11, inclusive, unfinished business, viz.:

4. Frank P. Black, William H. Campbell, William H. Franklin, and John A. Whittemore, Jr., to be Weighers of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1908.

5. Edward Keeler, to be a Weigher of Boilers and Heavy Machinery, for the term ending April 30, 1908.

6. Thomas F. White, to be a Measurer of Grain, for the term ending April 30, 1908.

7. The following-named persons to be Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1908:

Fred T. Baker, Samuel Bennett, James W. Blakeley, Joseph O. Briggs, Howard A. Brown, John Cunningham, James Donovan, James K. Farry, William W. Gordon, Charles B. Harris, Frank E. Hawkins, Frank C. Howe, John Hurley, John W. Kelley, William F. Mahoney, Albert A. McCarthy, Eugene McCarthy, James C. McMahon, Christian Moore, George A. Mowers, Dennis O'Sullivan, Obadiah E. Ring, Ellsworth G. Robbins, Harry W. Sawyer, Eugene Sheridan, George M. Smith, George B. Spencer, Edwin F. Tarbox, John P. Tully, Michael Wall.

8. The following-named persons to be Measurers of Wood and Bark for the term ending April 30, 1908:

Fred T. Baker, Samuel Bennett, James W. Blakeley, Bernard F. Bren-

nan, Edward F. Brennan, Joseph O. Briggs, Howard A. Brown, Ira W. Brown, George A. Clark, John Cunningham, James Donovan, James K. Farry, Charles W. Furlong, William W. Gordon, John J. Haley, Charles B. Harris, Frank E. Hawkins, Frank C. Howe, John Hurley, John W. Kelley, William F. Mahoney, Albert A. McCarthy, Eugene McCarthy, James C. McMahon, Christian Moore, George H. Mowers, Peter O'Neil, Dennis O'Sullivan, Obadiah E. Ring, Ellsworth G. Robbins, Harry W. Sawyer, Eugene Sheridan, George M. Smith, George B. Spencer, Edwin F. Tarbox, John P. Tully, Henry J. Wade, Michael Wall.

9. The following named persons to be Measurers of Grain for the term ending April 30, 1908:

Fred T. Baker, Samuel Bennett, James W. Blakeley, Bernard F. Brennan, Edward F. Brennan, Joseph O. Briggs, Howard A. Brown, Ira W. Brown, George A. Clark, John Cunningham, James Donovan, James K. Farry, Charles W. Furlong, William W. Gordon, John J. Haley, Charles B. Harris, Frank E. Hawkins, Frank C. Howe, John Hurley, John W. Kelley, William F. Mahoney, Albert A. McCarthy, Eugene McCarthy, James C. McMahon, Christian Moore, George H. Mowers, Dennis O'Sullivan, Obadiah E. Ring, Ellsworth G. Robbins, Harry W. Sawyer, Eugene Sheridan, George M. Smith, George B. Spencer, Edwin F. Tarbox, John P. Tully, Henry J. Wade, Michael Wall.

10. The following named persons to be Weighers of Boilers and Heavy Machinery for the term ending April 30, 1908:

Fred T. Baker, Samuel Bennett, James W. Blakeley, Bernard F. Brennan, Edward F. Brennan, Joseph O. Briggs, Howard A. Brown, Ira W. Brown, George A. Clark, John Cunningham, James Donovan, James K. Farry, William W. Gordon, Charles B. Harris, Frank E. Hawkins, Frank C. Howe, John Hurley, William F. Mahoney, Albert A. McCarthy, Eugene McCarthy, James C. McMahon, Christian Moore, George H. Mowers, Dennis O'Sullivan, Obadiah E. Ring, Ellsworth G. Robbins, Harry W. Sawyer, Eugene Sheridan, George M. Smith, George B. Spencer, Edwin F. Tarbox, John P. Tully, Henry J. Wade, Michael Wall.

11. The following named persons to be Weighers of Beef for the term ending April 30, 1908:

Fred T. Baker, Samuel Bennett, James W. Blakeley, Bernard F. Brennan, Edward F. Brennan, Joseph O. Briggs, Howard A. Brown, Ira W. Brown, George A. Clark, John Cunningham, James Donovan, James K. Farry, William W. Gordon, John J. Haley, Charles B. Harris, Frank E. Hawkins, Frank C. Howe, John Hurley, John W. Kelley, Thomas C. Lamb, William F. Mahoney, Albert A. McCarthy, Eugene McCarthy, James C. McMahon, Christian Moore, George H. Mowers, Dennis O'Sullivan, Obadiah E. Ring, Ellsworth G. Robbins, Harry W. Sawyer, Eugene Sheridan, George M. Smith, George B. Spencer, Edwin F. Tarbox, John P. Tully, Henry J. Wade, Michael Wall.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. BALDWIN and CLARK. Whole number of ballots cast, 12; yes, 12; and the several appointments were confirmed.

ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions for leave to project bay windows and marquise—orders of notice, were passed for hearings thereon on Monday, Oct. 21, at 3

o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

viz.:
A. Shuman, one bay window, 581-5 Washington St., Wd. 7.
Sarah H. Sneiderson, two bay windows, 188 Marion St.; one over the corner of Marion and Havre Sts, and one over Havre St., W1. 2.
Celia Drofsky, to project marquise, 365 Washington St., Wd. 25.

COAL AND COKE LICENSES.

A list of coal and coke licenses granted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth was received.

Placed on file.

BOUNDARY MARK.

A communication was received from the County Commissioners of Middlesex County giving designation and description of witness marks made, and to be set on account of removal of a bound mark or the boundary between Boston and Newton.

Placed on file.

ASSIGNMENTS OF WAGES.

The following was received:

Boston Finance Commission,
Tremont Building.

Boston, Oct. 4, 1907.

To the Hon. Mayor and City Council.

Gentlemen:—The attention of the Finance Commission has been attracted by the large number of city officers and employees who are in the habit of assigning their wages and salaries.

On Aug. 29, 1907, the date on which the Commission made its inquiry, there were outstanding recorded assignments by 272 city employees, including 27 on the monthly pay roll. This practice is forbidden by implication in the City Ordinances, which provide (Chapter 3, Section 12) that every head of a department shall

"prevent the assignment of wages by persons employed in his department." Mayor Collins made an active effort to suppress this practice, issuing on March 25, 1902, the following circular:

"To the Heads of Departments:—Attention is called to a general neglect of Revised Ordinances, Chapter 3, Section 12, which requires heads of departments to prevent assignments of wages. These assignments are objectionable for many reasons, among which are:

(1) The city is obliged to pay considerable amounts for costs in suits against it on such assignments, and the amounts are likely to increase in the future unless the custom is stopped. Such payments are not within the ordinary scope of city business and there is no specific appropriation to meet them.

(2) These assignments increase the labor of the City Clerk, the law, and the Treasury Department, complicating accounts and taking much valuable time in endeavoring to ascertain and settle the rights of rival claimants.

(3) The borrowers are usually charged ruinous rates of interest, generally become involved financially to such an extent as to interfere with their capacity for good work, and improvident and extravagant habits are formed by making employees think that they can easily borrow money and somehow pay it back.

(4) Many of the money lenders, I am informed, exact signatures to blank papers, which they fill in with assignments of wages for two, three and four years in some cases. Dealers sell their goods on credit, taking power of

attorney for payment or part payment, under which assignments are executed carrying exorbitant rates of interest.

There are other abuses, but these are sufficient to put a stop to the practice, even if it were not in violation of law.

I am informed that the Police Department has arrested the practice by a notice that an assignment of wages by an employee will be considered sufficient reason for discharge. If there be no other way to obey the law, I suggest that any new assignment of wages be regarded as a sufficient cause for dismissal, and any serious delay in disposing of existing assignments be visited with the same penalty.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Patrick A. Collins,
Mayor."

The commission recommends the issue of a similar circular by the present administration, and its strict enforcement.

The spirit of the ordinance referred to would also seem to apply to the members of the City Council itself, the body responsible for the existence of this ordinance; yet the commission finds that on Aug. 29 last there were outstanding 15 recorded assignments of salaries by members of the Common Council, and one by a member of the Board of Aldermen. This practice on the part of so large a proportion of the body charged with the responsibility of appropriating millions of dollars of the public money yearly must necessarily lead to criticism.

Respectfully submitted,

Boston Finance Commission.
By N. Matthews, Chairman.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. BALDWIN.

ELECTRIC WIRES, ORDERS OF NOTICE.

Ald. CURLEY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted reports on petitions for various purposes—that orders of notice be passed for hearings thereon on Monday, Oct. 14, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting there-to may appear and be heard, viz:

West End Street Railway Company and the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Massachusetts, that the first named company be allowed to attach wires to poles of the second named company on Keyes street, Wd. 23.

West End Street Railway Company, for leave to erect five poles in Keyes street, Wd. 23.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice passed.

PROJECTIONS, ETC.

Ald. BALWIN, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for leave to project signs—that leave be granted, viz.:

John A. Andrew Circle, No. 23, Ladies of the G. A. R., illuminated sign, 163 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 10.

E. J. Powers, sign, 239 Washington St., Wd. 7.

A. G. Olsen, electric sign, 175 Court St., Wd. 6.

John J. Madden & Co., one electric sign at 12 Washington St., and one at 110-112 Union St., Wd. 6.

Hyman Smith, two signs, 48 Lowell St., Wd. 8.

J. C. Brash & Co., illuminated sign, 15 Avon St., Wd. 7.

Harry S. Benjamin, electric sign, 1807 Washington St., Wd. 12.

Abraham Bloom, two signs, 20 Minot St., Wd. 8.

Abraham B. Goldstein, two barber poles, 27 Compton St., Wd. 7.

Wong H. Locka, arc light, 430 Columbus Ave., Wd. 10.

Lazarus Goldstein, arc light, 213 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Major P. J. Grady Camp, U. S. W. V., transparency, Armory Building, Maverick St., Wd. 2.

Howard C. Woodbury, electric sign, 75 Devonshire St., Wd. 6.

Walter S. Davis, lamp sign, 381 Warren St., Wd. 21.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on petition of Samuel Glass (referred today), for leave to suspend clothing from a fire escape at 77 Prince St., Wd. 6,—that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

(3) Report on petition of Nathan Matthews, et al (referred Aug. 26), for leave to project marquee at Hotel Oxford, 40 Huntington ave., Wd. 10—that leave be granted (said marquee to be suspended from the building and not supported by posts, and the plans to be approved by and the construction to be under the supervision of the Building Commissioner).

Report accepted; leave granted on the conditions as above stated.

LICENSES.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 11 newsboys and 2 vendors.

Reports accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports recommending that petroleum licenses be granted on petitions referred Sept. 25, as follows:

Charles Grosse, to store and keep for sale products of petroleum at 177 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24.

Boston Automobile Renting Co., to store and keep for sale gasoline at the Copley Square garage, Irvington street, Wd. 10.

Charles A. French, to store the products of petroleum at 45 Englewood avenue, Wd. 25.

Gordon Dexter, to store and keep oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at 55 Beacon street, Wd. 11.

Reports severally accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted reports recommending that leave be granted to use Faneuil Hall, on petitions referred today, as follows:

Massachusetts division, Sons of Veterans, evening of Oct. 28.

Companions of the Forest of America, evening of Nov. 15.

Democratic City Committee, day and evening of Oct. 8, 9, 10 and 11, 1907.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

MEMORIAL OF BRIGHTON CELEBRATION.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Clerk of Committees, under the direction of the Committee on Printing, be authorized to prepare and publish an edition of 1500 copies of a memorial volume containing an account of the exercises at the celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the incorporation of Brighton; the expense of the

same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Referred to the Committee on Printing, on motion of Ald. CURLEY.

RECEIVING ELECTION RETURNS.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the City Messenger be directed to make the usual arrangements for receiving election returns on the days of the coming state and city elections, and that the Common Council Chamber be opened on the evenings of said days for the announcement of said returns; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed. Sent down.

SIGN, 66 BRANCH ST.

Ald. BANGS presented the petition of Mary E. Fiske, for leave to project an illuminated sign at 66 Branch St., Wd. 11, and moved a suspension of the rule that leave be granted.

Ald. BATTIS—Mr. Chairman, before that motion is put I would like to have the alderman give us some sort of idea as to what kind of sign it is. These petitions usually go to the Committee on Building Department. It seems to me we ought to know something about the matter before suspending the rules.

The CHAIR—The Chair would rule that suspension of the rule is unnecessary, unless the alderman so desires.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, as I understand it this is an illuminated sign which a milliner wishes to project over Branch St., a small alley way. It was called to my attention by a friend of mine, who said she was in a hurry to get it up.

The rule was suspended and leave was granted.

WHARF AT LONG ISLAND.

Ald. CLARK called up No. 13, special assignment, viz.:

13. Ordered, That the sum of \$15,500 be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Pauper Institutions Trustees for building a wharf at Long Island; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount.

Ald. CLARK—Mr. Chairman, I would like to say that I have looked into this matter as much as I could without visiting the place. I visited Long Island two years ago, visited the wharf at the suggestion of Ald. Curley principally, and I am satisfied that this wharf is a necessity. I am also satisfied that it is either a permanent improvement or so near it that we should borrow the money to make it. I therefore hope that the order will be passed.

The order was passed. Yeas 12, nays 0. Sent down.

CLERK HIRE, SUPREME COURT.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That, in addition to the sums heretofore allowed for clerk hire in the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court, there be allowed the further sum of \$700, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for County of Suffolk.

Referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

RECESS.

A recess was taken, on motion of Ald. BANGS, at 3:47 P. M., and the members reassembled and were called to order by the Chair at 4:12 P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The Chair, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Reports (on petitions referred today) recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining and to be from five to twelve feet in width, with granite edgestones, owners to furnish material, in front of the following estates:

Lawrence J. Towle, 354-356 Washington street, Ward 20, artificial stone.

James Campbell, 53 Esmond street and on the Bradshaw street side of said estate Ward 20, artificial stone.

William H. Crosby, 61 Hamilton street, Ward 20, artificial stone.

G. W. Rankin, 211 East Cottage St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Louis Cavagnaro, 16 Calder St., Wd. 23, artificial stone.

Shapiro & Levine, 3, 13, 15, 17, 19 and 21 Intervale St., 50 Brunswick St. and 272-272A Warren St., Wd. 21, artificial stone.

H. B. Rankin, 5 and 7 King St., Wd. 24, artificial stone.

L. E. H. Jones & Sons, 1263-1272 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 24, artificial stone.

Patrick Canny, 9 Howard Ave., Wd. 16, brick.

Richard C. Humphreys, on northerly side of Dudley St., near Humphreys St., Wd. 16, brick.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

(2) Report on petition of Drake Bros. Company (referred today), for leave to project a marquise at 83-85 Savin St., Wd. 21—recommending reference to the Committee on Building Department (Ald.).

Report accepted, said reference ordered.

No. 16 Florence St., Wd. 23; the same Adjoined, on motion of Ald. CLARK.

(3) Report on the petition of John H. Lyons and others (referred today), for edgestones on Round Hill St., between Walden and Gav Head Sts.—recommending the passage of an order that the Superintendent of Streets place such edgestones, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Report accepted, said order passed.

(4) Report on the communication from the Finance Commission (referred today) relative to assignments of wages and salaries by members of City Government and city officers and employees—that the same be printed and sent down.

Report accepted, recommendation adopted. Sent down.

(5) Reports on petitions referred today, recommending the passage of orders—that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1907, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:

F. P. Howard, to lay, maintain and use a 1½-inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 263 Bennington St., Wd. 1.

Charles H. Belledeu, to erect, maintain and use guy-posts, with ropes attached, as follows:

One in Northampton St., between Harrison Ave. and Albany St.

One in Massachusetts Ave., between Harrison Ave. and Albany St., Wd. 12.

In locations to be approved by the Superintendent of Streets, for use during the erection of a building for the Hospital Department.

Drake Brothers Company, to construct, maintain and use a coal vault 30 feet by 5½ feet, with two coal-hole

openings not exceeding 18 inches in diameter, and with iron covers of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 83-85 Savin street, Wd. 21.

Howard Musical Association, to enlarge, maintain and use the area at present existing in and under the sidewalk in front of their building on West Cedar street, Ward II, to the following dimensions: Five feet by three feet, same to have iron covers of rough upper surface.

T. O. McEnaney, to lay, maintain and use a 1¼-inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate on Moore street, at the corner of Saratoga street, Ward I.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds

be requested to remove a tree now standing in the sidewalk in front of No. 16 Florence St., Wd. 3; the same being dangerous to the foundation of said estate.

Passed.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to have trees removed at the corner of Trenton and Meridian Sts., Wd. I, and also one at the corner of Saratoga and Wordsworth Sts.; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. BALDWIN, the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. CLARK, at 4.15 P. M., to meet on Monday, Oct. 14, at 3 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, Oct. 10, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P. M., President BARRETT in the chair.

LOAN FOR THE NORTH END BATH-HOUSE.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, Oct. 10, 1907.

To the City Council:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Bath Department setting forth the necessity for an additional appropriation to complete the North end bath-house and gymnasium, and I urge the passage of the accompanying loan order which would permit the department to proceed with the completion of the building.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Department of Baths,

64 Pemberton Sq., Boston, Oct. 5, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of the City of Boston.

Dear Sir:—In reply to your inquiry of the 2nd inst., I enclose account of expenditures to date, and I estimate the amount required to complete the building on North Bennet St. as follows:

Heating	\$9,000.00
Wiring and electric fixtures.....	2,500.00
Gas pipes and fixtures.....	500.00
Lockers	1,500.00
Gymnasium apparatus	2,200.00
Contractor's claim for delay....	500.00

\$16,200.00

Architect's fee will be about.... 2,700.00

Making a total of.....\$18,900.00

The running track has been left out of the contract, and I wish to further state that the Trustees do not approve of a running track in the building.

Trusting this amount will soon be available, I am,

Yours respectfully,

Leonard D. Ahl,

Chairman Bath Trustees.

Boston, Oct. 5, 1907.

North Bennet St. Bathhouse.

Appropriations, expenditures to date and balance:

First appropriation,	
1907	\$90,000.00
Second appropriation,	
1907	30,000.00
	\$120,000.00
Nov. 20, 1902, paid for land.....	\$36,800.00
April 5, 1904, paid architects	1,950.00
May 25, 1907, amount of building contract	70,900.00
Aug. 23, 1907, amount of plumbing contract.....	8,425.00
Oct. 1, 1907, draft, advertising for proposals, printing, blue prints, etc.	275.28
Total expenditure to date	118,350.28
Total balance to date	\$1,649.72

Ordered: That the sum of seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000) additional be appropriated, to be expended by the Bath Commissioners for the construction and furnishing of an all-the-year-round bath-house at the North End; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount.

The message was sent up. The order was read once and went over to the next meeting for its second reading, under the rules.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Mayor's message transmitting a letter from the Most Reverend William H. O'Connell, Archbishop of Boston, thanking the city government for the action taken on the death of Archbishop John Joseph Williams.

2. Mayor's message transmitting a report from the official who has had charge of the Randridge Fund excursions, giving a list of the excursions this year and an account of the income and expenditures, and recommending that the same be printed. (City Doc. 118.)

3. Communications from the School Committee, in response to an order of the City Council, relative to the establishment of an evening elementary evening school in the Comins School building.

4. Communication from the Finance Commission relative to the matter of assignments of wages and salaries by members of the city government and city officers and employees.

Severally placed on file.

5. Mayor's message transmitting a communication from the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital, requesting the transfer to the Hospital Department of a portion of the vacant land to the north of the Relief Station, to remedy the injury to said station caused by recent takings of land made by the Boston Transit Commission. (City Doc. 119.)

The following order accompanies said message:

Ordered, That so much as is herein-after described of the parcel of land transferred to the city of Boston by the Boston Transit Commission under the provisions of Chapter 347 of the Acts of 1897, and bounded by Haverhill St., Haymarket Sq., Canal St. and Traverse St. extended, be placed in the charge of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital, to be used for the erection thereon of an addition to the relief and ambulance station in Haymarket Sq. The premises to be so placed in the charge of said Trustees are bounded and described as follows: Southeasterly by land placed in the charge of said Trustees by an order of the City Council, approved March 24, 1900, there measuring 37 feet; south-westerly by Canal St., 70 feet; north-westerly by a line parallel with the southeasterly boundary line of the described premises, 37 feet, and north-easterly by a line parallel with said Canal St., 70 feet—containing 2590 square feet, more or less, and shown on a plan signed by John E. Cheney, Acting City Engineer dated Feb. 7, 1900, and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

The papers were placed on file, and the order was passed in concurrence.

6. Mayor's message transmitting several communications from present and former officials of the city, relating to

the condition of the wharf on the northwest corner of Long Island.

The passage of the following order is recommended in said message:

Ordered: That the sum of sixteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$16,500) be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Pauper Institutions Trustees for building a wharf at Long Island; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount.

The papers were placed on file and the order, under the rule, takes its second reading at the next meeting.

7. Ordered, That the City Messenger be directed to make the usual arrangements for receiving election returns on the days of the coming state and city elections, and that the Common Council Chamber be opened on the evenings of said days for the announcements of said returns; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed in concurrence. Mr. DOYLE of Wd. 13 moved to reconsider; lost.

8. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept, lay out and construct as a public highway Randall St., Wd. 17.

Passed in concurrence.

9. Ordered, That the various heads of departments be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to grant all veteran firemen in their employ leave of absence on the day of the annual muster at Brockton.

Passed in concurrence.

10. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Street Cleaning be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place the laborers in his department, outside of the business district, on days instead of nights.

Passed in concurrence.

11. Ordered, That the Finance Commission be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of erecting a municipal building on land owned by the city on Albany street, said building to be used by the Sanitary, Street Cleaning, Paving, Watering and Lamp Departments, and also to make recommendations as to the continuance or discontinuance of renting outside office quarters.

Passed in concurrence.

REPLACING OF WATER PIPES.

Mr. DOYLE of Wd. 13 called up No. 21, past assignment, viz.:

21. Ordered—That the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) be appropriated, to be expended by the Water Commissioner for the construction of new and the replacing of old water pipes; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount.

The question came on the motion of Mr. FITZGERALD, Wd. 3, to reconsider the vote of April 25, whereby the above order was rejected.

Indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. DOYLE.

FENCE, CHARLESTOWN HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to erect an iron fence on the outer edge of each of the main doorways of the High School Building in the Charlestown district.

Referred to the Mayor.

LAMP, ALBANY ST.

Mr. KENNEDY of Wd. 7 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a gas lamp on Albany St. between Nos. 145 and 157 on said street.

Referred to the Mayor.

LAMP, SARATOGA ST.

Mr. SORENSON of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place an electric light at the corner of Saratoga and Curtis Sts.

Referred to the Mayor.

ACCEPTANCE OF WORDSWORTH ST.

Mr. SORENSON of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to accept and maintain, as a public highway, Wordsworth St. from Milton St. to Coleridge St.

Passed. Sent up.

LAMP, TELFORD ST.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a gas lamp midway on Telford St., Wd. 25.

Referred to the Mayor.

FIRE-BOX, WDD 21.

Mr. HACKETT of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a fire alarm box at the corner of Alpine and St. James Sts., Wd. 21.

Referred to the Mayor.

GRADING OF ALGER ST.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to grade Alger St., from Dorchester Ave. to Dorchester St.

Referred to the Mayor.

STREET EXTENSIONS, WD. 15.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to extend E and F. Sts. to Dorchester Ave.; also to extend the smaller streets that lie between E and F Sts. to Alger St.

Passed. Sent up.

GARBAGE PLANT NUISANCE.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Board of Health be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to investigate and report to the Common Council whether the garbage plant as now conducted on Spectacle Island in Boston harbor, is a public nuisance and detrimental to the health and comfort of the people of South Boston and other sections of this city; and, if so, what means can be adopted for the abatement of such nuisance.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, in relation to this nuisance existing upon Spectacle Island, I will say

that the people of South Boston, and especially those of City Point, have been troubled with the nuisance at various times and on various occasions. Recently it has become more obnoxious to the people, so that they cannot keep their windows open. Lately they had a large meeting over there and appointed a delegation. That delegation, I believe, waited on the Board of Health. What action the Board of Health has taken I don't really know; but there must be something done to abate that nuisance. There are four plants on the island. One is the Ward plant, another the Glue factory, another the New England Product Company, and the fourth the National Export Company. It is pretty hard to tell which of those commits the most nuisance, and I believe that each and every one of them is a nuisance in itself. I remember in 1900, when Honorable Mayor Hart was in office, this nuisance prevailed on Gibson St. They had a plant there then. There was remonstrance against that plant on Gibson St., and then it was placed on the cow pasture. The nuisance was still as great to the people of South Boston at the cow pasture as it was to the Dorchester people at Gibson St., and therefore the city of Boston entered into a contract with this New England Product Company to move the plant on to Spectacle Island. As I understand it, they hired the land from Ward, and the city of Boston paid them \$42,000 to move the plant to Spectacle Island. The nuisance was abated for a time, but lately it seems that they have got careless and reckless. When they should have kept the windows down, in order to confine the odors within the building, it seems that they have kept them up, allowing the odors to fly all over South Boston. That part of South Boston particularly has been troubled a great deal, and Mr. Falvey's, Mr. Murphy's and various other concerns over there have entered a complaint against it; and I don't see what the Board of Health has done to abate that nuisance. In 1900 the nuisance existed, and a delegation of people over there went before the Board of Health in regard to it. The Board of Health investigated and found that the nuisance did exist. It was under the supervision of the Superintendent of Streets at that time. The Board of Health reported to the Mayor, and, with the approval of the Board of Health and the sanction of the Mayor, the plant was restrained from doing any business, or else was obliged to abate the nuisance. That was the only reason why it was placed on Spectacle Island. If the nuisance could be abated under the law at that time, I don't see why the same law should not exist at the present time. This, as I understand it, now comes under the supervision of the Superintendent of the Sanitary Division. I hope and trust that the Board of Health will report this case at their earliest convenience to the Mayor and will report back to this Council their findings in relation to it.

The order was referred to the Mayor.

LOANS FOR INDEPENDENCE SQUARE.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the City Auditor be again requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to transmit to the Common Council the loans that have been authorized by vote of the City Council in the last ten years for repairs in Independence Square, South Boston. Also, if loans have been authorized for re-

pairs on this square where was the money so authorized retransferred to. Referred to the Mayor.

LOCKERS—L ST. BATH.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Bath Trustees be again requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to transmit to the Common Council the number of so-called private lockers at the L St. bath, South Boston, including men's, women's and boys' departments, to whom they are issued, and by what authority they are issued.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 moved reference of the order to the Committee on Bath Department.

Mr. FITZGERALD—Mr. President, I introduced that order on July 11, and it was referred to His Honor the Mayor. A short time ago I went to the office of His Honor the Mayor, and found that that order had been sent by him to the Bath Commission five or six days after it passed this body. From that time until now the Bath Commission has made no report upon it. I hope that this order will be passed, and I sincerely hope that the Bath Commission will answer it. I believe it is only a fair question, and one that should be answered by the Bath Commission. I do not know any reason why they should evade the question or refuse to answer it. I believe it is in our power to require answers to such questions, and I would like to ask them again for this information.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, for the benefit of the Council, I ask that the order be read again, for information.

(The order was read.)

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I agree with the member from Wd. 14, the gentleman in the second division, that he has before introduced this order, and that he has received no answer; but I do not recognize the right of the gentleman from Wd. 14—his first order having been introduced in July and the Council not having received an answer to it up to this late date in October—I do not recognize the right of the gentleman under those conditions to sit here in his seat and not tell to this body what he desires to have the public know. He should tell this body what he expects that the answer of the Bath Commission will show. Now, Mr. President, committees are appointed by this body, under our rules. I am satisfied, as well as he is, that the Council ought to have this information; and I want to add my support to what I know that he is secretly trying to find out. But I want the gentleman from Wd. 1 to allow a committee that has the power to look into this matter to do so, and not have it go to His Honor the Mayor or to the Bath Commission again. I contend that the Committee on Bath Department, appointed by this body, is able to find out whether or not something is wrong. I think the gentleman from Wd. 14 should either allow that committee to investigate the matter, or else should inform the members what he anticipates finding out.

Mr. FITZGERALD—Mr. President, the gentleman says that I have sat in my seat and have had plenty of time to ask for this information before. I believe that, since the time when I introduced that order before, there have not been more than three or four meetings, and they were so taken up with loan bills and other measures

that I had not an opportunity to ask for that information a second time. Now, Mr. President, the gentleman takes the part of the Bath Commission. This same order was introduced before, has been on the calendar, and has gone to the Bath Commission, having been referred to that commission on July 11th—or, rather, on July 16th or 17th, five or six days later, when it left the Mayor's office. Now, Mr. President, if there is nothing wrong, if there is nothing that they wish to hide, why do they not give some report? It has gone to them once, and why should it now be referred to a committee? Let it go to the Bath Commission and let them answer it. I do not know why the gentleman should ask to have it referred to the committee. I have an idea why he does so, but I cannot say now why he should get up here tonight and object to the Bath Commission answering any question seeking information that is of benefit to the public. I have investigated the condition of affairs at the L-St. bath, and they have told me that certain bar-room owners and friends of the Commissioners have closets set aside for them, and go up there and use the baths. I know that during the week in which I introduced that order politicians were accused of using the L-St. baths. I do not know of any Wd. 14 office-holders who have had any special privileges extended to them, and if there are persons who have had, it is time for the people to know it. I believe that this is a fair question, and that it is one that the Bath Commission should answer.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, it is evident from the remarks of gentleman from Wd. 14 that he does not understand my position. In the first place, he introduced identically the same order in this body on July 11th. Every newspaper in Boston gave his order a great deal of notice, and complimented the young man from South Boston, and told of certain things. Then the order in due course was referred by His Honor the Mayor to the Bath Commission. Because the Bath Commission has not seen fit to answer the order offered by the gentleman from Wd. 14, I am of the opinion that the best place to send that order is to the Committee on Bath Department—a committee created by this Council, and for this purpose. I want to say to the gentleman from Wd. 14 that I am one of those who believe in the abolition of the Bath Commission. I believe in the appointment of a single head for that department. The gentleman does not understand me. In July, three months ago, this order was read in this Council and passed. I am after the information that I know that he has. I am after the information that I know that he wants to put upon record. I know why the gentleman from Wd. 14 puts that order in here for a second time, and evidently does not desire to secure the information. Now, Mr. President, I do not care whether this order is referred to a committee or not; but if such orders, asking for information, are to be considered seriously, and if, as I believe is the case, the Bath Commission not only has not treated the gentleman from Wd. 14 courteously, but has not treated this body courteously, I believe that the order ought to be referred to a committee of this body which has had the power granted to it by certain statutes to look into this business and find out whether or not, as the gentleman states, certain liquor dealers, not from his ward, Mr. Chairman, but from my ward—and that is what I want to

find out—have had certain privileges granted to them. If the gentleman is sincere, if he wants the information, he will allow this order to go to the Committee on Bath Department, and will let us have a thorough and impartial investigation.

Mr. FITZGERALD—Mr. President, I thoroughly agree with the gentleman that I would like to have this question threshed out thoroughly. That is why I do not wish to have it referred to the Committee on Bath Department. Everybody here knows that the committee meets but very seldom, if ever, during the year. I believe that the proper course is to have this request made again to the Park Commission, and if they do not answer it, then I will promise the gentleman from Wd. 13 to reintroduce the order and be willing to have it go to the Committee on Bath Department. I ask at this time it be allowed to go to the Bath Commission, and that we make them answer the question. It is only fair that they should do so. It has been sent to them once over three months ago, and I believe that a report should be forthcoming from that department. I hope that the gentleman will let the order go to them, and will give them a second chance to give us the information which they ought to give to the citizens of Boston.

The motion to refer the order to the Committee on Bath Department was lost, and the order was referred to His Honor the Mayor.

WORK OF BATH DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Bath Trustees be again requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to submit to the Common Council a list of those employees of the Bath Department who have been doing carpentering and painting work at L St. and other baths for the past seven years, and what the salaries of the said employees of the Bath Department were while performing this work.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14.—Mr. President, this is another order that I introduced on July 11, asking for information as regards that work which I have referred to, that has been carried on at L St. and other baths for years. I know that men have been employed in the Bath Department at \$2 a day. I know that they have been men whose duties have been to act as boatmen, swimmers and to look out for bathers, and that during the spare hours the Bath Department have used these men for painting and carpenter work—work which they should not be expected to do. I say that there are plenty of men throughout the streets of Boston who would be only too glad to go to the bath-houses and do such work as carpentering and painting—union men and men who should be hired for such purposes. Therefore, I ask that they send in a list of those men and show to the citizens of Boston what has been going on in the Bath Department in that line. I think an awfully unfortunate condition of affairs has been existing there for the last eight or ten years. Therefore, I ask for information in regard to it, Mr. President.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I expected that such an order might be introduced by the gentleman from Wd. 14. I have had knowledge that such an order was introduced on July 11. Now, I want to make another motion, at the conclusion of my remarks. I want to preface that mo-

tion by saying this. My attitude toward the Bath Commission and other unpaid commissions in this city is well known; but I will not allow the gentleman from Wd. 14, because of purely factional political differences within his party and in his ward, to come in here and blind me. Every one knows that the Bath Department in Wd. 14 has two members of the commission, one a Democrat and the other a Republican. Every one knows that the secretary of the Republican City Committee comes from Wd. 14. Every one knows that the skilful hand of the man who is the political leader of the young man in the second division is apt to do certain things. Now, then, if this is a forerunner of many other orders that are to come from Wd. 14 or from other wards, as an adjunct to or in the interest of the now famous Finance Commission, I move you, sir,—in view of the fact that this order was originally introduced into this body, referred to His Honor the Mayor, then referred to the Bath Commission, and that we have not yet up to the present time received an answer,—that this order be referred to the Finance Commission, if such a motion is in order, and, if it is not, I will ask that I be given time to refer the entire matter to the Finance Commission.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will declare that the motion is in order and will accept the motion.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14—Mr. President, the cat is out of the bag. My friend in the first division stood here tonight and tried to tell the people that he was a friend of mine; but by his motion, having heard him move its reference to a dead committee, it seems that he would have my order side-tracked, laid aside. He has got up here, coming from a different ward than the one I come from, and gone into what he says are factional fights. Mr. President, this has nothing to do with factions in my ward. I am looking for information that citizens have come to me looking for. I believe that I represent the citizens, and the public papers of Boston have asked for the same information that I have asked for here. The gentleman says that it is done through a leader of mine. I wish, Mr. President, that I had his knowledge. I wish that I could foresee as the gentleman in the first division does. Possibly things would be different. I have tried to be friendly with everybody in this body, but I hate to see a man from another ward come in and accuse me of playing factional politics in this body. I have never done it, Mr. President. I am asking for the information that the citizens of Wd. 14 have asked me for. I knew it was in my power to put it up to the Bath Commission, and therefore I have introduced the order asking for the information. I say that the Bath Commission, the same as any other commission in the City of Boston, should answer questions put to it by this body. I believe, Mr. President, if we should adhere to the course set forth in Mr. McCullough's remarks and in his motion the order will go to the Finance Commission. I certainly hope that it will go to the body that is invested with the power and the duty to give the information; and I certainly hope that body will give the information which it should give to the people.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, do I understand that the gentleman of Wd. 14 will at the next meeting of the Council, if the Bath Commission up to that time does not answer the questions contained in both

of those orders, re-introduce those two orders at that time and give to the members of this body what information I know he has in his possession in regard to the matter?

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14—I will, Mr. President.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, then I ask unanimous consent to withdraw my motion to refer this order to the Finance Commission.

There being no objection, the motion was withdrawn and the order was referred to the Mayor.

WEEKLY PAYMENT OF JANITORS.

Mr. McCORMACK of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to at once conform to the law, by making weekly payments to the janitors in the service of the School Committee.

Mr. McCORMACK—Mr. President, my reason for introducing that order was not to make any attempt to take away any fireworks from the member of the Board of Aldermen who introduced practically the same order in the Board of Aldermen. There are a number of school janitors who live in my district, and one of them asked me on the street if I knew anything about the weekly payment law. The reason that I have put in this order is that I understand the order offered in the Board of Aldermen was laid on the table. It seems that, according to the law, the janitors of schools are supposed to be paid weekly. As I am informed—perhaps I may be wrong—they have not been paid any money now for about six weeks. Now, it seems to me a crime and shame that a man who is in the city employ, a man who has a family and who is dependent upon the city for a living, cannot be accorded the same right and privilege that is given to any other city laborer. I do not intend to make extended remarks about this matter. Of course, Ald. Finigan's order will receive just as much attention as mine will. I sincerely trust that immediate action will be taken by the Mayor to compensate these people for their just and honest work.

Mr. DUCEY—Mr. President, in regard to the order presented by my colleague, Mr. McCormack, I want to say that I did not know that he was going to present that order. But I also want to say that I, too, am aware of the fact that the janitors of the school buildings have not been paid. I have come in contact with that fact myself, because I am engaged in business as a grocery man in Charlestown, and I certainly have been aware of that fact. I did not know the order was to be introduced, and did not, of course, intend to speak upon any such order this evening; but I wish to also voice the sentiments expressed by my friend in the same division.

The order was referred to the Mayor.

RESOLUTIONS ON TELEGRAPHERS' STRIKE.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 offered the following:—

Whereas, The telegraphers employed by the Western Union Telegraph Company, a corporation chartered under the law of the state of New York and the Postal-Telegraph-Cable Company, operated by a holding company under the style of the Mackay companies; and the Associated Press, a voluntary association, organized for the purpose of fur-

nishing its membership telegraph reports of current events in all parts of the habitable globe, went on strike Aug. 13, and

Whereas, This strike continues in operation and is so complete that the great telegraph companies are unable to handle even the most important messages without serious delay, and are actually forwarding by the United States mail an important percentage of the messages handed them for telegraphic transmission and are doing this in a manner calculated to deceive the addressor and addressee of such mailed messages, and

Whereas, The report of the Associated Press no longer has any real value, as a consequence of this strike, and is particularly deficient in its reports of the several markets, news of vital importance to the commercial world, and

Whereas, Though the demands of these striking telegraphers seem reasonable, the Western Union Company, the Company, the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company (operated by the Mackay Companies), and the Associated Press, will not treat in any way, shape or manner with their striking employees, but express a determination to starve them into submission, and

Whereas, The financial, commercial and general business interests of Boston have for nearly nine weeks been subjected to great loss and annoyance in consequence of this partly telegraph and partly mail method of handling their most important and urgent communications, therefore be it

Resolved, That the City Council of the city of Boston deprecates the policy of these great companies in condemning their striking employees to starvation or submission, and the financial, commercial and general business interests of the city of Boston to indefinite loss, vexation and annoyance; and the said City Council of the city of Boston hereby declares it to be the duty of these three great employers to meet representatives of the striking employees and to do all that may reasonably be expected in order to adjust the differences to the end that normal telegraph service may be restored; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States; to Charles P. Neill, Commissioner of Labor, and to the President, General Manager and Directors of the Western Union Telegraph Company, Postal Telegraph-Cable Company (operated by the Mackay Companies) and the Associated Press.

The resolutions were adopted. Mr. NOYES of Wd. 13 moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

LIGHTS ON HEATH STREET.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place electric lights near 301 and 339 Heath St., Wd. 19.

Referred to the Mayor.

FIRE ALARM BOX, HEATH SQUARE

Mr. MURPHY offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a fire alarm box in Heath Square, Wd. 19.

Referred to the Mayor.

HIRING OF POND, BRIGHTON.

Mr. McCABE of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be authorized to hire Chandler's Pond, property of James Brady, and located on Lake St., Brighton, for skating; and to expend a sum not exceeding \$200 for the purpose, said sum to be charged to appropriation for Park Department.

Passed, under a suspension of the rule. Sent up.

IMPROVEMENTS FOR BRIGHTON.

Mr. McCABE offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a fire alarm box at the corner of Fairbank and Fairbanks Sts., Wd. 25.

Mr. McCABE offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor request the Boston Elevated Railway Company to place a brick landing at their stopping-place at the corner of Commonwealth Ave. and Washington St., east side.

Mr. McCABE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to grade Etna St. so that the surface water will run into the catch-basin, already provided, at the corner of Garden and Etna Sts.

Mr. McCABE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to remove the tree located on Leicester St., near Washington, in Wd. 25.

Severally referred to the Mayor.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Mr. LEONARD of Wd. 9 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have the trees removed from in front of 1475 and 1479 and 1485 Washington St., Wd. 19.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. SORENSON of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove trees now standing in front of 335 Meridian St. and 2 Trenton St.; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Referred to the Mayor.

POINT OF ORDER.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11 raised a point of order that there was not a quorum present.

The President directed the members to rise and remain standing until counted, and only 29 members being present the Council stood adjourned at 8.49 o'clock P. M., to meet on Thursday, Oct. 17, at 7.45 o'clock P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Oct. 14, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Ald. BERWIN, senior member, presiding, and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. BANGS, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The Mayor submitted the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board, viz.:

(1) Waldo H. Chandler (299 Dudley St., Wd. 17), and Frederick L. Holland (15 Forbes St., Wd. 22), constables of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1908.

(2) Fred E. Bolton (14 Howland St., Wd. 21), a member of the Board of Assessors for the term ending April 30, 1910, to take the place of Samuel Hichborn, deceased.

Severally laid over, under the law.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of the West End Street Railway Company for leave to erect five poles on Keyes St., between the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. bridge and Washington St., Wd. 23.

2. On petition of the West End Street Railway Company and the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, that the first named company be allowed to attach feed wires to nine poles of the second named company on Keyes St., between South St. and the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. bridge, Wd. 23.

A remonstrance was received, signed by Thomas Condry and others, residents of Keyes St., objecting to the granting of the petitions.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. FINIGAN, to recommit the petitions to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

3. On petition of Lawrence J. Killian, lessee, for leave to construct a marquee over the sidewalk at 651 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. DRAPER.

4. On petition of Lawrence & Stanley Garage Company for license to store and keep for sale gasoline in a passageway off Wheelock Ave. in connection with its garage at 525-527 Columbia Rd., Wd. 20.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Department (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

William J. Keliher, an electric sign, at 536 Medford St., Wd. 4.

John D. Cadogan, a transparent sign, at Union St., Wd. 5.

Edwards & Merrill, an illuminated sign, at 136-138 Court St., Wd. 6.
Brunswick Balke Collender Company, a wooden sign, at 86 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Antonio Cappucci, four signs, at 279 North St., Wd. 6.

Andrea Di Pietro, an illuminated sign, at 410 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

L. Cahors, an illuminated sign, at 94 Court St., Wd. 6.

Wolf Moskowitch, three signs, at 6 and 8 Salem St., Wd. 6.

Jaynes Drug Company, an illuminated sign, at 877 Washington St., corner Warrenton St., Wd. 7.

Samuel Rosenthal, two signs, at 57 Compton St., Wd. 7.

Eagle Sign Co., an electric sign, at 673 Washington St., Wd. 7.

S. Alario, a sign, at 120 Bedford St., Wd. 7.

Taylor the Tailor, an electric sign, at 327 Washington St., Wd. 7.

M. Feinstein, an illuminated sign, at 180B Portland St., Wd. 8.

James Brown, an electric sign, at 359 Tremont St., Wd. 10.

Bernard Polimer, a sign, at 2044 Washington St., Wd. 17.

Jake Brakman, sign, 922 Huntington Ave., Wd. 19.

Louis Batefsky, wooden sign, 710A Shawmut Ave., Wd. 9.

Faneuil Hall, etc.

W. D. Johnson et al., for the use of Faneuil Hall, on the evening of Nov. 7.

William Monroe Trotter, for the use of Faneuil Hall on Dec. 17, day and evening.

Boston Retail Grocers' Association, for the use of Faneuil Hall May 11, 12, 13, 14, 1908, day and evening.

Electric Wires.

Earl Marshall, for leave to stretch a wire from 28 Bowman St. to 51 Chickatawbut St., Wd. 24, crossing Bowman and Plain Sts.

Licenses.

R. P. Janette, manager, for a permit for Dorothy Gish, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Globe Theatre during the week of Oct. 13.

Railroads.

Nathan Tufts & Sons, for leave to construct an extension of its private railroad on Clinton Pl., Wd. 4.

Claims.

John H. Forger, an officer at the House of Correction, Deer Island, for compensation for expenses incurred in defending a suit against him on account of his acts done in the discharge of his duties.

Eleanor H. S. Kelley, for compensation for damage to a coat by oil from the city sprinkler.

De Sisto & Fiorenzo, for compensation for personal injuries and damages to property by overflow of sewage at No. 2 Charter St., Wd. 6, on Sept. 29, 1907.

Mrs. Ellen McCauley, to be paid for the death of her husband, who received fatal injuries while employed in the Sewer Department.

Julia E. Kelley, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Tremont St., near Union Park.

Charles O. Capodieces, for compensation for personal injuries caused by the falling of a standpipe on Shawmut Ave., corner of Warrenton St., on Sept. 26.

Mrs. Louisa Anderer, for compensation for personal injuries received Aug. 31, 1907, from an alleged defect in Highland St., Roxbury.

Public Improvements.

Marie Santissima Della Grazia Society, for leave to discharge fireworks on the North End Park on the evening of October 21.

Boston Beer Co., for leave to lay a conduit for steam pipes across West Second St., Wd. 13.

H. P. Hood & Sons, for leave to lay a conduit for steam and water pipes across Rutherford Ave., Wd. 4.

Hannah D. Brown et als., for leave to construct sidewalk light covers over areas at 73-79 Essex St., Wd. 7.

Hannah D. Brown et al., for leave to lay sidewalk light covers over areas at 2-8 Oxford St., Wd. 7.

Charles E. Wyzanski et al., Trustees, for leave to construct a coal hole opening at 68-70 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:

Angie L. Peters, 146 Spring St., Wd. 23.

James F. Flaherty, 41, 45, 47 Wolcott St., and on Erie St., Wd. 20.

S. Robinson, 73 Fenwood Rd., Wd. 19.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

There being no objection, the Chair called up Nos. 5 to 8, inclusive, viz.:

5. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to accept and maintain as a public highway Wordsworth St., from Milton St. to Coleridge St.

6. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requester, through His Honor the Mayor, to extend E and F Sts. to Dorchester Ave.; also to extend the smaller streets that lie between E and F Sts. to Alger St.

7. Ordered, That the Park Commissioners be authorized to hire Chandler's pond, property of James Brady, and located on Lake St., Brighton, for skating; and to expend a sum not exceeding \$200 for the purpose, said sum to be charged to appropriation for Park Department.

8. Whereas, The telegraphers employed by the Western Union Telegraph Company, a corporation chartered under the law of the State of New York, and the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company, operated by a holding company under the style of the Mackey Companies, and the Associated Press, a voluntary association, organized for the purpose of furnishing its membership telegraph reports of current events in all parts of the habitable globe, went on strike Aug. 13, and

Whereas, This strike continues in operation, and is so complete that the great telegraph companies are unable to handle even the most important messages without serious delay, and are actually forwarding by the United States mail an important percentage of the messages handed them for telegraphic transmission, and are doing this in a manner calculated to deceive the addressor and addressee of such mailed messages, and

Whereas, The report of the Associated Press no longer has any real value, as a consequence of this strike, and is particularly deficient in its reports of the several markets, news of vital importance to the commercial world, and

Whereas, Though the demands of these striking telegraphers seem reasonable, the Western Union Telegraph Company, the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company (operated by the Mackey Companies), and the Associated Press will not treat in any way, shape or manner with their striking employees, but express a determination to starve them into submission, and

Whereas, The financial, commercial and general business interests of Boston have for nearly nine weeks been subjected to great loss and annoyance in consequence of this partly telegraph and partly mail method of handling their most important and urgent communications, therefore be it

Resolved, That the City Council of the city of Boston deprecates the policy of these great companies in condemning their striking employees to starvation or submission, and the financial, commercial and general business interests of the city of Boston to indefinite loss, vexation and annoyance; and the said City Council of the city of Boston hereby declares it to be the duty of these three great employers to meet representatives of the striking employees, and to do all that may reasonably be expected in order to adjust the differences, to the end that normal telegraph service may be restored, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States; to Charles P. Neill, Commissioner of Labor; and to the President, General Manager and Director of the Western Union Telegraph Company, Postal Telegraph-Cable Company (operated by the Mackey Companies), and the Associated Press.

Severally passed in concurrence.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Chair, there being no objection, called up Nos. 12 and 13, unfinished business, viz.:

12. John F. Kiernan and Edward B. Jones, to be Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1908.

13. Coleman Francis Flaherty and John F. Kiernan, to be Measurers of Wood and Bark for the term ending April 30, 1908.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Baldwin and Draper. Whole number of ballots cast 12, yes 12, and the several appointments were confirmed.

Ald. BANGS called up No. 9, unfinished business, viz.:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz.:

9. Benjamin F. Powell, to be a constable for the term ending April 30, 1908.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Curley and Bangs. Whole number of ballot cast 12, yes 12, and the appointment was confirmed.

Ald. BATTIS called up No. 10, unfinished business, viz.:

10. Joseph J. McWeeny, to be a constable for the term ending April 30, 1908.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Battis and Flanagan. Whole number of ballots cast 12, yes 12, and the appointment was confirmed.

INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS.

Ald. BANGS called up Nos. 15, 17 and 18, past assignments, and moved that the same be indefinitely postponed, viz.:

15. Ordered, That the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) be appropriated, to be expended by the Water Commissioner for the construction of new, and the replacing of old, water pipes; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount.

17. Ordered, That out of the amount received from the sale of a portion of Deer Island there be appropriated the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars, to

be expended by the Park Commissioners for putting in good order the athletic building, Wood Island Park.

18. Ordered, That the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Streets for "Street Improvements"; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

The several orders were indefinitely postponed.

SUBWAY, WASHINGTON ST.

Ald. BANGS called up No. 19, past assignment, viz.:

19. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to consider the expediency of petitioning the General Court, at its present session, for such legislation as will permit the City of Boston to build a subway on Washington St., from the Dudley St. terminal to a point at or near Castle St., with the hope that, if such permission is granted, an agreement may be entered into with the Boston Elevated Railway Company for the removal of the elevated structure between said points.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads, on motion of Ald. BANGS.

ORDER OF NOTICE.

On the petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for license to store and keep for use gasoline at premises on Allerton St., Wd. 17—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, Nov. 4, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

COAL AND COKE LICENSES.

A list of coal and coke licenses granted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth was received.

Placed on file.

COMMUNICATION FROM FINANCE COMMISSION.

The following was received:

Boston Finance Commission,
Boston, Oct 14, 1907.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City Hall, Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:—Your communication has been received and will be laid before the Finance Commission immediately.

Yours very truly,

J. Wells Farley, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

PROJECTIONS, ETC.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for leave to project signs, etc.—that leave be granted, viz.:

Jake Brakman, sign, 922 Huntington Ave., Wd. 19.

Louis Batefsky, wooden sign, 710A Shawmut Ave., Wd. 9.

John D. Cadogan, transparent sign, Union St., Wd. 5.

Wolf Moskowitch, three signs, 6-8 Salem St., Wd. 6.

L. Cahors, illuminated sign, 94 Court St., Wd. 6.

Andrew Di Pietro, illuminated sign, 410 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Brunswick Balke Collender Company, wooden sign, 88 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Antonio Cappucci, four signs, 279 North St., Wd. 6.

William J. Kellher, electric sign, 536 Medford St., Wd. 4.

Edwards & Merrill, illuminated sign, 136-8 Court St., Wd. 6.

Taylor the Tailor, electric sign, 327 Washington St., Wd. 7.

S. Alario, sign, 120 Bedford St., Wd. 7.

Eagle Sign Company, electric sign, 673 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Samuel Rosenthal, two signs, 87 Compton St., Wd. 7.

Jaynes Drug Company, illuminated sign, 877 Washington St., corner Warrenton St., Wd. 7.

M. Feinstein, illuminated sign, 130B Portland St., Wd. 8.

James Brown, electric sign, 359 Tremont St., Wd. 10.

Bernard Polymer, sign, 2044 Washington St., Wd. 17.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions for leave to project bay windows and marquise—that leave be granted on the usual conditions, viz.:

Jacob Shapiro (referred Sept. 9), three bay windows, 329 Meridian St., corner Trenton St., one over each street and one over corner, Wd. 1.

Cushing Real Estate Trust (referred Sept. 25), marquise, 25-27 Temple Pl., Wd. 7.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on petition of Drake Bros. Company (referred Oct. 7), for leave to project a marquise at 83-5 Savin St., Wd. 21—that leave be granted (said

marquise to be suspended from the building and not supported by posts, and the plans to be approved by and the construction to be under the supervision of the Building Commissioner).

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

ELECTRIC WIRES, ORDERS OF NOTICE.

Ald. CURLEY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions for leave to erect poles, etc., on various streets—recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon on Monday,

Oct. 21, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:

Fire Commissioner (referred Sept. 25), to erect two poles on Barry St., Wd. 20.

Police Commissioner (referred Sept. 9), to locate a post for a police box at northeast side of Mystic Ave., Wd. 4, at a railroad bridge

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice passed.

(2) Reports on petitions of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for leave to erect poles, attach wires, etc.—recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon on Monday,

Oct. 28, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:

To erect three poles on Summit St., Wd. 25.

To erect one pole on Coolidge Rd., near Holman St., Wd. 25.

To erect one pole on Fort Ave., Wd. 19.

To erect six poles on Wordsworth St., Wd. 1.

To erect one pole on Eutaw St., near Meridian, Wd. 1.

To attach wires, etc., to a pole of the Boston Consolidated Gas Company on Wellington St., near Corey Rd., Wd. 25. Reports severally accepted; orders of notice passed.

(3) Reports on petitions of the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. and the Boston Consolidated Gas Co. (severally referred Aug. 26), that the first named company be allowed to attach wires, etc., to poles of the second named company—recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon on Monday, Oct. 23, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:

To two poles on Parsons St., Wd. 25.

To two poles on Oak Sq. Ave., Wd. 25.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice passed.

(4) Reports on petitions of Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston to erect poles in various streets—recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon on Monday, Oct. 23, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:

To erect one pole on New Heath St., Wd. 19.

To erect five poles on Webster St., Wd. 2.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice passed.

EXTENSION OF AREAS, ETC.

Ald. BALDWIN called up No. 16, past assignment, viz.:

16. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the Commonwealth Trust Company to extend, maintain and use the areas under and along the sidewalk at northwest corner of Summer and Devonshire Sts., Wd. 7, to the dimensions as shown on a plan dated May 27, 1907, and filed in the permit office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1907, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

The order was passed.

LICENSES.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to nine newsboys.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on petition of R. P. Janette, manager (referred today), for permit for Dorothy Gish, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Globe Theatre during the week of Oct. 13—that a permit be granted.

Report accepted; permit granted on the usual conditions.

RAILROADS, ORDER OF NOTICE.

Ald. DRAPER, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted a report on the petition of Nathan Tufts & Sons (referred today), for leave to construct an extension of its private railroad on Clinton Pl., Wd. 4—That on order of notice be passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, Nov. 4, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

CLAIMS.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

Reports on petitions for compensation for various injuries, damages, etc., that

the petitioners be given leave to withdraw, viz.:

Walworth Manufacturing Company (referred March 25), to be paid for injuries to horse caused by alleged defect on Summer street bridge.

James Brown (referred May 27), for compensation for injuries caused by alleged defect in railroad bridge on Washington street, near Castle street.

Arthur P. French et al., trustees (referred March 19), to be paid for replacing plate glass window at 60 Falmouth street, alleged to have been broken by employee of paving division.

Vincenzo Trocano (referred last year), for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Hanover street (suit having been brought against the city).

Annie E. Gaffney (referred last year), for compensation for injury to and death of her husband while in the employ of the city).

Accepted. Sent down.

NOTICE OF STATE ELECTION.

Ald. FLANAGAN offered an order—That the City Clerk be, and is hereby, directed to give notice, by advertising the same as required by law, that meetings of the citizens of this city, qualified to vote for state officers, will be held at the several polling places designated for the purpose by the Board of Election Commissioners, on Tuesday, the fifth day of November next, for the election of Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Register of Probate and Insolvency, District Attorney, Sheriff, Councillor, Senator and Representatives in the General Court, viz.: one in Wd. 7, three in Wds. 4 and 5 (said wards constituting one district), three each in Wds. 20 and 24, and two each in the remaining wards.

They will also give in their votes Yes or No on the question of ratifying and adopting the following proposed amendment to the Constitution: "The Governor, with the consent of the Council, may remove justices of the peace and notaries public," said amendment being recited in Chapter 123 of the Resolves of the Legislature of 1907.

The polls at said meetings will be opened at 6 o'clock A. M., and closed at 4 o'clock P. M.

Passed.

RESCISSION OF SIDEWALK ORDER.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the order of the Board of Aldermen, passed October 7, 1907, authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to construct gravel sidewalks with edge-stones along Round Hill street, between Walden and Gay Head streets, Ward 22, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Passed.

CLOSING OF LAMONT ST.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Lamont St., between Vernon and Linden Park Sts., Wd. 18, to all public travel, during the time necessary for the completion of the Downer St. section of Stony Brook by the Sewer Department.

Passed.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted at 3:40 o'clock P. M., on motion of Ald. CURLEY, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and

were called to order by the Chair at 4:15 o'clock P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. BERWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on petition of Marie Santissima Della Grazia Society (referred to-day), for leave to discharge fireworks on the North End Park on the evening of Oct. 21—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on messages of the Mayor, orders, etc.—that the same be placed on file, viz.:

Message of Mayor (referred last year), recommending passage of loan order for \$151,000 in payment of executions of court.

Message of Mayor (referred May 13), relative to rates for city teams.

Message of the Mayor (referred May 6), transmitting communication from Superintendent of Streets giving list of streets on which work is contemplated.

Communication from Corporation Counsel (referred Aug. 26), on matter of authority to change location of ward rooms.

Resolve (referred Feb. 25), in favor of acquiring the Park Sq. property of the Boston & Albany R. R.

Preamble and resolve (referred May 6), relative to strike-breaking teamsters.

Reports severally accepted; papers placed on file.

(3) Reports on orders—That no action is necessary, viz.:

Order (referred Feb. 4), appropriating \$30,000 for a bath-house, Charlestown.

Order (referred Feb. 4), appropriating \$50,000 for a bath-house, Jamaica Plain.

Order (referred May 1), appropriating \$400,000 for Street Department, street improvements.

Order (referred Feb. 4) for loan of \$40,000 for engine house and site on Parker Hill.

Order (referred last year), appropriating \$100,000 for reserve fund.

Order (referred Feb. 4), appropriating \$25,000 for locker building, etc., Franklin Field.

Order (referred Feb. 4), appropriating \$10,000 for keeping the athletic grounds, Commonwealth Park, Wd. 13, in condition.

Order (referred Feb. 4), appropriating \$35,000 for purchase of playground, Savin Hill.

Reports severally accepted.

(4) Reports on papers—that the same be indefinitely postponed, viz.:

Report of Committee on County Accounts (referred Feb. 4), relative to construction of separate building for Registry of Deeds and Probate Offices.

Order (referred April 29), concerning appointment of joint special committee on new City Hall.

Severally assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Ald. WHELTON.

(5) Reports on messages of the Mayor (referred Feb. 25) vetoing appropriation orders—that the same be placed on file and the vetoes sustained, viz.:

Message vetoing appropriation for shelters on Dover St. and other bridges.

Message vetoing order making appropriation of \$25,000 for completion of bath-house, Wd. 15.

The reports were severally accepted, the messages were placed on file, and the votes whereby the orders were passed were reconsidered.

The question came on passing the orders, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding. The Board refused to pass the orders over the veto of the Mayor, the vote being: Yeas 0, nays 13.

(6) Reports on messages of the Mayor vetoing permits and orders—that the same be placed on file and the vetoes of the Mayor sustained, viz.:

Message of the Mayor (referred May 27), vetoing permit to Marks Harris to project a bay window at 32 Fountain St., Corner Circuit St., Wd. 21.

Message of the Mayor (referred Feb. 25), vetoing permit to Philip Cohen to project a sign at 9 Endicott St., Wd. 6.

Message of the Mayor (referred May 22), vetoing order for sidewalk on sidewalk on Hammett St., Wd. 19.

Message of the Mayor (referred May 13), vetoing sidewalk order, East Cottage St., Wd. 16.

The reports were accepted, the messages placed on file and the question came on granting leave and passing the orders, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding. The Board refused to grant permission or pass the orders over the Mayor's veto the vote being, yeas 0, nays 13.

(7) Report on message of the Mayor (referred Feb. 25), vetoing order to pay Mrs. J. W. Robinson for use of land at Neponset for playground—that the message be placed on file and the veto be sustained.

The report was accepted, the message was placed on file and the question came on passing the order, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding. The Board refused to pass the order over the Mayor's veto, the vote being yeas 1, nays 12, Ald. CLARK voting yea.

(8) Report on the ordinance (referred July 15) to amend Section 3 of Chapter 3, relating to vacations of officers and employees of departments—recommending reference of the same to the Committee on Ordinances.

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

(9) Report on the petition of Frank Sulzer (referred June 3), for leave to erect a lamppost with a lettered lamp thereon, at 1522 Washington St., Wd. 12—recommending that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Report accepted.

(10) Reports (referred today) recommending the passage of orders for the construction of sidewalks in front of the following named estates, said sidewalks to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutters adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of the material specified, with granite edge-stones, the owners of the adjoining estates to furnish the said material, viz.:

Angie L. Peters, 146 Spring St., Wd. 23; gravel.

James F. Flaherty, 41-47 Wolcott St., and on Erie St., Wd. 20; artificial stone.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

(11) Reports (on petitions referred to-day) recommending the passage of orders authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to issue permits to the following persons to do the things specified, the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1907, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto:

Charles E. Wyzanski and another, trustees, to construct, maintain and use a pole hole opening, not exceeding 9 inches in diameter and with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 68-70 Hanover St.

Hannah D. Brown and others, to place, maintain and use patent sidewalk covers over the area at present existing in the sidewalk of 2-8 Oxford St., Wd. 7.

Hannah D. Brown and others, to place, maintain and use patent sidewalk covers over the areas at present

existing in front of estate 73-79 Essex St.

Boston Beer Company, to construct, maintain and use a conduit, composed of brick and concrete, with steam pipes encased therein, in and under West Second St., Wd. 13, at the buildings of said company, of the dimensions shown on a plan dated September 18, 1907, on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department; said conduit and pipes to be used for heating and power purposes.

Reports severally accepted; said orders severally passed.

CONFIRMATION OF CONSTABLE WARE.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I move you, sir, that the Board take up No. 11 on the calendar.

No. 11 was as follows:

11. Appointment of Robert J. Ware, to be a Constable for the term ending April 30, 1908.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, I move that further consideration of that matter be assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

The motion was declared carried. Ald. WHELTON doubted the vote, and asked for a verification by a roll call, and the motion was lost—yea 1, nays 11:

Yea—Ald. Baldwin—1.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Curley, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—11.

The CHAIR—The question comes on the confirmation of No. 11.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, I doubt the vote on taking up No. 11 on the calendar.

The CHAIR—The Chair will rule that the motion is out of order, as it is within the province of any member of the Board to call up these matters at any time.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, I would state that the gentleman rising made a motion. The question came on his motion to call up the matter on the calendar. I doubted the vote, and asked for the yeas and nays. I rise to a point of order.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I desire to say at this time that, to my way of thinking, at least, we are about to dispose of this matter of confirmation one way or the other. As the Chair has ruled, it is for us to determine at this time whether confirmation is to be had, or whether we are to reject the appointment made by the Mayor. I sincerely hope and trust that the ruling will be sustained that the subject question is before the Board, and not the subsidiary question, to take up No. 11.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, as I understand it, the gentleman made a motion that No. 11 be taken from the calendar. If such a motion was made and was voted upon here, I contend that I have the right to doubt the vote. My point of order is that, a motion having been made by the gentleman from Wd. 8, and it having been voted upon, I have a right to doubt the vote.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, as I remember, the motion was to assign, and that motion was defeated. The question before the Board now is that of passing judgment upon the confirmation of this appointment. The man who is before us as a candidate for constable is a man who has represented the citizens of this city in the City Council, and who evidently represented them to the satisfaction of the citizens of the ward that he came from—namely, Wd. 14; my colleague's ward. It does not seem to me, Mr. Chairman, that we ought to engage here in any battle of

words. We ought to act on this matter one way or the other. I hope and trust that the judgment of the Board will be that we should at this time say yes or no, and dispose of the matter.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, I still contend that there is a motion before this body, and I think the question now before the Board is on solving a doubt. I would like the Chair to rule on that point of order.

The CHAIR—The question before the Board is upon the confirmation of No. 11 on the calendar. Ald. WHELTON called up No. 11 on the calendar, and the Chair then entertained the motion that further consideration of the matter be assigned until the next meeting of the Board. That motion was disposed of. The question then came upon confirmation, and the Chair was about to proceed to announce the committee, when he recognized the honorable Alderman from South Boston (Ald. Baldwin).

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, my contention is that the Alderman from the West End made a motion to take up No. 11 from the calendar. That, in my opinion, is a motion. Then, the question which followed that was the motion that consideration of his motion to take the matter up be assigned until the next meeting. I contend that the point of order is well taken. There is a doubt here now existing.

The CHAIR—The Chair must rule, on Ald. Baldwin's point of order, that the question before the Board at this time is on the confirmation of No. 11 on the calendar.

Ald. BALDWIN—Then, if that is the case, I move reference of the matter to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I sincerely hope and trust that the members of the board will not vote to refer this matter to the Committee on Public Improvements. The man who is before us for confirmation, as I have already said, has represented his fellow citizens in public life, and there is nothing which has come to my knowledge that would cause any member of this Board to defer final action on the matter of confirmation of this gentleman for the position to which His Honor the Mayor has seen fit to nominate him. It is for us to either confirm the appointment or to reject it. It is a case of "yes" or "no." I hope and trust that we will dispose of this matter one way or the other now, and not by the subterfuge of referring the matter to the Committee on Public Improvements defer action on the appointment. I sincerely hope and trust that the appointment will be confirmed today.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, if I were in the position occupied by the gentleman on the other side of the chamber of having prior to this meeting given my word that I would not take this number from the calendar I would live up to it. There is no doubt but what this gentleman named on the calendar was represented Wd. 14 in the Common Council of the city of Boston, and he has also represented Wd. 14 in the Legislature. I think, however, that the least that might be accorded to me is a little courtesy. Besides, if I had promised not to take this name from the calendar, I would certainly live up to it today. Now, Mr. Chairman, this man is on the calendar for another position. I don't know which position he is willing to accept—whether he is willing to accept the position of Constable or the position of Deputy Sealer of Weights and Measures. If the gentleman from the West End is so much interested in this gentleman, why does not he take his name from

the calendar, and vote today on the confirmation of that man as a Deputy Sealer of Weights and Measures? If he will do that, I will agree to vote today on the whole proposition. The members of the Board of Aldermen have delayed action on the appointment as a Sealer of Weights and Measures sufficiently long to at least warrant allowing the appointment of this gentleman as a Constable to stay on the table a little longer. Now, I think I have been fair in the matter, and I feel that the gentleman on the other side of the chamber has at least been discourteous to one of his fellow colleagues and members of the Board of Aldermen.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I am always willing to be fair in regard to any proposition that a member of this Board presents to us for our consideration. This does not seem to me, however, to be a case where there is any reason for further delay. We have had the name of the gentleman in question before us for some time. We have had ample opportunity to determine just what we ought to do in regard to this matter. The gentleman, as I said before, has represented Wd. 14 in the Common Council, and has also represented it in the Legislature. The mayor thought sufficiently well of him to send his name in here as a deputy sealer of weights and measures, and when the Finance Commission determined to their own satisfaction that the additional sealers of weights and measures were not necessary, we agreed with the Mayor. Now, this name is before us for the position of constable. I am not going to try to put any halo around his head, because I could not do it if I wanted to. He is here before us for confirmation, and it is now for the Board of Aldermen to determine one way or the other just what shall be done, and we ought to either confirm the appointment or reject it. That is all I have to say.

The motion to refer the matter to the Committee on Public Improvements was declared carried.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, I move a general reconsideration of all matters, hoping that the same will not prevail.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I doubt the vote.

The CHAIR—The Chair regrets to inform the Alderman that, other business intervened, the motion comes upon the question of Ald. Baldwin, to reconsider all matters, hoping that the same will not prevail.

The motion to reconsider was declared lost. Ald. WHELTON doubted the vote, and asked for a roll call, and the motion to reconsider was carried—yeas 11, nays 2.

Yeas—Ald. Bangs, Eattis, Bell, Clark Curley, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan Leary Whelton, Woods—11.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Berwin—2.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I would now like to have the Chair present the question before the Board—whether or not it is on the confirmation of No. 11 on the calendar. If I remember rightly, the question before the Board is on reconsideration of the vote whereby the matter was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The CHAIR—The Chair will rule that the motion now before the Board is on the motion of Ald. Baldwin to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, on that motion I ask that the roll be called.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order. My point of order is that there is no point of order before the Board at the present time.

The CHAIR—The Chair must rule that

the motion which has prevailed reconsidered all business transacted this afternoon capable of reconsideration.

Ald. BALDWIN—I move you, sir, that the Board do now adjourn.

The CHAIR—The question comes on the motion of Ald. Baldwin, that the Board do now adjourn.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, when a motion has been made, parliamentary law—

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order, that no debate is in order upon this.

Ald. WHELTON—While it is true that no debate is allowed on a motion to reconsider, parliamentary law also says that when the Chairman is solving a doubt, any member of the Board has a right to have that doubt solved before any other motion is in order.

The CHAIR—The question comes on the motion of Ald. Baldwin, that the Board do now adjourn. The Chair might say, in explanation, that if that motion prevails, nearly all the business transacted this afternoon would be of no force or effect, and will be open to action again at the next meeting of this board. The question comes on the motion of Ald. Baldwin.

The motion to adjourn was declared lost.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I move you, sir, that we now proceed—

Ald. BALDWIN (interrupting)—I doubt the vote, Mr. Chairman.

Ald. WHELTON (continuing)—to vote upon the confirmation of No. 11 on the calendar.

Ald. BALDWIN—I doubt the vote, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIR—The Chair is somewhat in doubt. The question comes upon the motion of Ald. Baldwin.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I beg pardon. I made a motion.

The CHAIR—It is within the province of the Chair to recognize Ald. Baldwin's motion, and the Chair will rule that Ald. Baldwin's doubt of the vote is now before the Board.

(Ald. WOODS was at this point recognized by the Chair.)

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order. My point of order is that my motion is before the Board.

The CHAIR—The Chair must rule that the question is now on solving the doubt, and that no motion is in order at this time. The question is upon solving the doubt raised by Ald. Baldwin, who doubted the vote.

Ald. WHELTON—May I ask the Chair to state the question?

The CHAIR—The question before this Board is on solving the doubt as to whether this Board should adjourn or not. The Chair declared that the motion did not prevail upon a voice vote, and Ald. Baldwin questions the determination of the vote, and asked for a verification by a roll call.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order, that the Chair recognized me after Ald. Baldwin made the motion, and did not recognize Ald. Baldwin. I rise to a point of order.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, my point of order is this.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I raise the point of order. I think that I have precedence.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I make this point of order, that the Chair having accepted Ald. Baldwin's motion to adjourn, no further motion is in order, and debate is not permissible.

The CHAIR—The Chair's position is simply this—that the question before this Board is on the solving of a doubt as to the vote on the motion to adjourn, and in order to solve that doubt Ald. Baldwin has called for the yeas and nays. Aldermen in favor of ad-

journalment will, when their names are called, answer yes; those opposed, no, and the Clerk will call the roll.

The motion to adjourn was lost—yeas 1, nays 12 (Ald. Baldwin voting yea).

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I move you, sir, that we now proceed to a confirmation of No. 11 on the calendar.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I request some information from the Chair.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, before the Chair recognizes anybody I ask that that motion be received by the Board.

The CHAIR—The question is on the motion of Ald. Whelton, that the Board take up No. 11 on the calendar.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I want to inquire in regard to our position. We have reconsidered our whole calendar—every part of it. If we take up No. 11, where are we at? I want to get some information. Do not we have to commence and go all through the calendar again? If we do have to, let us get at it. There is no use in taking up No. 11 and allowing the rest of the matters upon which we have voted at this meeting to go by default. I move, as an amendment to the alderman's motion, that we take up No. 1.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I move that we do now ratify all action taken by the Board, and which we have reconsidered, with the exception of the action on No. 11 on the calendar.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order. My point of order is that the motion of Ald. Draper is not in order, because, as I view the situation, we should start at the beginning of this calendar, and the Chair in my opinion cannot at this time receive "motions, orders and resolutions."

The CHAIR—The Chair must assure the honorable alderman that the point of order raised by him is entirely without foundation. The question before this board at the present time is the motion of Ald. Draper, to ratify all business transacted this afternoon and reconsidered by us, with the exclusion of No. 11 on the calendar.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman—

The CHAIR—The Chair is now solving a doubt, and no other business is in order.

The motion to ratify all business transacted this afternoon and afterwards reconsidered, with the exception of No. 11 on the calendar, was carried.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I now call up No. 11 on the calendar, and when the vote is taken, I move that it be taken by the yeas and nays.

Ald. BALDWIN—I move you, sir, that the matter be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. WHELTON—I move you, sir, that the roll be called on that motion.

The motion to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements was lost—yeas 2, nays 11:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Berwin—2.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Batts, Bell, Clark, Curley, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—11.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I move that we proceed to vote upon the confirmation of No. 11 on the calendar.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, I move you, sir, that the consideration of this matter be referred to the Committee on Sealing of Weights and Measures Department.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, in view of the fact that we are passing in judgment on the confirmation of a constable, it does not seem to me altogether necessary that the motion made by my colleague from Wd. 14 should prevail.

The CHAIR—The Chair will rule that,

although the motion may not be entirely necessary, it seems to the Chair entirely within the province of the Alderman to make such a motion.

The motion to refer to the Committee on Sealing of Weights and Measures Department was lost.

The CHAIR—The question now comes upon the motion of Ald. Draper, that the Board proceed to the confirmation of No. 11 on the calendar, and that the same be by roll call. Aldermen in favor of confirmation will, when their names are called, answer yes; those opposed no; and the clerk will call the roll.

The appointment was confirmed—yeas 12, no 1 (Ald. BALDWIN voting no).

STATE DOCKS IN BOSTON.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order that the Finance Commission, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this board to consider the advisability of recommending to the incoming Legislature such action as may be necessary for the establishment of a system of state docks in the Charlestown, East Boston and South Boston districts.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, this order is not introduced for the purpose of keeping the Finance Commission busy, but in order that a situation and a condition which exists may be met. The Committee on Railroads of this Board of Aldermen, in the consideration of its business had before it an order asking that grants be made to the Boston & Maine railroad to lay tracks on Water St. in Charlestown, in order that better facilities for the discharging of cargoes might be had for the White Star line. We were informed by Mr. Train, the traffic manager of the Boston & Maine railroad, who is an expert in the matter of import and export business in our country, that the Boston & Maine railroad was not in a position to undertake the expenditure that would be necessary in order to provide proper railroad and docking facilities for the two lines of steamers now plying between Europe and this country and docking in the Charlestown district. The same condition of affairs exists in East Boston and South Boston. Tremendous sums of money have been expended during the past 20 years for the improvement of our park system, for the improvement of our sewerage system, for the improvement of our water system, for state policemen, and for other state expenditures of one kind and another, coupled with the expenditures that have been made for that class of improvements which are necessary, since they tend to make healthier conditions in a community—such as playgrounds, public baths and gymnasiums. Attention has been given to those things by the city and the state, but apparently we have lost sight of the very necessary work of affording adequate terminal facilities for our steamship lines, and especially for the steamers plying between Europe and this country. The result is that while our docks 10 years ago were of sufficient size to furnish adequate accommodations for the steamers of the size and class which were at that time plying between this country and Europe, conditions have experienced a violent change in the past 10 years, so that today we have, for instance, on the White Star line the steamer Cymric plying between Boston and Liverpool. The length of that steamer is in excess of 550 feet. That is a type of the present day steamer, and the type of the steamers that in the future we will be obliged to furnish docking facilities, for at our various docks throughout the New England coast. Now, then, Mr.

Chairman, the old docks that have been in use for the past quarter of a century in the Charlestown and East Boston district are in no case in excess of 500 feet in length; so that if the Cymric, or some vessel of a similar type,—or perhaps one longer than even the Cymric is, desires to discharge a cargo at the Charlestown docks, from 200 to 250 feet of the steamer has to lie in the channel outside of the extreme end of the dock. It then becomes necessary to do one of three things—either lighter that portion of the cargo that remains outside of the dock and hoist the cargo onto the dock; or wheel it along the dock for a distance of 300 feet, and then discharge on the side of the dock; or else unload that portion of the cargo that is within the enclosure of the dock and when that portion is unloaded to back out into the stream and then reverse the position of the steamer, coming into the dock end to, and then unload the section that was not formerly unloaded. That is a sample of the condition of our docks, and as a consequence of that state of affairs the port of Boston has lost within the last year somewhere in the neighborhood of four steamers that formerly plied between Boston and European ports—in all probability amounting to somewhere in the neighborhood of 20 to 25 million dollars in export and import business. Now, then, there is no city on the entire Atlantic seaboard that is better situated geographically for commercial pursuits than is the city of Boston, and there is no city on the entire Atlantic seaboard that has paid less attention to those things which should be the chief concern lying in such a situation as Boston does, than has Boston and the commonwealth. I have anticipated that in order to provide adequate facilities in the Charlestown district it will be necessary for us to take any way within the next ten years, unless we are satisfied to lose whatever commercial industry we have in the Charlestown district. It will be necessary within the next ten years to clean out all that portion of the Charlestown district which lies between Chelsea street, the Navy Yard, the new Charlestown bridge and Water street. I presume that the cost of this work will amount up into the millions. It is a work of such a character, and requiring such an expenditure that none of the railroad companies care to undertake it; neither can any of the steamship companies be induced to undertake it. The city of Boston is not in a position to undertake it, and I believe that this is an excellent opportunity of the state to come to the rescue of the city. Boston may boast of its park system; Boston and Massachusetts may boast of their splendid boulevards; we may boast of our splendid water supply, of our excellent sewerage system, of our excellent bathing facilities, and of our numerous playgrounds and gymnasiums, but if we do not have the industry here we cannot have the people and we cannot have the prosperity. Something must be done upon this very important proposition. I realize that in a sense the Finance Commission is limited in its possibility, but I also realize that a recommendation from that body, after an exhaustive research such as it is possible for it to undertake, if made to the incoming Legislature, would result in some good coming from it. I certainly trust that the order will be passed.

The order was read a second time and was passed.

MOTION TO ELECT CHAIRMAN.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I move you, sir, that we now proceed, in ac-

cordance with section 7 of chapter 26, of the Revised Laws, to elect a chairman of this Board.

The motion was declared lost. Ald. Curley doubted the vote, and called for the yeas and nays, and the motion was lost, yeas 6, nays 7.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—6.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper, Whelton—7.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. LEARY offered an order that the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two dead trees standing in front of estate 238-230 Webster street, East Boston, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

OPENING OF MERIDIAN-ST. BRIDGE.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Bridges, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform this Board at its next meeting the reason for the delay in opening the Meridian-St. bridge, East Boston.

Passed.

LIGHTING OF BROADWAY BRIDGE.

Ald. FLANAGAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to have Broadway Extension bridge properly lighted; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, there seems to be a difference of opinion among the members of the Board on the matter of reconsideration today on No. 1 on the calendar. As I understand, we have reconsidered some veto messages, and we had no right to reconsider, and we have confirmed constables, and then reconsidered that action, and then the motion is made afterward to ratify all matters. I would like to have the matter straightened out. If the Chair rules that the business which we have carried on today is right and legal, I am satisfied; but if it is not, let us get to work and try to straighten the matter out. I know that we have reconsidered veto messages, which we have no right to reconsider. We reconsidered all matters which were before the Board today.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I should like to ask what is the business before the Board?

The CHAIR—The business before the Board is the question or point of order raised by Ald. Woods. The Chair will say, for the benefit and information of the honorable Aldermen, that it is the Chair's opinion that the motion of Ald. Draper covered the matter sufficiently.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I move a general consideration of all matters not previously reconsidered, hoping that the same will not prevail.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, I trust that the motion will prevail.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, what is the question before the Board?

The CHAIR—Ald. Baldwin has the floor.

Ald. BALDWIN—I sincerely trust that the motion will prevail. I agree with the Alderman from Brighton, who rose

a short while ago and said he thought something had been done this afternoon which should be undone at this time. I trust that if we vote to reconsider, an opportunity will be given to the Alderman from Brighton to do what he desires. I sincerely trust that the motion will prevail.

The CHAIR—The question before the Board at this time—and the Chair will

state it for the benefit of the Board—is the motion of Ald. Curley, to reconsider all business transacted this afternoon not previously reconsidered, hoping that the same will not prevail.

Ald. CURLEY'S motion to reconsider was lost.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. CURLEY, at 5:07 P. M., to meet on Monday, Oct. 21, at 3 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, Oct. 17, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P. M., President BARRETT in the chair.

ABOLITION OF PUBLIC GROUNDS DEPARTMENT.

By a unanimous consent, out of the regular order of business Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11 offered the following ordinances:

(1) An Ordinance Repealing Chapter 33 of the Revised Ordinances of 1893 and Merging the Public Grounds Department in the Park Department. Be it Ordained, etc. Section 1, Chapter 33 of the Revised Ordinances of 1893, establishing the public grounds department and defining the duties thereof, is hereby repealed.

Section 2, Chapter 23 of the Revised Ordinances of 1893 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "Section 2. The said board of park commissioners shall also have the care and superintendence of the public grounds and of all trees belonging to the city; shall trim all shade trees standing in streets so that they will not interfere with public travel; shall carry out all orders of the board of aldermen, made after public notice and hearing, to remove trees standing in the streets, and shall cause all statutes and ordinances for the protection of trees, shrubs, and flowers in the public grounds and streets to be strictly observed. They shall also have and exercise the same powers over the public grounds that they do over the parks and playgrounds, as enumerated in Section 1."

(2) An ordinance amending Section 1 of Chapter 2 of the Revised Ordinances of 1893. Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows: Section 1 of Chapter 2 of the Revised Ordinances of 1893 is hereby amended by striking out the words "the Superintendent of Public Grounds."

(3) An ordinance amending section 5 of chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1893. Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows: Section 1. Section 5 of Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1893 is hereby amended by striking out the words "the superintendent of public grounds, four thousand dollars."

(4) An ordinance amending Section 4 of the Revised Ordinances of 1893. Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows: Section 1. Section 4 of Chapter 1 of the Revised Ordinances of 1893 is hereby amended by inserting the word "formerly" between the words "public lands" and the word "placed" in the second line of the sub-division marked "Fifth."

(5) An ordinance amending Section 68 of Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances of 1893. Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows: Section 1. Section 68 of Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances of 1893 is hereby amended by striking out the words "Superintendent of Public Grounds" and inserting in place thereof the following words, "Park Commissioners."

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. PIERCE.

NEXT MEETING.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 offered an order—That when this Council adjourns it be to meet on Thursday, Oct. 31, 1907, at 7:45 o'clock P. M. Passed.

LOANS FOR INDEPENDENCE SQ.

The following was received:
City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, Oct. 17, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Auditing Department in answer to your order requesting a statement of the loans that have been authorized in the last ten years for repairs on Independence Sq., South Boston. Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Auditing Department, July 25, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of the City of Boston:

Sir:—In reply to the order of the Common Council of July 11, "that the City Auditor be requested, through his honor the Mayor, to transmit to the Common Council the loans that have been authorized by the City Council in the last ten years for repairs on Independence square, South Boston. Also if loans have been authorized for repairs on this square where was the money so authorized transferred to." I submit the following:

Under date of Oct. 30, 1899, a loan of \$2700 was authorized for Independence square improvements, none of which was transferred. Respectfully submitted,
J. Alfred Mitchell,
City Auditor.

Placed on file.

FENCE, CHARLESTOWN HIGH SCHOOL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Oct. 17 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Schoolhouse Commissioners in answer to your request that an iron fence be erected on the outer edge of each of the main doorways of the High School building in the Charlestown district.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Schoolhouse Department.

Oct. 14, 1907.

Honorable John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:—In reply to the order passed by the Common Council, October 10th, 1907, namely, "That the Schoolhouse Commission, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to erect an iron fence on the outer edge of each of the main doorways of the High School Building in the Charlestown District." I beg to say that the Board of Schoolhouse Commissioners has considered this matter, and are trying to see what is the best manner of preventing the abuses that have taken place at the Charlestown High School. I believe that when the building has been occupied a little longer, and the people of the neighborhood begin to acquire

somewhat more respect for the propriety of the city, we shall not be forced to adopt unsightly expedients of fences or gates in front of this handsome entrance.

I am, my dear sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. R. Fisher, for the Chairman.
Placed on file.

SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS, PLUMMER DISTRICT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Oct. 17, 1907.
To the Common Council:—
I transmit herewith a communication from the Schoolhouse Department in answer to your order requesting information in regard to school accommodations in the Plummer school district, East Boston.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston.
Schoolhouse Department.
Sept. 11, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:—I beg to acknowledge receipt of the enclosed order from the Common Council, namely:

"Ordered, That the Board of Schoolhouse Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to inform the Common Council at its next meeting, why the permanent school accommodation, promised in response to an order adopted by this body in the early part of the year, has not been afforded to the inhabitants of East Boston, living in the Plummer School District."

The additional accommodation in the Adams District, to which this order undoubtedly refers, was ordered by the Board in response to a vote of the School Committee, and this Board approved erecting temporary rather than permanent quarters on account of the uncertainty of the growth of population in this district.

I am, my dear sir,
Your obedient servant,
R. Clipston Sturgis, Chairman.
Placed on file.

SCHOOL PRIZES,

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Oct. 17, 1907.
To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in answer to your order requesting that prizes be given to pupils for excellence in studies and deportment.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston.
In School Committee, Oct. 7, 1907.
The following communication was received:

Boston Public Schools.
Offices of the Board of Superintendents.
Mason St., Oct. 3, 1907.
To the School Committee:—

The Board of Superintendents, to whom was referred for consideration and report, Feb. 18, a communication from the Common Council requesting the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, to offer prizes to the

pupils in the various classes of the public schools for excellence in studies and deportment, submits the following report:

Several years ago it was the custom to encourage children by means of prizes, medals, etc. The effect upon the individual pupils who worked for them, the rivalries and jealousies engendered, together with the complaints of unfairness and partiality against those who distributed them led the School Committee of the City of Boston to forbid all such rewards with the exception of a very few which had become historical, such as the Franklin medal, military drill prizes and declamation prizes.

Those who have been connected with the schools during the past years are of the opinion that the schools have been benefited by such restriction.

Respectfully submitted,
Thornton Apollonio, Secretary.

Placed on file and a copy ordered to be transmitted to the Common Council through His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy.
Attest: Thornton D. Apollonio,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

OLD COLONY AVENUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Oct. 17, 1907.
To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Street Laying-Out Department in answer to your order requesting information in regard to the abandoned Old Colony roadbed in South Boston.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston.
Street Laying-Out Department.
City Hall, June 22, 1907.
Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Dear Sir.—Replying to the enclosed order of the Common Council inquiring as to "what right, if any, the city of Boston has in the abandoned Old Colony roadbed, also what appropriations, if any, have been made to place said abandoned roadbed in proper condition," the Board of Street Commissioners has the honor to report as follows:

The said abandoned roadbed is a public highway made so by the decree of the court confirming the report of the commission appointed to abolish the grade crossings of Dorchester Ave. and the Old Colony Railroad Company, which was filed June 23, 1898, and, therefore, the city has every right in said way.

The Old Colony Railroad Company notified Mayor Collins on Sept. 22, 1902, that it had abandoned this roadway. This was in accordance with an agreement or contract made on June 28, 1897, that it would abandon the old roadbed when its tracks were laid in the new.

The way has not been open to public travel for the reason that it is in no condition for use. It was never constructed or graded, and, as far as the Board knows, no appropriation was ever made for its grading and construction. It is estimated that it would cost \$250,000 to grade and construct the way from West Seventh St. and Dorchester Ave. to Mt. Vernon St., its entire length.

Very respectfully,
J. J. O'Callaghan, Secretary.
Placed on file.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of Vincenzo Trocano, referred June 5, 1906, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Hanover street,—leave to withdraw, suit having been brought against the city.

Accepted in concurrence.

2. Report of same committee, on petition of Annie E. Gaffney, referred December 13, 1906, for compensation for injury to and death of her husband while in the employ of the city,—leave to withdraw, suit having been brought against the city.

Accepted in concurrence.

3. Report of same committee, on petition of Arthur P. French et al., Trustees, referred March 19, 1907, to be paid for replacing plate glass window at 60 Falmouth St., alleged to have been broken by an employee of the Paving Division—leave to withdraw.

Accepted in concurrence.

4. Report of same committee, on petition of the Walworth Manufacturing Company, referred March 25, 1907, to be paid for injuries to horse caused by an alleged defect on Summer-St. bridge—leave to withdraw.

Accepted in concurrence.

5. Report of same committee, on petition of James Brown, referred May 27, 1907, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in railroad bridge on Washington St., near Castle St.—leave to withdraw.

Accepted in concurrence.

PENSION FOR JAMES H. DODGE.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 called up No. 16 on the calendar, past assignment, viz.:

16. Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 388 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1907, James H. Dodge, City Auditor of this city for nearly 25 years, be, and hereby is, placed upon the pension roll of the city and be allowed and paid a pension of one hundred dollars per month, said sum so paid to be charged to the appropriation for Reserve Fund.

The question came on reconsideration.

Reconsideration was declared lost. Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote.

Reconsideration prevailed, 19 members in favor and 13 against, and the question came on the passage of the order in concurrence.

Mr. McLENNAN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, this order has been on the calendar for some time and was discussed at some length earlier in the year. At that time various arguments were offered for and against the order; but I did not hear at that time, nor do I hear now, any reason why we should change our vote of June 13. It seems to me, in view of the small attendance of members tonight, that it is unfair for us to consider an order of this importance, because the question of saddling an expense of \$1200 a year on the city is important, besides the fact that it establishes a precedent. I move, sir, that this order be further assigned to the next meeting.

The motion to assign to the next meeting was declared lost. Mr. PENDERGAST of Wd. 2 doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote. The Council stood divided, and assignment was lost, 15 members in favor, 13 against.

The question came on the passage of the order, and the President, being in doubt, ordered a rising vote. The Council stood divided, and the order was declared rejected, 16 members in favor, 13 against.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were declared ordered.

Mr. McCullough raised a point of order that there was no quorum.

The PRESIDENT requested members to rise and remain standing until counted, and it appeared that 38, or a quorum, were present.

The Clerk called the roll, and the order was rejected, yeas 16, nays 25:

Yeas—Bramhall, Buckley, Daly (17), Donovan, Fitzgerald (14), Foley, Hackett, Lill, Madden, McCarthy, McCullough, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Sorenson, Sullivan (5)—16.

Nays—Anderson, Brown, Carruth, Clark (24), Doyle, Ferguson, George, Hanrahan, Harding, Kohler, McCormack, McLennan, Moran, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Pen-shorn, Pierce, Sullivan (5), Troy, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Zetterman—25.

Absent or not voting—Bagley, Barratt, Clark (20), Colpoys, Coss, Costello, Cronin, Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Driscoll, Ducey, Fitzgerald (3), Green, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Leonard, McCabe, McGivern, McGregor, Mealey, Montague, Noyes, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), Roberts, Sacks, Santosuosso, Sheehan, Spellman, Woodside—34.

Mr. HACKETT of Wd. 21 moved to reconsider, and to assign reconsideration to the next meeting.

The PRESIDENT—The order has been reconsidered once and cannot be reconsidered again.

SKATING, NORTH BRIGHTON.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to remove from the present site the skating rink on the North Brighton Playground and make the necessary provisions by building dikes, etc., for a new and permanent location on the north side of the sanitary and locker building; the expense for the same to be taken from the annual appropriation for the Park Department.

The order was declared referred to the Mayor.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25—Mr. President, I would like to say a few words in regard to this order.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will withdraw the reference.

Mr. ZETTERMAN—Mr. President, it seems that the Park Commissioners in arranging for the location of the Sanitary and Locker building for the North Brighton playground have placed it in a part of the skating rink, and it will cut down the area which has been used in years past for skating; so at the request of my constituents in the vicinity of this playground, who have used it every year for skating purposes, I offer this order asking the Mayor to have the Park Commissioners lay out a new skating rink at the northern part of the playground, a location that is now not used for any purpose whatever, but which is a better location than the present one. The present location is used for playing football. It seems to me it would be good policy on the part of the Park Department to do this. They have already started the sanitary and locker buildings, which will be of great convenience and will be used a good deal, I know, by athletes and people of that section who use the playground the year round. I sincerely trust that the Mayor will take some notice of this communication, will confer with the Park Commissioners and will see that this change is made in time for skating purposes.

Otherwise I know that the skating will be a failure out there and that the people of my ward will feel that they have not been treated right in being deprived of the privilege they have had for years past. I sincerely hope the matter will be promptly attended to and the changes made in that playground.

The order was referred to the Mayor. Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3 in the Chair.

BELLS FOR NO SCHOOL.

Mr. McCORMACK of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the School Committee be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause the bells in the Charlestown District to be rung on occasions when there is to be no session of school on account of storm, etc.

Referred to the Mayor.

STREET CLEANING DAYS.

Mr. McCORMACK of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Street Cleaning be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place the laborers in his department outside of the business district, on days instead of nights.

Mr. McCORMACK—Mr. President, I want to say a few words in regard to that matter. That is just exactly the same order that Alderman Curley introduced in the Board of Aldermen. This matter has been broached to me a number of times by the city employees, who are compelled to leave their families and go out at night, when they should be home with them. I do not intend to go into any extended address on this matter, but I think that the Mayor and the authorities in charge should see to it at once that such a practice should be stopped. It seems to me that in the business district it is necessary that the streets should be cleaned at night; but outside of the business district the cleaning can be done just as well in the daytime. I sincerely trust that they will take immediate action on this matter.

The CHAIR—The order will be referred to His Honor the Mayor.

PLAYGROUND, WD. 21.

Mr. FERGUSON of Wd. 21 called up No. 12, unfinished business, viz.:

12. Ordered, That the sum of seventy-five thousand and one dollars (\$75,001) be appropriated to be expended by the Park Department for a playground and gymnasium in Wd. 21; and that to meet such appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to the above amount.

Indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. FERGUSON.

ARMORY FOR NAVAL BRIGADE.

Mr. ANDERSON of Wd. 10 offered an order—That there be erected in South Boston an armory of the first class sufficient in size to accommodate at least four companies of the naval brigade and battalion headquarters, and the Armory Commissioners of the Commonwealth be, and are hereby requested, to construct said armory at an expense not to exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, as provided in Chapter 405 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1905, and Section 9, Chapter 504 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1906.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. ANDERSON—Mr. President, this order does not call for the expenditure of any money, but is merely a ratification of the special act of the Legislature which was passed in 1904, and which permitted the Naval Brigade to at some time in the future, when the city of Boston had sufficient funds, erect an armory. Since 1904 the armory laws have been changed, and if this order is passed tonight the armory referred to can be erected without costing the city of Boston a single dollar. The law of 1906 and 1907 has so modified the conditions surrounding the erection of armories that the state hereafter will have to build all armories that are erected, provided that only three may be erected in any one year. For instance, you will recall that earlier in this year Councilman Donovan of Charlestown introduced an order here calling for the expenditure of \$200,000 for the erection of an armory in Charlestown. It has since been decided, I am told on high legal authority, that the city of Boston will not be called upon to spend a single dollar, but that the city will pay every cent that is incurred in the erection of that armory. Therefore, Mr. President, as long as this order does not call for the expenditure of any money, and as the officers of the Naval Brigade are especially anxious that it should be passed tonight and go on to the other branch, I move a suspension of the rules, if a suspension is necessary. I do not know whether or not it is necessary.

The CHAIR—The question is on the passage of the order.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—As I understand it, the proposition tonight is to accept a special act to build an armory in South Boston. I have no particular objection to the passage of the order. I think, however, that no harm can come to the order if it is assigned to the next meeting, and I so move.

The question came on motion to assign.

Mr. ANDERSON—Mr. Chairman, I do not wish to seem discourteous to the gentleman from South Boston, but everybody knows that the election and caucuses are coming on, and that it will be extremely difficult to get a quorum of this body; and as long as this order is merely a formal order, I trust that the gentleman will withdraw his opposition—because if there is anything the matter with the order it should, and undoubtedly would, be killed in the Board of Aldermen. The gentleman is resourceful enough to see that that occurs. I think I am not imposing upon him by asking him to withdraw his motion.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. Chairman, I do not believe in throwing any responsibility that belongs to me in this office or to the Board of Aldermen. I do not believe in passing orders here haphazard, with the idea that because of some influence in the Board of Aldermen the order might be killed in the Board of Aldermen if it should afterwards be found to be wrong. I have no particular objection to the passage of this order, except this—that the armory is to be located in South Boston, and I know of a movement that has been on foot for a number of years to gobble up land in South Boston which it has been intended to use for playground purposes. I want some assurance that this armory is not to be placed upon that land. I refer to the land known as the South Boston flats, around D St., E St. and C St. I think, in order to protect the citizens of my section, who are now so near to securing the playground which they desire, I ought to be at least allowed the opportunity to have until the

next meeting of finding out the facts in regard to this armory. Relative to the statement that we might not have a meeting, I would call the gentlemen's attention to the fact that caucus day is not until four weeks from today. I have put in an order here tonight that we shall meet two weeks from tonight. I know that I will be here then, and I think every other member of the body will be here.

Mr. ANDERSON—Mr. President, if I am not out of order, when speaking on assignment, to reply to the gentleman, I would say that the site on which this armory is to be erected is the land which is owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and which is to be leased for one dollar a year—a nominal sum—to the city. There is absolutely no opportunity for land jobbery.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—I thought so, Mr. President. The land which the people of the section of the city that I represent have been desiring to get a nominal lease of for a number of years is undoubtedly part of the same land. I refer to the Commonwealth Flats. The people of South Boston have been endeavoring to secure a playground on the Commonwealth Flats for years. The Commonwealth Flats are under the control of the Harbor and Land Commissioners, and they have refused to either sell or lease to the city of Boston any portion of that land for playground purposes. Now, Mr. President, if it is the intention of the Harbor and Land Commissioners to lease some of that land for a nominal sum for armory purposes, I want to know why. That is my reason for asking for the assignment of the order for two weeks. I want to see if we cannot secure a lease, which the city of Boston is willing to pay for, of some portion of that land for playground purposes. I think, Mr. President, in view of that fact, the gentleman should withdraw his attempt to see the matter pass tonight, and should favor assignment.

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24—Mr. President, do I understand that this order which has been introduced is for the Naval Brigade armory?

Mr. ANDERSON—Yes.

Mr. WILLCUT—If that is the case, Mr. McCullough need not worry. I am pretty well acquainted with that particular section of South Boston, owing to the fact that my business is located there. The land that Mr. McCullough has reference to is the other side of Congress street. The land which the Naval Brigade wants is down on the water front. It is practically one of the wharf reservations which have been allowed there. I think that the gentleman's request that the order be passed tonight is a very reasonable request, and I think that the order ought to go through. There is many a man who belongs to the Naval Brigade who votes in Mr. McCullough's own ward.

The motion to assign further consideration of the matter to the next meeting was declared carried. Mr. Anderson doubted the vote and asked for a verification by a rising vote, which was taken, and the motion to assign was carried, 23 members voting in the affirmative, and 10 in the negative.

STAIRS, CHARLES RIVER BRIDGE

Mr. BUCKLEY of Wd. 5 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Bridges, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to have placed on New Charles River Bridge, just beyond railroad tracks toward Boston end, a stairway leading to Warren Bridge. Stair-

way to be on right hand side of bridge from City Sq. end.

Mr. BUCKLEY moved a suspension of the rules, that the order might be put upon its passage.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 5—Mr. President, I would like to explain to the members of the Council the significance of that order. At City Sq., in Charlestown, the Warren Ave. Bridge and the new Charles River Bridge both meet, the new Charles River Bridge being overhead of the other one. On coming from Charlestown into City Sq. a person wishing to enter the city can come over either one of the bridges. The Warren Ave. Bridge is in a more direct line to the North Station. At that point the railroad tracks, which come under Charles River Bridge, pass across the Warren Ave. Bridge. Quite frequently blocks occur at that point. If a person who is intending to come from City Sq. over Warren Ave. Bridge sees that the Warren Ave. Bridge is blocked, he can turn about and by going up a short pair of steps continue on his journey over the new Charles River Bridge. On the other hand, if the person is on the other side, he is compelled to wait there until the block is raised. The idea of that order is that a small pair of stairs shall be placed on the opposite end of the Warren Ave. Bridge, leading up to the new Charles River Bridge. By means of those stairs, if a person is coming from the Boston side and finds that the Warren Ave. Bridge is blocked, the person may use those stairs and continue on his journey over the new Charles River Bridge. It is an order which calls for the expenditure of a very few hundred dollars. All that is needed is a pair of wooden steps there, which would not cost very much. I sincerely hope that the Superintendent of Bridges, through His Honor the Mayor, will see his way clear to put those steps in, with the least possible delay.

The motion to suspend the rules was carried, and the order was read a second time, and was passed. Sent up.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS, WARD 22.

Mr. PENSCHORN of Wd. 22 offered an order: That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to lower such electric lights as are now obstructed by the Elevated structure on Washington street between Marcella and Green streets, Wd. 22.

Referred to the Mayor.

BATH EMPLOYEES.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Bath Trustees be again requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to submit to the Common Council a list of those employees of the Bath Department who have been doing carpentering and painting work at L St. and other baths for the past seven years, and what the salaries of the said employees of the Bath Department were while performing this work.

Referred to the Committee on Bath Department, on motion of Mr. HANRAHAN of Wd. 2.

LOCKERS—L-ST. BATH.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Bath Trustees be again requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to transmit to the Common Council the number of so-called private lockers at the L-St. Bath, South Boston, including men's, women's and boys' de-

partments, to whom they are issued, and by what authority they are issued.

Referred to the Committee on Bath Department, on motion of Mr. HANRAHAN of Wd. 2.

ABOLITION OF BATH DEPARTMENT.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Committee on Ordinances be requested to report an ordinance providing for the abolition of the Board of Bath Trustees and for the assignment of the duties of said Board to some other department of the City, Government.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14.—Mr. President, as the members well know, on July 11 I asked for information from the Board of Trustees in regard to certain conditions that had existed in the Bath Department. I again at the last meeting asked for a second time for the same information. They have ignored the request of this body; they have absolutely refused to recognize the representatives of the citizens. I believe if any such commission exists in Boston today it should be abolished, and I don't believe the arguments set forth that they are an unpaid commission is any excuse. I believe such an important department in city affairs should be under the jurisdiction of this body, and that, when any member introduces an order asking for information—remember, it is not my order that leaves this body, but the order of the Common Council—and such a commission refuses to answer the questions of the body, there should be an investigation. Therefore I ask the Committee on Ordinances to handle this—that there may be a fair hearing and the Trustees may go before them and tell why they have refused to answer the questions. I hope that this order will pass tonight, and I move a suspension of the rule that it may go on its passage.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11.—Mr. President, I think this is rather a senseless order. I share with my friend in the second division the grievance he feels when a department pays no attention to an order; but if we were to begin to abolish every department that pays no attention to an order of the Common Council, we would start with the office of His Honor the Mayor, who has repeatedly ignored orders I have put in, and go down through the Corporation Counsel and various other departments all the way through. I think the gentleman can probably accomplish what he wishes to accomplish without our letting such a drastic order go through. I know nothing of the merits of the case or the reasons why the Bath Trustees have not answered the question; but I think this order is out of order. It is uncalled for, and I hope it will not pass.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14.—Mr. President, I wonder if the gentleman from Wd. 11 has ever had occasion to visit the L-St. Baths. I wonder if he has had to stand in line, like many others, possibly two or three hours, under the hot rays of the sun, while men in carriages would drive up and have keys, and enjoy their bath and pass out, while the gentlemen who were there possibly two or three hours before them are still waiting in line. I hardly believe it is fair; and I also believe that any commission in Boston should answer the question of this body. I don't know why they shouldn't. I

don't know what we are here for, unless it is for such purposes as that, and therefore I hope the order will go on its passage.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3.—Mr. President, I have no doubt that the gentleman has a just grievance but I think with the member from ward 11 in this division that the member from Wd. 14 is taking the wrong means to right the grievance. If he wants the information, there is a means provided for getting it. If a motion is made to appoint a special committee for the purpose of getting this information it seems to me that is the proper procedure, and that the order introduced by the member from Wd. 14 is entirely too radical.

Mr. McCORMACK of Wd. 3.—Mr. President, I did not desire at the start-off to say anything about this, but the member from Wd. 14, in my opinion, is acting in an honest, straightforward and manly way. He feels that he is being slighted. Of course, covering this over with a large amount of talk amounts to nothing. He has been slighted twice. He feels that, introducing the order for a third time, he is entitled to some consideration, and I also feel that he is, and so should every member of this body. When a man stands before this body of me and pleads for his own constituents, he deserves to receive consideration in a matter of this kind. This man has been honest in his purpose; he expects nothing but right. He stands on his feet, makes a plain, straightforward statement, and has facts to prove that certain people are being favored in his own section. In my opinion, as one member, his efforts in behalf of right in his own section should be recognized, and I sincerely trust that the order will pass.

The CHAIR—The Chair might state, for the benefit of the gentleman from Wd. 14, that because of the wording of the order it will have to be referred to the Committee on Ordinances at any rate, so that nothing will be gained by suspending the rules.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14.—Mr. President, I withdraw my motion to suspend the rules.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13.—Mr. President, at the last meeting of the Council the gentleman from Wd. 14 introduced for a second time two orders requesting information from the Bath Department. If the orders passed by this body had been complied with this body should have received the information tonight. The gentleman from Wd. 14 at the last meeting promised to give information, and I take it that the orders now in the hands of the clerk are the result of the information he promised to give to this body—information relative to the subject matter of these two requests. I am in favor of the repeal of the ordinance as favored by the gentleman from Wd. 14, but I believe, if this is to be effective, and if it is to be referred to the Committee on Ordinances with any hope of speedy consideration, the gentleman from Wd. 14, after this long delay since the 11th day of July, should give to the members of this body what information he has concerning the two orders that have already been referred to the Committee on Bath Department.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14.—Mr. President, I introduced those two orders tonight, and I only intended to introduce one order. I introduced those on the request of the Councilman from Wd. 13. I said at that time that any information that was in my power I might give. Those orders I have introduced to get information. I have, as I said before, gone to the L St. bath. I have been told that there were

lockers and that they were being used by certain people. That is why I introduced the orders. I have also been told tonight that I was too drastic, that I was going a little too far. I believe I should have taken other means, Mr. President. I am asking that that be referred to the Committee on Ordinances, that the Bath Trustees have a fair hearing, and that they put up their side of the case there. I am willing to go before them and give what information I might have at that time. Therefore, I hope that the order will go to the Committee on Ordinances.

The CHAIR—Does the Chair understand that the gentleman from Wd. 14 asks unanimous consent to withdraw the motion to suspend the rule?

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14—I do, Mr. President.

The CHAIR—The motion being withdrawn, the question comes on the passage of the order.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Do I understand that the question now comes on the passage of the order?

The CHAIR—Yes, and if the order is passed it is referred to the Committee on Ordinances, and the Clerk informs the Chair that, if the order is passed by this body, it must go to the Board of Aldermen for concurrence before it can be referred to the committee.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I don't believe the gentleman from Wd. 14 desires that. I move that this matter be referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

Mr. PENDERGAST of Wd. 2—Mr. President, the gentleman who introduced that order asked to have it referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

The order was read for information, at the request of Mr. Fitzgerald of Wd. 3.

The order was referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

TOBOGGANING—FRANKLIN PARK.

Mr. BROWN of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have erected an extra toboggan chute at Franklin Park.

Referred to the Mayor.

FIRE ENGINE—WINTHROP ST.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 5 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor advise the City Council of the needs and advisability of placing in commission a fire engine in the Winthrop St. quarters, Charlestown.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 5—Mr. President, I would like to say just a word on that order, before it is referred to His Honor the Mayor. An order for an engine house in that neighborhood has been presented to this City Council for the last two years. That section of Charlestown is not taken good care of, as far as the fire department is concerned. At the Winthrop St. quarters they have a combination wagon and a very small hose, I suppose not over an inch in diameter; and within a stone's throw of that fire house are the Hoosac tunnel docks and the warehouses along the water front. The nearest engine to that point in Charlestown is engine 27 on Elm St., and I believe engine 8, which comes from Prince St. In the event of there being an alarm previous to one sounded from that box, both engines 27 and 8 might be out of the district, and in that case dire results would follow if a conflagration should start in the vicinity of the Hoosac Tunnel docks. A few years ago there was

a fire at that point in which millions of dollars' worth of property were burned up, and a number of the constituents in that ward were knocked out of work, having to go elsewhere to find employment. As in the upper part of the house is the armory of one of the companies in Charlestown which within a year will be transferred to the new battalion armory to be erected on Bunker Hill St. I feel that by having the order introduced at this time and placed before His Honor the Mayor the matter will at least be kept alive, and that there will be some outcome of the order.

The order was referred to the Mayor.

SHELTER—ADAMS SQ.

Mr. PURCELL of Wd. 6 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to build a shelter in Adams Sq.

Referred to the Mayor.

BAND STAND—NORTH SQ.

Mr. PURCELL of Wd. 6 offered an order—That the Music Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to transmit to the Common Council an estimate of the cost of erecting a permanent band stand in North Sq., Wd. 6.

Referred to the Mayor.

FLOAT—MARINE PARK.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to explain to this body the reason for absence of public float at the Iron Pier, Pleasure Bay, during the last summer.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I don't want to take up the time of the Council at all, but wish to make just a few remarks in regard to that order. In the last few years there has been a public landing at the Iron Pierhead at Marine Park, for the convenience of the yachtsmen of Pleasure Bay. This year there has been no public landing there, and the yachtsmen have been compelled to circle clear around the bay for a distance of three-quarters of a mile, to get the accommodations they need. The yachtsmen at the Point and the people over there feel this disadvantage to a great extent, not having that public landing at the Iron Pier, and I desire to have the matter called to the attention of the Mayor.

The order was referred to the Mayor.

BATHING BEACH, MARINE PARK.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 14 offered an order: That the City Engineer, through his honor the Mayor, be requested to give this body an estimate as to the cost of "sanding" and putting in condition for swimming and general bathing for women and children the beach surrounding the Head House at Marine Park.

Referred to the Mayor.

IMPROVEMENT OF BROADWAY.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 14 offered an order: That the Superintendent of Streets through his honor the Mayor be requested to repair and "crown" that part of East Broadway lying between O and Q Sts.

Referred to the Mayor.

THORNDIKE BEQUEST.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15 called up No. 19, past assignment, viz.:

19. Ordered, That the City Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to pay over to the Overseers of the Poor the annual income received from the investment of the fund received under the will of the late George L. Thorndike, and the said Overseers of the Poor are hereby authorized to expend said income in accordance with the provisions of the said will.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. PENDERGAST of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I would like to have the order indefinitely postponed.

The CHAIR—Does the Chair understand that the gentleman makes that as a motion?

The question came on indefinite—

Mr. PENDERGAST—Yes, Mr. President.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I can see no reason, certainly, for postponement of this order. This is something which should meet with the immediate consideration of every member of this body tonight, for the benefit of the poor people. (Reading the order.) I cannot see wherein the gentleman has any grounds for asking for the indefinite postponement of this order. I move to have the roll called on this order.

By unanimous consent, at the request of Mr. PENDERGAST, his motion was withdrawn.

Mr. PENDERGAST—Mr. President, I meant to move to assign the order to the next meeting, instead of indefinitely postponing it. My reason is that my colleague from Wd. 2 has some information on the matter. He was the gentleman who wanted it assigned, and wishes an opportunity to talk on it, and I don't think it is fair to have it acted upon now, in his absence.

The order was declared assigned to the next meeting. Mr. SULLIVAN doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote.

The order was assigned to the next meeting of the Council, 21 members voting in favor, 5 against.

IMPROVEMENT OF PREBLE ST.

Mr. KELLY of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to macadamize Preble St.,

Wd. 16, to take the place of the paving blocks which are now there, as the travel of heavy teams makes it a great inconvenience to the residents of said street.

Referred to the Mayor.

WARD 19 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. MADDEN of Wd. 19 offered an order: That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through his honor the Mayor, to place screenings on the sidewalks of Field street, ward 19.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. MADDEN of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to name the open space at the junction of Calumet and St. Alphonsus Sts., Wd. 19, Normie Sq.

FOOTBALL—WOOD ISLAND PARK.

Mr. PENDERGAST of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to allow football on that part of Wood Island Park known as the Cricket Field.

Mr. PENDERGAST of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I would like at this time to call to the attention of the Park Commissioners the deplorable condition of that football field at Wood Island. They now have a football field there which is not large enough. An organization of which I am a member over there and two or three other organizations have gone to an expense of perhaps \$200 or \$300 to organize football teams. They have the football teams over there but cannot get any other team of decent reputation to come over and play, because the field is not large enough. There is this cricket field on the other part of the island, long enough and wide enough for a football team, and it is only used in the summer by a few men of the boats, a few Englishmen, men who are not citizens, who do not have a vote, and yet have the privilege of using that, the best part of the island, for a cricket field. I think voters and citizens of Boston should have a preference over men who are not citizens of Boston in using that field, and I hope this order will receive proper consideration.

The order was referred to the mayor.

Adjourned at 9:16 P. M., on motion of Mr. MORGAN of ward 22, to meet on Thursday, Oct. 31, at 4:45 o'clock P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Oct. 21, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M. Ald. BERWIN in the Chair, and all the members present.

On motion of Ald. CLARK the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 514, Acts of 1894, viz.:

Fourteen petit jurors (the Mayor being present at the drawing) for the United States Circuit Court, to appear Nov. 6, viz.:

Edward J. Rogers, Wd. 3; Thomas P. J. Curley, Wd. 21; John H. Glavin, Wd. 2; Abraham Baron, Wd. 2; Edward T. Sawyer, Wd. 1; John W. Connor, Wd. 24; Elmer W. Smith, Wd. 20; Richard F. Brennan, Wd. 6; Joseph B. O'Rourke, Wd. 16; Herbert V. Mitchell, Wd. 21; Walter E. Thwing, Wd. 19; Elmer E. Saville, Wd. 8; Thomas F. Gargan, Wd. 8; John B. Farrell, Wd. 24.

Later in the session, the Mayor not being present, the Board proceeded to draw forty-one traverse jurors for the Superior Criminal Court, to appear Nov. 4. Ald. CURLEY was appointed to make the drawing.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, is that the criminal or the civil court?

The CHAIR—The Chair would inform the honorable alderman that the draft is for the criminal session of the Superior Court.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, in view of the fact that I am under indictment for—judging from the language of the indictment—an imaginary offense by the peculiar gentleman who at present holds the office of district attorney, I am constrained to ask the Chair to be excused from the drawing of those jurors.

The CHAIR—The Chair will excuse the honorable Alderman, and will designate Ald. FINIGAN to make the draft.

Ald. FINIGAN performed the duty assigned, the jurors drawn being as follows:

Timothy F. Callahan, Wd. 1; Thomas H. McVey, Wd. 25; William O. Morse, Wd. 20; Patrick J. Brophy, Wd. 24; Joseph Purcell, Wd. 24; George W. Simonds, Wd. 20; Edward J. Brett, Wd. 9; Jacob O. Kidder, Wd. 21; Charles C. Smith, Wd. 16; James S. Beath, Wd. 2; Arthur P. Bencks, Wd. 14; David P. Neagle, Wd. 3; Cornelius J. Lynch, Wd. 20; Charles E. Low, Wd. 1; William F. Whittemore, Wd. 11; Charles J. Hamilton, Wd. 25; Eugene B. Totten, Wd. 23; Henry F. Grottendick, Wd. 14; Edward F. McGowan, Wd. 13; Frank W. Marsh, Wd. 18; Charles L. Howe, Wd. 12; Daniel McDonald, Wd. 14; Gustave M. Menn, Wd. 18; John McDuff, Wd. 21; Henry E. Falvey, Wd. 14; Michael J. McCarthy, Wd. 2; Harry W. Stark, Wd. 15; Charles P. Stanton, Wd. 17; John E. Tobin, Wd. 25; Charles H. Dillaway, Jr., Wd. 2; George L. Perry, Wd. 24; Michael Griffin, Wd. 10; Hermann Obermark, Wd. 13; James E.

Colbert, Wd. 21; James Gordon, Wd. 1; Alexander Chalmers, Wd. 25; James J. Barry, Jr., Wd. 6; Michael McGintey, Wd. 6; William H. Stone, Wd. 2; James P. D. Donahue, Wd. 19; Albert Ingren, Wd. 25.

SIDEWALK—ROUND HILL STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, Oct. 18, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my approval order of your Board, passed October 14th, rescinding an order, passed October 7th, which authorized the Superintendent of Streets to construct gravel sidewalks with edgestones along Round Hill street, between Walden and Gay Head streets, Wd. 22, for the reason that the rescinding order seems to have been passed under a misapprehension. I am informed that the abutters along this street are very desirous that the improvement be made.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

CONSUMPTIVES' HOSPITAL BUILDINGS.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, Oct. 21, 1907.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith several communications from the Consumptives' Hospital Department in regard to securing an appropriation for the construction and equipment of buildings for immediate use. If an appropriation is to be made at all, it should be available within the next few weeks, and I, therefore, urge the passage of the appended order.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Boston Consumptives' Hospital,
Office 1151 Tremont Building,

Oct. 10, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of Boston, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:—I beg to submit herewith a report from the Chief of Staff of the Boston Consumptives' Hospital in regard to the present situation in the work of fighting tuberculosis, and respectfully request an immediate appropriation of \$17,000, to be made available at once for use during the coming winter for the purposes indicated in Dr. Locke's letter.

The \$17,000 would be used as follows:

Construction of two "lean to's" for maintenance of 80 patients (each to accommodate 40 patients) with complete equipment of beds, chairs, sleeping blankets, laundry, etc.....	\$11,000
If this appropriation is made available immediately these improved shacks or "lean to's" for the treatment of advanced tubercular cases can be ready approximately by Dec. 1st.	
Construction of kitchen and quarters for day camp to accommodate 75 additional patients who will be treated during the day time and sleep at home, this being a continuance of the work now being done on the property at Mattapan	6,000
Total	\$17,000

These figures represent the least amount of money that this work can be done for.

The Trustees are now caring for approximately fifty patients in the Carney Hospital, Holy Ghost Hospital and St. Monica's Home. Since the dispensary on Burroughs Place has been in operation, and the nurses have gone into the homes of tuberculosis patients, we believe that the number of actual tuberculosis cases in Boston are 300 or 400 per cent. more than was originally estimated.

A let-up now in the scientific and at the same time practical campaign against consumption, which has begun will mean a serious setback to the work. The economic loss to the city from this disease, which can largely be saved by continued work along these lines, will justify an appropriation ten times greater than that which is asked for.

Inasmuch as a great deal of the good now being done by the Burroughs Place Dispensary will be lost if there is no place to which we can send patients, such as the proposed "lean-to's" will provide, and the day camp now being run by private charity will close on Nov. 1st, I respectfully beg that prompt action may be taken on this request.

Yours very truly,
Edward F. McSweeney, Chairman.

Edwin A. Locke, M. D., 117 Beacon St.,
Boston, Oct. 7, 1907.

Mr. Edward F. McSweeney, Chairman
Board of Trustees, Boston Consumptives' Hospital, Room 1151 Tremont Building, Boston.

Dear Sir:—The first three weeks of the work in the tuberculosis dispensary brings us face to face with serious difficulties in providing proper treatment for the moderately and far advanced cases of consumption which demand immediate attention. During this period of ten actual clinic days, we have examined 180 patients, more than 50 per cent. of whom, either in consequence of the advanced stage of the disease or unfavorable home conditions which make proper care in the home impossible, need hospital treatment. At present we have no place to which we can send such patients, and I beg to call the attention of the Board of Trustees to these needs and to recommend that immediate steps be taken for their relief. I respectfully recommend the immediate construction of a sufficient number of open hospital wards ("improved shacks" or "lean-to's") with heated living, dressing and bathrooms for 100 patients. I further recommend that the Sanatorium Camp which has been maintained during the summer on the Conness Estate in Mattapan by the Boston Association for the Relief and Control of Tuberculosis be continued during the winter, in order to provide accommodations for the large number of cases of phthisis in Boston whose condition offers reasonable hope of permanent improvement and who can be cared for at night in their own homes.

The results of this work have been singularly successful and gratifying and, so far as I am aware, are in every respect better than any thus far obtained elsewhere. The specific reasons why the camp should be continued during the winter are as follows:

1. In the work of the new Dispensary, we are experiencing the greatest difficulty in finding places to send patients. We must have some such outlet as the Sanatorium Camp affords, or its usefulness and reputation will be greatly lessened. Unless some such relief is afforded, the near future will unquestionably find us facing the problem of providing for several hundred patients in the greatest need of hospital care, for whom we can make no provision whatever.

2. The work in the camps is now fully established and an interruption of six or eight months will mean a serious loss and greatly limit its efficiency next year, as much time must be lost at the beginning of next season in bringing it up to its present standard.

3. The discontinuance of the camp during the winter will mean a serious setback to the many who have been showing such definite improvement during the summer, as it will result in most instances in a complete interruption in the treatment. In going over the records with Dr. Townsend, the present director, we found 51 such cases. The patients themselves are anxious to have this camp maintained during the winter, and 52, by actual canvass, have promised to attend regularly if it is open.

4. Such patients as above mentioned can be cared for much more satisfactorily and economically in the Sanatorium Camps than by nurses in their homes.

These two institutions, the Sanatorium Camp and the open hospital wards, should be built in close proximity to each other in order that the administration and service building may be used in common, and both in such locality that they form a part of the general hospital plant of which the permanent hospital when built shall be the centre. A permanent building with kitchen and dining-room accommodations for at least 100 patients, together with rooms for examination and administration should be provided. The work of these two institutions will supplement each other, the camps caring for those patients whose condition offers hope of improvement but too far advanced for admission to Rutland, and the open hospital wards for those in a later stage who cannot be cared for in their homes.

The camps must necessarily be a permanent and prominent feature of the work of the Consumptives' Hospital at Mattapan, and everything which is now accomplished in this line will materially aid in the work of the hospital when completed.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed)

Edwin A. Locke,
Chief of Staff.

MEDICAL REPORT OF THE SANATORIUM CAMPS AT MATTAPAN,

June 5, 1907, to September 22, 1907.

Total number of visits from patients	6800
divided into months as follows:	
June 26 days	934
July 31 days	2126
August 31 days	2268
September 1st to 22d	1472
Attendance by weeks was as follows:	
1st week	158
2d week	224
3d week	292
4th week	387
5th week	462
6th week	475
7th week	499
8th week	490
9th week	463
10th week	526
11th week	517
12th week	521
13th week	518
14th week	460
15th week	506
Average daily attendance by months:	
June	36
July	69
August	73
September	70
Total number of day visits from patients	6800

Of the 83 discharged, 5 are dead, 3 were discharged arrested, the rest have either gone to advanced hospitals, to Rutland (10), have returned to work, or are ill at home. So far 8 cases may be considered arrested, 20 more give every promise of having the disease arrested if it can be treated for a few months longer. Of the 133 who remained in the camp more than one week, 98 gained in weight, white 35 (mainly very advanced cases) lost. The gains in weight have been up to 18¼ pounds. A considerable number have gained from 10 to 15 pounds.

	1905.	1906.	1907.		June, July & Aug.
Number of days' treatment given	3914	7522	June. 944	July 2104	Aug. 2266
Average attendance	31	46	36.3	.67	73
Total registration	123		85	124	157
Total discharged			14	40	67
Number of patients being cared for at end of month			71	84	90
Indicated cost per patient per day.....	\$.827	\$.638	\$.67	\$.62	\$.47
					\$.55

The attendance in the first 69 days of this year is larger than the total attendance in 1905, and more than half of the entire attendance for the 160 days in the season of 1906. If this average increase is maintained throughout the season, the camp will have given 14,063 days' treatment.

CURRENT EXPENDITURES IN AUGUST ACCOUNT.

Postage	\$117.00
Wages and incidentals	293.00
	<u>\$410.00</u>
Bills of the month unpaid:	
Equipment	\$5.73
Mailing	11.74
Printing	13.00
Ice	6.05
Milk	310.77
Bread	18.08
Fish	18.96
Coal	15.00
Meat, butter, eggs, vegetables	359.86
Telephone	4.23
Transportation	10.65
Disposal of sputum.....	27.30
	<u>\$801.37</u>
Expenditures for month of August	\$1,211.37
Chargeable to cost per patient (circularizing costs eliminated)	\$1,063.90
Of which cost of provisions equals	828.72
Of which cost of administration	172.88
Of which cost of medical care	162.30
Cost of two lunches and dinner per patient per day.....	\$.3657

The cost per patient's day is seen to be lower this month than ever before, and lower already for the season than for previous season averages. The full season's average will be lower than 55c. and may be as low as half the first season and two-thirds of the second. At the same time it should be noted that the August attendance was within sixty patients' day of the limit fixed by the equipment. The amount of good done is more than indicated by the increase in total number of days' treatment given. The far greater regularity of attendance shows that patients are unwilling to forfeit their place to some one on the waiting list.

Ordered, That the sum of seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000) be and hereby is appropriated, to be expended by the Consumptives' Hospital Trustees for erecting buildings on the property which has been acquired by the said Trustees in Mattapan, and for equipping the same; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

MERIDIAN ST. BRIDGE OPENING

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor,
Oct. 21, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Bridges in answer to your order requesting the reason for the delay in opening the Meridian St. Bridge.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.
City of Boston,

Bridge Department, Oct. 21, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor:

Dear Sir:—Referring to order relating to delay in opening the Meridian St. bridge, I beg to state that the bridge was opened for foot travel Sunday, Oct. 20 and will be opened to team traffic Tuesday, Oct. 22. The cause of the delay in opening the bridge to travel was that after starting the work it was found that much had to be done in the way of repairs that had not been foreseen at the time the estimates were made.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick F. McDonald,
Superintendent.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

WEIGHERS OF COAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Oct. 21, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject of confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint Daniel F. Doherty 68 Forest St., Wd. 17), Walter D. McAvoy (23 Blakeville St., Wd. 20), Orville R. Cooper (20 St. Paul St., Cambridge) and Frederick R. Young (598 River St., Wd. 24) Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1908.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.
Laid over, under the law.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received, and were referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Dept. (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Republican Committee of Wd. 1, a campaign transparency, at 24 Meridian St., Wd. 1.

John Reck, a sign, at 85 Tremont St., Wd. 3.

O. L. Fern & Co., an electric sign, at 95 Union St., Wd. 6.

The Adams Sq. Company, an illuminated sign, at Bowdoin Sq., Wd. 6.

Tabernacle Baptist Church, an illuminated sign, at Bowdoin Sq., Wd. 6.

Joseph Itiato, two barber poles, at 25 Traverse St., Wd. 6.

E. J. Coan & Co., a gas arc lamp, at 11 Marshall St., Wd. 6.

Mark Sherick, an illuminated sign, at 15-17 Avon St., Wd. 7.

The D. S. McDonald Company, an illuminated sign, at 19 Mason St., Wd. 7.

Stephen Psarris, an electric sign, at 88 Essex St., Wd. 7.

Eagle Sign Company, a V-shaped sign, at 673 Washington St., Wd. 7.

A. M. Bridges, an iron rail to protect a plate glass window, at 340 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Dr. I. P. Ross, an electric sign, at 11 Chambers St., Wd. 8.

Myer Glodt, a pawnbroker's sign, at 1267 Tremont St., Wd. 18.

Louis Armstrong, a gas arc lamp, at 1082 Tremont St., Wd. 18.

Michael Makres, lamp, 594 Columbia Rd., Wd. 16.

Drake & Hersey, lamp, 786 Dudley St., Wd. 16.

Imperial Studio, illuminated sign, 22 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Commonwealth Hotel, illuminated sign, Allston and Bowdoin Sts., Wd. 6.

William P. Kingston, transparency, 1104 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

Mucci Bros., electric sign, 27 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

George W. Lorev, two transparencies, 79 Boylston St., Wd. 22.

William J. Keefe, electric sign, 696 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

Merchants' Co-operative League, on Dec. 9, from 11 A. M. to 2 P. M.

Polish National Alliance, on Oct. 27, from 2 to 6 P. M.

William H. McMasters, on the evening of Oct. 31.

Electric Wires.

Petitions of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, viz.:

For leave to erect and to remove one pole on Second St., corner of O St., Wd. 14.

For leave to erect two poles on St. James St., Wd. 21.

For leave to erect three poles on Valentine St., between Washington and Thornton Sts., Wd. 22.

For leave to erect six poles on Thornton St., between Ellis St. and Thornton Pl., Wd. 22.

For leave to erect one pole on Thomas St., Wd. 23.

For leave to erect two poles on Foster St., extending its line to Radnor Rd., Wd. 25.

Petitions of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, viz.:

For leave to erect two poles on Church St., easterly from Winter St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect and to remove one pole on Winter St., southerly from Church St., Wd. 20.

Railroads.

Boston Elevated Railway Co., for approval of plans 28,500, 28,252, 27,721, 27,791, 27,824, 27,629, 27,630, and 27,653, showing changes, etc., in its Northampton St., Beach St., South, State St., Battery St., City Sq. and Thomson Sq. stations, to accommodate eight car trains.

Boston & Revere Electric St. Ry. Co., for three cross-over locations, one in Bennington St. and two in Walley St., E. B.

Licenses.

Armenian Revolutionary Federation Dramatic Society, for a permit for Zaroohi Garabedian, a child under 15 years of age, to appear at the Dudley Street Opera House on the evening of October 19.

Claims.

Elizabeth Cusick, for compensation for injuries caused by her being knocked down by a vehicle driven by an agent or employee of the city.

L. B. Varney, for compensation for damages to his team by the over-hanging limb of a tree on G St., in front of the High School building.

D. J. Ferguson & Co., for compensation for injuries to horse by an alleged defect in Warren St. at Kensington Park.

Thomas I. Worden, for compensation for personal injuries received Oct. 12 from an alleged defect in Merrimac St.

Harry L. Folsom, for compensation for injuries to his horse by an alleged defect in the highway at 25 Aspinwall road.

Public Improvements.

William F. McClellan, for leave to set off fireworks on the evening of Oct. 21, in the vicinity of Symphony Hall.

J. R. Brackett, for leave to construct a bulkhead in sidewalk at 151 Eliot St., Wd. 7.

Crescenzo Merola, for leave to construct a bulkhead in sidewalk on the Everett St. side of estate 86 Cottage St., Wd. 2.

Isaac Blair, for leave to move a building from 376 Bunker Hill St. to 53 Walnut St., Wd. 4.

John Coey & Sons for leave to move a building from the corner of L St. to wharf at foot of Dorchester St., Wd. 14.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:

James H. Curry, 76 Francis St., Wd. 19.

Richard C. Humphreys, corner Dudley and Humphrey Sts., Wd. 16.

J. B. Graham, 687 Dudley St., and on Alexander St., Wd. 16.

Boyd & Berry, 85 Pleasant St., Wd. 20.

W. U. Sherman, 4-6 Rosedale St., Wd. 20.

James W. Campbell, 18-24 Burr St., and 60 Spring Park Ave., Wd. 22.

H. C. Kendall, 2-12 Kenwood St., Wd. 24.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of the Police Commissioner for leave to locate a post for a police box on the northeast side of Mystic Ave., at the railroad bridge, Wd. 4.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

2. On petition of the Fire Commissioner for leave to erect two poles for fire alarm wires on Barry St., Wd. 20.

Charles W. Percy, representing Miss Elizabeth Percy, of 54 Barry St., and Charles Logue; Frank J. Ramisch, of 80 Hamilton St., corner Barry St., and C. K. Farrington, 51 Barry St., severally appeared and objected to the granting of the petition.

No further objection. Recommended, on motion of Ald. BELL, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

3. On petition of Celia Urofsky, for leave to project marquee at 365 Washington St., Wd. 25.

No objections. Ald. WOODS moved a suspension of the rule, that leave might be granted.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Ald. Woods' reason for moving suspension of the rule. Why should this not take the ordinary course?

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, it was only two or three weeks ago that we granted a suspension of the rules for Ald. Bangs. This is just a little marquee about six feet wide in front of the door of the new building erected on Washington St., Brighton, and they are anxious to have it go right along.

There is no objection there. It is only a marquee over a doorway at the entrance of Hotel Washington.

The rule was suspended, and leave was granted.

On petitions for leave to project bay windows, viz.:

4. Sarah H. Snelson, one over Havre St. and one over the corner of Marion and Havre Sts., from building 188 Marion St., Wd. 2.

No objections. Recommended to Committee on Building Department (Ald.)

5. A. Shuman, one from building 551-585 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, in the matter of No. 5 on the calendar I am an interested party, as I am trustee in a building next door. Therefore, I will ask to be excused from taking any action.

The Alderman was excused.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I move reference of the matter to the Committee on Building Department.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair would suggest that the honorable alderman withdraw his motion until the Chair calls for objections, if there are any. Are there any persons present desiring to object to No. 5 on the calendar?

Henry Lyman, Esq., 18 Tremont St., appeared and objected, representing the Bangs Real Estate Trust, for the owners of Clark's Hotel.

No further objections. Recommended to the Committee on Building Department (Ald.)

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

6. Notice of the rejection by the Common Council, on Oct. 17, of the order passed by the Board of Aldermen May 22, providing for the payment of a pension of \$100 per month to James H. Dodge, formerly City Auditor.

Placed on file.

7.—Ordered, That the Superintendent of Bridges, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to have placed on new Charles river bridge, just beyond railroad tracks, toward Boston end, a stairway leading to Warren bridge, stairway to be on right hand side of bridge from City Sq. end.

Passed in concurrence.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT.

Under unfinished business, on motion of Ald. DRAPER, the Board took up No. 8, viz.:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz.:

8. Fred E. Bolton, to be a member of the Board of Assessors for the term ending April 30, 1910, vice Samuel Hichborn, deceased.

The question came on confirmation, and, on motion of Ald. DRAPER, it was voted that the yeas and nays be had.

The appointment was confirmed, yeas 13, nays none.

9. Waldo H. Chandler and Frederick L. Holland, to be Constables, for the term ending April 30, 1908.

The question came on confirmation, Committee, Ald. Curley and Clark. Whole number of ballots 12; yeas 12, and the appointments were confirmed.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

The following was received:

Boston Finance Commission,

Oct. 17, 1907.

Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, City Hall—

Gentlemen.—In reply to the request of the Board of Aldermen contained

in the order adopted on Sept. 30, 1907, that the Finance Commission consider the advisability of erecting a special municipal building for the Sanitary, Street Cleaning, Paving and other departments, and of discontinuing the practice of renting outside office quarters, the Finance Commission begs to say that it will take this question under consideration, and has referred the same for a preliminary report to the engineers who are now engaged in investigating the departments in question.

Very sincerely yours,
N. Matthews, Chairman.
Placed on file.

COAL AND COKE LICENSES.

A list was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth of the coal and coke licenses issued under provisions of law.

Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF LOCATIONS.

Notices were received from the Railroad Commissioners (1) of a hearing Oct. 22, on approval of the 271st and 272nd locations of the West End Street Railway Company, for tracks in Huntington Ave. and Bennington St., and (2) of a hearing Nov. 7, on approval of plans of the Boston Elevated Railway Company Nos. 26,862 to 26,868 inclusive, showing construction and location of tracks and stations in Washington St. and Forest Hills Sq.

Severally placed on file.

HARBOR AND LAND HEARING.

A notice was received from the Harbor and Land Commissioners of a hearing Oct. 23, on petition of John E. Lynch for license to extend wharf near corner of Sumner and Liverpool St's., East Boston.

Placed on file.

RAILROAD POLICE.

(1) A notice was received from the Boston & Maine Railroad that certain persons were no longer employed as railroad police.

Placed on file.

(2) A copy of the record of the appointment by the Police Commissioner of Heber W. Hull and others as railroad police for the Boston & Maine Railroad was received.

Placed on file.

CONSTABLES' BOND.

The constables' bond of Benjamin F. Powell and Frank L. Murphy having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved by the Board.

ORDER OF NOTICE.

On the petition of Cella Urofsky, for leave to project a marquise at Hotel Imperial, 402 Market St., Wd. 25—an order of notice was passed for a hearing on November 5, at three o'clock P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS PAYROLL.

A communication was received from the Register of Deeds certifying to the persons employed in his office for the month of October and the work performed.

Approved.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Ald. BELL, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order for the payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families, under the provisions of Chapter 79 of the Revised Laws, for the month of October, 1907.

Report accepted, order passed.

LICENSE REPORTS.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Report recommending that licenses be granted to nine newsboys.

Report accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of the Armenian Revolutionary Federation Dramatic Society (referred today), for a permit for Zarochi Garabedian, a child under 15 years of age, to appear at the Dudley-St. Opera House on evening of Oct. 19—recommending that a permit be granted.

Report accepted, permit granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of Lawrence & Stanley Garage Company (referred Oct. 14), for license to store and keep for sale gasoline in passageway at 525-527 Columbia road, Wd. 20—recommending that a license be granted.

Report accepted, license granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Report on the petition of the Goodrich Motor Vehicle Company (referred June 10), for a license to store and keep for sale gasoline at 98 Brighton Ave., Wd. 25—recommending that a license be granted (Ald. Woods dissenting).

Report accepted, license granted on the usual conditions.

RAILROAD REPORT.

Ald. DRAPER, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted a report on the petition (referred today) of the Boston & Revere Electric Street Railway Company for cross-over track locations on Bennington and Walley Sts.—recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing on Monday, Nov. 11, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted, order of notice passed.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, submitted reports on petitions (severally referred today) for the use of Faneuil Hall, recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

Polish National Alliance, afternoon of October 27.

Merchants Co-operative League, December 9, 11 A. M. to 2 P. M.

William H. McMasters, evening of October 31.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. CURLEY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted a report on the petition of the Police Commissioner (referred today) for leave to locate a post for police box on Mystic Ave.—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Police Commissioner to place and maintain a post for police box at a point designated by a black square on a plan deposited in the office of the

Superintendent of Streets, made by J. Weigel; said post to be located as follows:

Mystic Ave., northeast side, at railroad bridge, 1 post, height and diameter not to exceed 8 feet by 18 inches, width of sidewalk 9 feet; date of plan, August, 1907.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said post on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said post to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

PROJECTION OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department, Aldermen, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition of Albert E. Butterfield (referred May 22) for leave to project two bay windows at 41 Orleans St., Wd. 2—Recommending that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for leave to project signs, etc.—Recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

William J. Keefe, electric sign, 696 Washington St., Wd. 7.

George W. Leroy, two transparencies, 79 Boylston St., Wd. 22.

Mucci Bros., electric sign, 27 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Louis Armstrong, gas arc lamp, 1082 Tremont St., Wd. 18.

Myer Glodt, sign, 1267 Tremont St., Wd. 18.

Dr. I. P. Rose, electric sign, 11 Chambers St., Wd. 8.

O. L. Fern & Co., electric sign, 95 Union St., Wd. 6.

The Adams Square Company, illuminated sign, 167 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Stephen Psarris, electric sign, 88 Essex St., Wd. 7.

The D. S. McDonald Company, illuminating sign, 19 Mason St., Wd. 7.

E. J. Coan & Co., gas arc lamp, 11 Marshall St., Wd. 6.

Joseph Riato, barber poles, 35 Traverse St., Wd. 6.

Mark Sherick, illuminated sign, 15-17 Avon St., Wd. 7.

Tabernacle Baptist Church, illuminated sign, Bowdoin St., Wd. 6.

John Reck, sign, 85 Tremont St., Wd. 3.

Republican Committee of Wd. 1, campaign transparency, 241 Meridian St., Wd. 1.

William P. Kingston, transparency, 1104 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

Eagle Sign Company, sign, 673 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Commonwealth Hotel, illuminated sign, corner Allston and Bowdoin Sts., Wd. 6.

Imperial Studio, illuminated sign, 22 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Drake & Hersey, lamp, 786 Dudley St., Wd. 16.

Michael Makres, lamp, 594 Columbia Rd., Wd. 16.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

RELOCATION OF POLE.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston be requested to relocate a pole now standing in front of premises 167 Calumet St., Wd. 19.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

REMOVAL OF WATERING TROUGH.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Water Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have the watering trough now situated at the junction of Saratoga and Bennington streets, removed to the junction of Saratoga, Boardman and Ford streets.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

REMOVAL AND TRIMMING OF TREES.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of 36 Temple St., Wd. 4; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two trees standing in front of estate 230 Webster St., and one tree standing in front 20 Paris St., East Boston; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove the trees now obstructing public travel in front of No. 222 Harvard St., Wd. 20; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. CLARK offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim a large tree now standing in sidewalk in front of No. 24 Roslin St., Wd. 24, and charge the expense to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

REPAIR OF M ST.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this Board to repair M St. between Broadway and First St.

Passed.

BOYLSTON STREET BRIDGE.

Ald. BERWIN submitted the petition of the Boston Elevated Railway Company for the closing of Boylston street bridge during repairs, and in connection therewith offered an order—That the Boylston street bridge over the Boston & Albany Railroad be closed to travel by vehicles during the time necessary to complete the work of strengthening said bridge.

Passed.

VOTE ON CHAIRMANSHIP.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, at this time I move that we proceed to the election of a permanent chairman to serve for the remainder of the year. I make this motion, not with any belief that a chairman will be elected this afternoon, but rather with the idea that when this Board assembles next year there is a bare possibility that some of these who are candidates for re-election may be singing that familiar old song, "We Shall Meet, But We Shall Miss You." And in order that they may be offered an opportunity to participate in the election and selection of a chairman, I make the motion.

The order was declared rejected. Ald. Curley doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the order was rejected, yeas 5, nays 7.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Woods—5.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper, Whelton—7.

RECESS.

The Board voted, at 3:52 P. M., on motion of Ald. CURLEY, to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by Ald. BERWIN, as Chairman, at 4:18 P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Chairman BERWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the message of the Mayor (referred today) referring to the order requesting information as to the delay in opening the Meridian-St. bridge—recommending that the same be placed on file.

Report accepted; said message ordered placed on file.

Report on the petition of Lawrence J. Killian, lessee (referred Oct. 14), for leave to project a marquee at 651 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on message of the Mayor (referred today) transmitting communications from Consumptives' Hospital Department and appending and urging the passage of an order appropriating \$17,000 to be expended for erecting and equipping buildings on property which has been acquired by the Trustees in Mattapan—Recommending the passage of the order, and that the message be sent down.

Report accepted; said order passed, yeas 13, nays none. Message and order sent down.

(4) Report on message of the Mayor (referred August 26th) relative to deficit in appropriation for Belgrade avenue, with accompanying order, recommending that the message be sent down and that the accompanying order be passed in the following new draft:

Ordered—That the sum of four thousand four hundred dollars be appropriated to meet a deficit in the appropriation for Brandon street and Belgrade avenue, caused by an execution of court, and that to meet the said appropriation the city treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Report accepted, order in new draft passed, yeas 13. Sent down.

(5) Report on the petition of William F. McClellan (referred today) for leave to set off fireworks in the vicinity of Symphony Hall on the evening of Oct. 21—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(6) Reports on petitions referred today recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, owners to furnish materials, in front of the following estates:

James H. Curry, 76 Francis St., Wd. 19, brick.

Boyd & Berry, 85 Pleasant St., Wd. 20, brick.

James W. Campbell, 18-24 Burr St. and 60 Spring Park Ave., Wd. 22, brick.

J. B. Graham, 687 Dudley St. and on Alexander St., Wd. 16, brick.

Richard C. Humphreys, corner Dudley and Humphreys Sts., Wd. 16, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

W. U. Sherman, 4-6 Roedale St., Wd. 20, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

H. C. Kendall, 2-12 Kenwood St., Wd. 24, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

S. Robinson, 73 Fenwood Rd., Wd. 19, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Reports accepted, orders several; passed.

(7) Reports on petitions (referred today), recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits to move wooden buildings, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto, as follows:

John Soley & Sons, one, flat roof, 130 feet in length by 40 feet in width by 22 feet in height, in two sections, from the corner of L and East First Sts., across vacant lane, and by lighters to wharf at foot of Dorchester St., Wd. 14.

Isaac Blair, one, flat roof, 30 feet in length by 14 feet in width by 23 feet in height, from present location at 576 Bunker Hill St. across to Walnut St., thence along to 55 Walnut St., Wd. 4. Reports accepted, orders passed.

(8) Report on the petition of H. P. Hood & Sons (referred Oct. 14), recommending the passage of an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to H. P. Hood & Son to construct, maintain and use a conduit composed of concrete, with iron pipes, for heating purposes encased therein, under and across Ruthford Ave., at 494, Wd. 4, of the dimensions as shown on a plan dated Oct. 9, 1907, on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1907, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto. Report accepted; order passed.

(9) Reports on petitions referred today recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits to construct, maintain and use bulkhead opening in sidewalks, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto as follows:

Crescenzo Merola, one, four feet by two feet, with an iron cover of rough upper surface, Everett St. side of estate 86 Cottage St., Wd. 2, work to be completed on or before Jan. 5, 1908.

J. R. Brackett, one, 3 feet 6 inches wide by 3 feet long by 3 deep, and with an iron cover of rough upper surface, 151 Elliot St., Wd. 7, work to be completed on or before Jan. 4, 1908.

Reports accepted, orders passed.

(10) Report on the message of the Mayor (referred today) vetoing order rescinding order for sidewalks, etc., on Roundhill St., Wd. 22, recommending that the veto be sustained and that said message be placed on file.

The report was accepted and the question came on the passage of the order, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.

Ald. FINIGAN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to say something about that order. It so happens that these people on Roundhill St. petitioned the Board of Aldermen for sidewalks and edgestones. Through a misstatement of one of the clerks upstairs somebody raised an objection because of the fact of a lien to be placed on the property, while there might not be any possible chance of putting the street in proper condition this year. Under those conditions,

the order was introduced to rescind the previous order. Now they object to having it rescinded, wishing to have it left, so that if at any time there is any money which can possibly be used to lay out this street, it will be properly before the city government.

The Board refused to pass the order over the Mayor's veto, yeas 13, nays none.

(11) Report on the order (referred today) requesting the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston to relocate a pole now standing in front of premises 107 Calumet street, Wd. 19, recommending the passage of the same.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(12) Report on the order (referred today) requesting the Water Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, to have the watering trough now situated at the junction of Saratoga and Bennington streets removed to the junction of Saratoga, Boardman and Ford streets, recommending the passage of the same.

Report accepted; said order passed. Sent down.

WIDENING HYDE PARK AVENUE.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to furnish this Board with an estimate of the cost of widening Hyde Park avenue, from Ashland street to the Hyde Park line.

Passed.

HEWLETT ST. REPAIRS.

Ald. DRAPER offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to repair the sidewalks, regulate the roadway and construct dish gutters along Hewlett St., between Centre and Walter Sts., Wd. 23, and charge the expense to the appropriation for Street Improvements.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

LOCATION OF COMMERCIAL HIGH SCHOOL.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Schoolhouse Commission be requested by this Board to consider the advisability of locating the new Commercial High School in the vicinity of the Dudley-St. Elevated Station, Wd. 17.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, this order has been presented for two reasons. The principal and chief reason is that Dudley St. terminal station today, I believe, can properly be considered the most central portion of the city of Boston. It is central for those sections of our city that are enjoying a state of development as residential sections—particularly Dorchester, West Roxbury, Roslindale and Jamaica Plain—as well as being central for the rest of the entire city, with the possible exception of Charlestown and East Boston. Property values in that section in the last ten years have depreciated greatly, in some cases 50 per cent. or more. I believe it will be possible to secure a suitable site for a commercial high school in that section for a less sum than it could be secured for in any other section of the city. The probability is that within the next 10 years an elevated structure may be constructed from the present point at Dudley St. to Grove Hall, and possibly to some farther point in Dorchester. The extension of the present structure to

Forest Hills makes the Dudley St. transfer station more accessible for persons from the West Roxbury, Roslindale and Jamaica Plain section than any other section of the city. I realize that the School House Commission have under consideration the location of the High School of Commerce on the site of the old Winthrop School; but, as a layman, not as an expert, I personally question the advisability of locating it at that point. The trend of business on Tremont St. is, as it were, stopped in the vicinity of the Winthrop School. If that school is removed and a new High School of Commerce is located there, it means that that permanent dead wall against travel or business along that section of our city will continue. As to the advisability of locating the High School of Commerce in that portion of Wd. 17 in the vicinity of the Dudley Street Transfer Station, I believe that the opportunities for practical observation of business and of the methods of conducting our freight terminals are as good as, if not better than, they would be on the present site of the Winthrop School. The New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, at considerable expense, in line with its work of removal of grade crossings and in answer to a general demand from the business men of Roxbury and Dorchester and other sections in that portion of our city, have seen fit to acquire at considerable expense a suitable freight terminal in the vicinity of Southampton St. and Massachusetts Ave. The probability is that that section of the city will undergo great business developments within the next ten years. Property values are low at the present time there, and a suitable site could be acquired and a suitable building constructed for a less sum than the present Winthrop School site could be sold for. We have also the additional fact that the population of the Dorchester district today is greater than that of any other one section of our city, the district perhaps containing more men, women and children than are contained in the entire sections of Charlestown, East Boston and South Boston, and the probabilities of increase in the near future are greater in that section than in Charlestown, South Boston or East Boston. The section of our city known as Dorchester, West Roxbury, Roslindale and Jamaica Plain is situated on higher ground than are Charlestown, East Boston and South Boston, and there is the added amount of land, all of that is available for building purposes together with the helpfulness of the various localities in that section, which will make it a rapidly growing section. The elements I have referred to have naturally tended to increase the populations of those particular sections, and it is fair to assume that within a period of twenty years there will be more persons residing in that portion of our city than is south of Dudley St. Terminal by at least 25 per cent. that will be found north of the Dudley St. Terminal. In view of those facts it is reasonable to suppose that the centre of population will be in the vicinity of the Dudley St. Terminal. The High School of Commerce will, in all probability, when constructed, serve a very useful purpose for a period of fifty years or more. If, within twenty-five years, a greater percentage of the population of the city is south of the Dudley St. Terminal than is north of it, I believe no better location could be secured. It is free from the noise of passing locomotives; it is central of action; it is free from the noises that might be created by great manufacturing plants, and no city values are at an extremely low rate. Perhaps lower by 25 or 50 per cent. today than

they have been at any time for a period of twenty years. I sincerely trust that the Schoolhouse Commission will consider this proposition favorably and will locate the school in that section of our city.

The order was read a second time and passed. Sent down.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. WHELTON, the Board refused a general consideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned, at 4:56 P. M., on motion of Ald. DRAPER, to meet on Monday, October 28th, at 3 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Oct. 28th, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P. M., Ald. BERWIN presiding. Absent, Ald. FINIGAN.

On motion of Ald. LEARY, the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn, under Chapter 514 of the Acts of 1894, Mayor Fitzgerald being present, as follows:

Thirty-five traverse, Superior Court, First Session, October sitting:

Austin C. Wood, Wd. 24; George W. Whittier, Wd. 11; George E. Stevens, Wd. 20; Edwin L. Smith, Wd. 24; William J. Driscoll, Wd. 25; James C. McMahon, Wd. 12; Patrick J. Foley, Wd. 17; George A. Cully, Wd. 10; John J. Horan, Wd. 19; John F. Keenan, Wd. 23; Patrick Desmond, Wd. 19; Charles F. Dolan, Wd. 23; Benjamin Semon, Wd. 8; John A. Mullen, Wd. 24; Thomas D. Fitzgerald, Wd. 12; Wilbur J. Hatch, Wd. 24; Melvin S. Westover, Wd. 12; Everett A. Freston, Wd. 20; Charles R. O'Brien, Wd. 20; Charles B. Alden, Wd. 24; Thomas H. Conley, Wd. 23; John C. H. Graham, Wd. 1; Edward N. Stillman, Wd. 4; Enos Merriman, Wd. 18; Dennis Mulcahy, Wd. 1; William A. Furgess, Wd. 24; Charles H. Warren, Wd. 24; Richard F. Murray, Wd. 1; Charles D. Wilson, Wd. 18; Allen H. Bent, Wd. 23; Thomas F. Walsh, Wd. 14; Ernest B. Grant, Wd. 21; Michael D. Kennedy, Wd. 20; John J. Magner, Wd. 4; Edward C. Hamilton, Wd. 4.

Thirty-five traverse, Superior Court, Second Session, October sitting, to appear Nov. 18, viz.:

Dennis J. Driscoll, Wd. 24; William S. Wells, Wd. 1; Conrad J. Etter, Wd. 23; Edward Kane, Wd. 7; Francis J. McGuinness, Wd. 7; Daniel F. Quigley, Wd. 9; William Younie, Wd. 2; Edward F. Shannon, Wd. 22; James R. Bell, Wd. 24; James F. Connor, Wd. 10; John F. Newton, Jr., Wd. 17; John Russell, Wd. 5; George F. Lucas, Wd. 11; Matthew T. O'Brien, Wd. 16; Patrick J. Sullivan, Wd. 2; Alexander C. Grant, Wd. 1; Thomas F. Clinton, Wd. 19; Frank H. Mann, Wd. 15; John Moore, Wd. 17; Frederick C. Waterman, Wd. 18; Herbert H. Leville, Wd. 16; Patrick J. Fitzgerald, Wd. 12; William A. Hagerty, Wd. 8; Edward G. Graves, Wd. 1; Thomas Sullivan, Wd. 15; Robert W. Scott, Wd. 22; Eric Erikson, Wd. 2; William Dallow, Jr., Wd. 22; Walter H. Stanley, Wd. 17; James Tobin, Wd. 25; John J. McDermott, Wd. 3; John W. Whitaker, Wd. 24; John Lynch, Wd. 14; George F. Coleman, Wd. 8; Levi Willcut, Wd. 20.

Thirty-five traverse, Superior Court, Third Session, October sitting, to appear Nov. 18, viz.:

Herbert A. Dallas, Wd. 19; George J. Clows, Wd. 1; Patrick J. Sweeney, Wd. 11; Samuel W. Kirkland, Wd. 20; David M. Gipson, Wd. 24; Stillman P. Williams, Wd. 21; Lucian J. Priest, Wd. 4; Samuel Singer, Wd. 7; Charles D. Turnbull, Wd. 11; Edwin S. Woodbury, Wd. 20; Thomas S. Pickett, Wd. 15; James Drummond, Wd. 16; Edmund

F. McCarthy, Wd. 20; Samuel H. Morris, Wd. 2; Joseph E. Sutherland, Wd. 6; Henry R. Grant, Wd. 8; Edward J. Moffitt, Wd. 3; Patrick T. Gorman, Wd. 2; Alfred L. Freeman, Wd. 21; Thomas Martin, Wd. 10; James McGonigle, Wd. 6; James Roughtan, Wd. 23; Gustaf W. Carlson, Wd. 24; Lee Eaton, Wd. 10; Florence Leary, Wd. 2; Edmund W. Gleason, Wd. 6; Matthew Bradley, Wd. 8; Adolph Fried, Wd. 21; John T. Coolidge, Jr., Wd. 11; William I. Nichols, Wd. 24; Freeland Putnam, Wd. 21; Joseph T. O'Callahan, Wd. 20; Frank C. Howard, Wd. 24; Elias Barkin, Wd. 1; Joseph F. Kane, Wd. 15.

Thirty-five traverse jurors, Superior Court, Fourth Session, October Sitting, viz.:

Frank N. Horton, Wd. 20; William L. Ford, Wd. 16; James A. Clifford, Wd. 22; Stephen Duncan, Jr., Wd. 18; Henry C. Reardon, Wd. 14; Timothy J. White, Wd. 19; Alonzo D. Murray, Wd. 24; Vinal B. Perry, Wd. 24; Clinton W. Kingham, Wd. 20; Burton L. Longley, Wd. 12; Frank E. Kelley, Wd. 9; Cornelius E. Mooney, Wd. 3; Walter H. Knight, Wd. 20; Charles E. Doane, Wd. 21; William F. Casey, Wd. 7; William McIntyre, Wd. 12; John J. Kelley, Wd. 20; Frank P. Marshall, Wd. 24; James S. J. Smith, Wd. 14; George W. Eichorn, Wd. 17; Charles Edwin Barclay, Wd. 20; John A. McCarthy, Wd. 10; Michael Duffy, Wd. 22; Josiah B. Scott, Wd. 24; William P. Morse, Wd. 12; Michael J. Prendergast, Wd. 10; Thomas B. Robinson, Wd. 22; Patrick H. Loughery, Wd. 19; John S. Crowley, Wd. 8; Charles W. Bailey, Wd. 25; Jeremiah Connell, Wd. 9; James J. Murray, Wd. 16; William A. Chick, Wd. 4; James B. Ogden, Wd. 14; Charles L. Jones, Wd. 25.

Thirty-five traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fifth Session, to appear November 18, 1907:

Anson H. Litchfield, Wd. 10; Joseph M. Kelly, Wd. 20; Dennis J. Flynn, Wd. 2; Thomas D. Sullivan, Wd. 5; Roscoe H. Prior, Wd. 1; James Dohoney, Wd. 5; Charles H. Wachter, Wd. 20; Charles F. Adams, Wd. 21; Herbert A. Holland, Wd. 22; John Ney, Wd. 8; Charles W. Honeywill, Wd. 17; William F. Davis, Wd. 20; William B. Sturtevant, Wd. 1; John A. McNeil, Wd. 1; William Patterson, Wd. 8; Henry John Nowell, Wd. 8; Jacob L. Green, Wd. 8; Michael T. Osborne, Wd. 23; William Osterhaus, Wd. 2; William B. Morris, Wd. 18; George N. Buttrick, Wd. 12; John E. Carey, Wd. 17; Richard N. Davis, Wd. 19; Amos T. Hersey, Wd. 10; Andrew Erickson, Wd. 20; Barnet Koloby, Wd. 2; John A. Carey, Wd. 5; Lewis F. Lambert, Jr., Wd. 24; Whitman R. Morton, Wd. 6; Patrick McDonnell, Wd. 3; Daniel D. Morse, Wd. 16; George Hall, Wd. 20; Henry Hanley, Wd. 14; Richard Hollings, Jr., Wd. 16; Francis H. Oliver, Wd. 13.

Thirty traverse, Superior Civil Court, Sixth Session, October Sitting, viz.:

John F. Harrington, Wd. 16; Francis Ballee, Wd. 18; Patrick Doyle, Wd. 2; James E. Dillon, Wd. 5; Ralph M. Smyth, Wd. 1; Joseph P. Glynn, Wd. 17; Fred N. Douglas, Wd. 22; Michael O'Callaghan, Wd. 12; John J. Haniz, Wd. 22; Daniel F. Foley, Wd. 2; Charles Duran, Wd. 23; Charles T. Nowell, Wd. 20; George E. Fitton, Wd. 24; Daniel Carey, Wd. 9; Archibald McNeil, Wd. 19; Frank Lewis, Wd. 16; Robert J. Bowes, Wd. 19; Charles A. Sculley, Wd. 16; George S. Magoun, Wd. 22; Frank X. Burns, Wd. 22; Charles S. Pinkham, Wd. 20; Max N. Frohn, Wd. 15; Charles L. Burrill, Wd. 11; Septimus H. Cassidy, Wd. 22; James N. Synott, Wd. 25; John A. Peyton, Wd. 10; Patrick J. Keating,

Wd. 13; Edward Welch, Wd. 25; Mark W. Currier, Wd. 24; John Nugent, Wd. 11.

Thirty-five traverse, Superior Civil Court, seventh session, October sitting, viz.:

Herman F. Chubbuck, Wd. 14; Robert J. Randolph, Wd. 14; Willard A. Jordan, Wd. 17; Timothy J. Geary, Wd. 7; John B. Duncan, Wd. 12; Charles R. Ehler, Wd. 20; Daniel F. Quinlan, Wd. 4; George W. Scobie, Wd. 15; Edward J. Baynton, Wd. 24; Frank X. Epple, Wd. 22; John F. Lyons, Wd. 22; Thomas Porter, Wd. 16; John D. Lawler, Wd. 23; Henry A. Dunner, Wd. 23; Gordon A. Burleigh, Wd. 24; Frederick L. Macomber, Wd. 24; Charles W. Appleton, Wd. 23; Charles E. Brines, Wd. 4; Thomas J. Long, Wd. 12; J. Allen Crosby, Wd. 22; Matthew McInnes, Wd. 14; George H. Gilmore, Wd. 24; Michael J. Scully, Wd. 23; William H. Simpson, Wd. 24; William F. Bennan, Wd. 25; Timothy F. Glennon, Wd. 23; James T. McShane, Wd. 20; William H. Doland, Wd. 18; James R. Armington, Wd. 20; Thomas J. Reid, Wd. 20; James D. Barry, Wd. 22; Butler T. Emery, Wd. 24; John D. Allen, Wd. 12; John Naughton, Wd. 25; August Damm, Wd. 10.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Oct. 28, 1907.
To the Board of Aldermen:—
Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby make the following appointments:

(1) John F. Welch (13 Concord Sq., Wd. 12), a Constable of the city of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1908.

(2) John A. Cousens (19 Littell road, Brookline), James B. Dana (34 Academy Hill road, Wd. 25), Roger S. Hodges (68 Walden Park, Melrose) and Dennis F. Navien (259 Sidney St., Cambridge), Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1908.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.
Laid over under the law.

SEWERAGE WORKS, CHARLES RIVER BASIN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Oct. 28, 1907.
To the City Council:
I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Sewers calling attention to the mandatory provisions of Chapter 485 of the Acts of the Legislature of the current year, which provides that one hundred thousand dollars be expended upon sewerage works within the watershed of the Charles river basin during the year 1907, and I recommend the immediate passage of the accompanying loan order so that the department may be enabled to comply with the provisions of the said chapter.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Sewer Department,
Boston, Oct. 28, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.
Dear Sir:—I respectfully request that you recommend to the City Council the authorization of a loan for one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars, provided for under Chapter 485 of the

Acts of the year 1907, which is an act relative to the construction of sewerage works within the water-shed of the Charles River Basin by the city of Boston. Section 1 of said act reads as follows:

The city of Boston shall, in the year 1907, expend one hundred thousand dollars, and in each year for the next five years expend one-twentieth of 1 per cent. of the taxable valuation, to be met by loan outside of the debt limit, in the construction of works for the separation of the sewage from the surface or storm water, or other waters, as defined by Chapter 383 of the Acts of the year 1903, within the water-shed of Stony brook and other water-shed areas tributary to the Charles River Basin above the dam, now under construction between Boston and Cambridge.

I would state that this bill is virtually an amendment to Chapter 383 of the Acts of 1903, which was a bill for the separation of the system of drainage for the areas adjacent to the metropolitan sewer. Last winter the Legislature saw proper to revoke the above Act of 1903 and substitute therefor Chapter 485 of the Acts of 1907, which changes the area to what is known as the water-shed of the Charles River Basin and Stony Brook. This act specifically states that one hundred thousand dollars shall be spent this year, and as the department at the present time has the plans prepared for the construction of that amount of work and wishes to proceed immediately and do the work, and as the time between now and Jan. 1, 1908, is very short in which to contract for and do this work, I recommend that the loan be authorized immediately.

Yours respectfully,

John J. Leahy,

Superintendent of Sewers.

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) be appropriated for the construction of sewerage works, under the provisions of Chapter 485 of the Acts of the year 1907, to be expended by the Superintendent of Sewers; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

POND FOR SKATING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Oct. 22, 1907.
To the City Council:—
I transmit herewith a communication from the Park Department in regard to an order, passed Oct. 10-14, authorizing the said department to hire Chandler's Pond, Brighton, for skating and to expend a sum not exceeding \$200.00 for this purpose.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Board of Commissioners of the Department of Park.
Boston, Oct. 19, 1907.

Honorable John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor,
City Hall, Boston.

Dear Sir:—The Board has received and duly considered the enclosed order of the City Council authorizing us to hire Chandler's Pond for skating and to spend a sum not to exceed \$200 for the purpose. We regret that we cannot avail ourselves of this authorization for lack of funds.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.
Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

HEARINGS AT 2 O'CLOCK.

On petitions of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts and the Boston Consolidated Gas Company that the first named company be allowed to attach wires and fixtures to poles of the second named company, viz.:

1. Two poles on Oak Square Ave., Wd. 25.

2. One pole on Wellington St., near Corey Rd., Wd. 25.

The petitioners were given leave to withdraw at their own request.

3. Two poles on Parsons St., Wd. 25.

On petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, for leave to erect poles, viz.:

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

4. Six poles on Wordsworth St., from Saratoga St., Wd. 1.

John Duffy, 29 Wordsworth St., John Snider, 16 Wordsworth St., Henry Burnett, 130 Wordsworth St., Mary A. Sullivan, 52 Wordsworth St., Mary A. Johnson, 56 Wordsworth St., and John A. Anderson, 54 Wordsworth St., severally appeared and objected to granting the petition.

No further objections. Recommended, on motion of Ald. BATTIS, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to grant a public hearing.

5. One pole on Eutaw St., near Meridian St., Wd. 1.

Rosa Beck, 244 Meridian St., appeared and objected to granting the petition.

No further objections. Recommended, on motion of Ald. BATTIS, to the Committee on Electric Wires.

6. One pole on Fort Ave., Wd. 19.

Katherine Mulvey, 81 Fort Ave., appeared and objected to granting the petition.

No further objection. Recommended, on motion of Ald. DRAPER, to the Committee on Electric Wires.

7. One pole on Coolidge Road, near Holman St., Wd. 25.

William White, owner of property on Coolidge Road, near Holman St., remonstrated against the granting of the petition.

No further objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires, on motion of Ald. WOODS, with instructions to give a public hearing.

8. Three poles on Summit Ave., between Allston St. and Commonwealth Ave., Wd. 25.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

On petitions of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston for leave to erect poles, viz.:

9. Five poles on Webster St., Wd. 2

W. J. Burke, 49 Webster St.; George C. Brennen, 162 Webster St.; John S. Sullivan, Webster St.; Edgar Schoefflin, 158 Webster St.; Thomas Lannery, 161 Webster St., and Mary Anderson, ex-wife of Christian Anderson 12-15 257 Webster St., severally appeared and objected to the granting of the petition.

No further objections. Recommended, on motion of Ald. LEARY.

10. One pole on New Heath St., near Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Dept. (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Barnard Weinberg, two signs, at 7 Salem St., Wd. 6.

Joseph E. Itrato, an illuminated sign, at 35 Traverse St., Wd. 6.

J. W. Blake, an electric sign, at 38 Eliot St., Wd. 7.

Lazarus Weiner, six iron hooks, from which to suspend merchandise, at 368 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Miss L. Nichols, an electric sign, at 160B Tremont St., Wd. 7.

S. Alario, an illuminated sign, at 120 Bedford St., Wd. 7.

Edward F. Estes Piano Company, an electric sign, at 278A Tremont St., Wd. 7.

H. Robbins & Co., a wooden sign, at 3 Causeway St., Wd. 8.

Jeremiah J. Delaney, an illuminated sign, at 75 Concord St., Wd. 12.

R. E. Morris, an illuminated drug-gist's mortar, at 127 Broadway, Wd. 13.

Frank Princiotta, a barber pole sign, at 18 Broadway, Wd. 13.

Peter D. McQuaid, a gas arc lamp, at 1542 Tremont St., Wd. 19.

A. H. Tripp, an electric sign, at corner Ashmont St. and Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24.

E. W. Clark, a gas arc lamp, at 672 Centre St., Wd. 22.

Boston Electric Vaudeville Company, electric sign, 136-8 Court St., Wd. 6.

Timothy Murphy, political transparency, 2½ Charter St., Wd. 6.

J. B. Landy, sign, 2132 Washington St., Wd. 17.

Electric Wires.

Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, for leave to erect and to remove one pole on O St., between E. First and E. Second Sts., Wd. 14.

Petitions of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, viz.:

For leave to remove two poles on Market St., between Washington and Surrey Sts., Wd. 25.

For leave to remove one pole on Townsend St., at Humboldt Ave., Wd. 21.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

James R. Dunbar, on the evening of Nov. 25.

Music Trustees, on the evening of Nov. 26.

Claims.

Nathan Shwartz, for compensation for damage to house 11 Cotting St., Wd. 3, from a defective sewer.

Alexander W. Grady, for a hearing on his claim for compensation for personal injuries received from an alleged defect in Washington St. near West Newton St.

Mendal Sawyer, for compensation for damage to property 7 Ashland St., Wd. 8, by overflow of sewage.

Bernard Shaw, for compensation for damage to his stock and fixtures at 11 Cotting St., Wd. 8, from a defective sewer.

Licenses.

Dennis McGuire, for a permit for Florence M. McGuire, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Bowdoin Sq. Theatre during the present week.

Mrs. H. M. Perry, for a permit for Lizzie Glover, under 15 years of age, to appear at the City Point M. E. Church, corner of L and Fifth Sts., on Nov. 6.

Public Improvements.

M. H. Gulesian, for leave to lay three 1½-inch pipes under and across sidewalk on north side of Harcourt St., Wd. 10.

Ward 16 Democratic Committee, for

leave to discharge fireworks in front of 20 Mt. Vernon St., Wd. 16, on evenings of Nov. 1, 2, 4.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:

I. Shapira, 361-365 Washington St., Wd. 25.

J. Goldinger, 820-822 Saratoga St., Wd. 1.

Patrick D. Meehan, 3401 Washington St., Wd. 23.

James H. Curry, 76 Francis St., Wd. 19.

Andrew Foley, 15 Dean St., Wd. 16.

William Duff, 987 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20.

Boston Wharf Company, 337-347 Summer St., Wd. 13.

I. Shapira, 406-422 Market St., Wd. 25.

Sirk & Alpert, 29-31 Homestead St., Wd. 21.

A. E. Angier, 240 Brighton Ave., Wd. 25.

Boston Elevated Railway Company, 365-371 Commercial St., Wd. 6.

Gabriele Stabile, 271-277 North St.

P. O'Hearn, 23 Arcadia St., Wd. 20.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The constables' bonds of William L. Caulfield, Waldo H. Chandler and Joseph J. McWeeny, approved by the City Treasurer, were approved by the Board:

TELEGRAPHERS' STRIKE RESOLUTIONS.

The following was received:

Department of Commerce and Labor,
Bureau of Labor,

Washington, Oct. 26, 1907.

Mr. John T. Priest, Assistant City Clerk, Boston, Mass.:

Dear Sir:—Your letter of Oct. 24, forwarding to me copy of resolutions adopted by the City Council of Boston, under date of Oct. 10, relative to the present telegraphers' strike has been received, and your letter of Oct. 24, addressed to the President and enclosing copy of the same resolutions, has also been referred to this Bureau.

Everything that could with any propriety be done by a representative of the government has been done in the effort to bring about some adjustment of the existing controversy between the telegraph companies and the striking operators, but I regret to say that these efforts have been entirely fruitless. I am,

Very truly yours,

Charles P. Neill, Commissioner.

Sent down.

APPROVAL OF RAILWAY LOCATIONS.

A communication was received from the Railroad Commissioners, approving the 271st and 272d locations of the West End Street Railway Companies, being respectively for tracks in Huntington Ave. and Bennington St.

A communication was also received from the Railroad Commissioners stating that they have approved an agreement between the Boston & Northern Street Railway Company and the Boston Elevated Railway Company concerning the use of certain tracks in East Boston.

The communications were placed on file.

HIGH SCHOOL OF COMMERCE.

MERCE.

City of Boston.

Schoolhouse Department,

Oct. 25 1907.

Mr. John T. Priest, Assistant City Clerk, Boston.

Dear Sir:—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the vote passed by the Board

of Aldermen Oct. 21st relative to the location of the new High School of Commerce, and to inform you that the location of schools is in the hands of the School Committee, and not in the hands of this Board. I am,

Very respectfully yours,

R. Clipston Sturgis, Chairman.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. CURLEY.

ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions for licenses to store oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum:

E. E. Chapman, gasoline, in rear of 133 Brook Ave., Wd. 16.

J. R. McPherson, gasoline, at 92) Centre St., Jamaica Plain.

Orders of notice were placed for hearings thereon Monday, Nov. 18, at 3 P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

FINANCE COMMISSION REPORT, COLLECTING DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

October 24, 1907.

To the Honorable the Mayor and City Council:—

The Finance Commission has examined the Treasury, Auditing and Collecting departments, and herewith submits its report upon the last named department:

At the date, 1822, of the first city charter the functions of these three departments were performed by a single department, that of the Treasury. In 1824 the Auditing Department was established, but the Treasurer continued to have charge of the collections. In 1875 the Collecting Department was established; and since that date each class of work has been in the charge of a separate department.

While the Commission is not ready to report upon the Auditing and Treasury Departments, it is, nevertheless, in a position to state that it finds little to criticize in the conduct of these departments; and it believes that the reason for the greater efficiency of these departments as compared with that of the Collector is due to the fact that the latter has for some years past been used for the payment of political debts to the great detriment of the service.

The employees of the Auditing Department are under the Civil Service Law, and for many years the practice has been to make no change in the head of the department, even when municipal elections have resulted in a change of political control. There have been but five City Auditors since the office was established in 1824. Between 1824 and 1904, a period of 80 years, there were but four. Two changes came through resignation, one through death, and one through a transfer to the head of the Treasury Department. The present Auditor was promoted from the position of Chief Clerk after a service in the department of 30 years. The result of this non-political and practically continuous management is shown in the marked efficiency of the work done by this department.

The employees of the Treasury Department are not under the Civil Service Law, but the department has been largely kept from political influence. Since 1822 there have been nine City Treasurers. Three died in office, three declined further service, and one was not continued in office for reasons other

than political. During this entire period there has been but one change for political purposes.

The employees of the Collecting Department have never been under the Civil Service Law, but from 1875, when the department was created, to 1896 there were but two Collectors, and the single vacancy in 1883, caused by resignation, was filled by the promotion of a man who had been brought up in the office and was familiar from personal experience with the duties of every sub-division of the work. In 1896 the position of Collector was made a political office, to be filled by each new administration with one of its supporters. Since that time there has been a new Collector with each change of administration, or four different Collectors in ten years.

This change of policy and the increased use of the department for the payment of political debts or the procurement of political support is, in the opinion of the Commission, largely, if not entirely, responsible for the increased cost and diminished efficiency of the Collecting Department as at present conducted.

The efficiency of the department may best be tested by a consideration of the relative percentage of taxes on property and polls collected now and formerly within the fiscal year.

The present collector has succeeded in raising the percentage of collections of poll taxes from 26.3 per cent. in 1905-6 to 48.5 per cent. in 1906-7; and it is his expectation to collect about 50 per cent. of the taxes annually assessed on polls, which is substantially the percentage attained prior to 1892, when the payment of a poll tax was a prerequisite to voting. This is better than the showing made in the immediate past, somewhat better than the average results obtained prior to 1896, but very little better than the figure (47.3 per cent.) which represents the best year (1894-5) in that period.

The percentage of property taxes collected during the fiscal year 1906-7 was only 8-10 of 1 per cent. more than in 1905-6, and 14-100 of 1 per cent. more than the average of the last ten years. In the years 1894-5, 1895-6, and 1896-7, representing three different political administrations, the average percentage of property tax collections was nearly 2 per cent. greater than in 1906-7. In the same three years the average percentage of uncollected taxes was 11.77 per cent. as against 13.10 per cent. in 1906-7; while for the five years prior to 1896 the average was only 10.41 per cent. as against 13.10 per cent. in 1906-7. This means that in 1906-7 over \$2,500,000 of the taxes on property had not been collected at the end of the year, while between 1891 and 1896 the uncollected taxes on property at the close of the year amounted on the average to only about \$1,250,000.

Measured by the standards of comparison, the efficiency of the department at the present time is, on the whole, less than during the three years between 1894 and 1897.

On the other hand, the expenses of the department have increased enormously, particularly under the administration of the present Collector.

In the three years above mentioned as representing three different political administrations, the department cost \$91,062, \$92,693, and \$93,000, respectively, or \$92,251 on the average; while between 1905 and 1907 the department expenses were about \$135,000 per annum, and the appropriation for the current year,

1907-8, is \$160,000. This is \$67,750, or 73 per cent more than the average annual expenditure between 1894 and 1897.

Part of this increase is accounted for by an increase in business and part by an increased use of the mails in the collection of taxes; but by far the greater part is due to an extraordinary, and, in the opinion of the commission, entirely unjustifiable increase in the number of employees. The average number of persons employed in the department in 1894, 1895 and 1896 was about 50, while at the present time there are 84 permanent employees; an increase of about 70 per cent. The present Collector has made 23 appointments since taking office on the first of May, 1906. The annual pay roll which in 1895 amounted to \$73,900, is now about \$122,500, an increase of 65 per cent. While some of these employees have had training which would assist them in the discharge of their duties, many of the appointments have been made with such slight regard for fitness as to lead irresistibly to the conclusion that they were made for political purposes with the acquiescence and not on the initiative of the Collector.

This extraordinary increase in employees, pay roll, and total expenditures cannot, as already shown, be accounted for on any theory of increased efficiency in the department. Nor can this apparent waste of money be justified by the increase in the work of the department. The commission has made a careful investigation into this feature of the case, and has reached the conclusion that there has been since 1895 an increase in the work of the department of not exceeding 25 per cent. This conclusion is based, not on the amounts collected, or on the population of the city, or on other irrelevant data, but on the actual work of the department; that is on the number of bills put in process of collection.

An increase of 25 per cent in work, unaccompanied by any marked increase in efficiency, cannot justify an increase of 70 per cent in the number of employees, of 65 per cent in the annual pay roll, and of 73 per cent in the total cost of the department. It points strongly to the necessity for a reduction in the expenditures of the department to a figure fairly proportionate, taking the difference in the volume of business into account, to the cost of the department between 1894 and 1897. If the annual appropriations for the department were fixed at a sum 25 per cent in excess of the average expenditures in 1894, 1895 and 1896, the department ought to be as efficient as it in fact is at the present time. This would warrant an appropriation of a little over \$115,000.

For these and the other reasons set forth in this report, the commission is of the opinion that the annual appropriation for the Collecting Department and the annual expenditures of the same should not exceed the sum of \$120,000.

The Collector points to the apparent saving made by him in what is known as "extra clerk hire." For many years it has been the custom of the department to pay its employees in addition to their salaries substantial sums for extra work. The present Collector claims to have put a stop to this practice; but instead of saving the money to the city, he has simply changed the form of expenditure, and has used the money to pay the salaries of new and unnecessary permanent employees. Not only has he not in fact reduced expenses by cutting off the payments for "extra clerk hire," but he has sought and obtained an increased appropriation

tion for the current year over 1906-7 of \$25,000. The department was already costing far more than it ought to, and the additional expenditure of \$25,000 per annum, solicited and obtained by the present Collector, is absolutely without justification. The work of this department is of such a character that at some seasons of the year, particularly during the month of November, there is much more to be done than at other seasons. The business-like way to meet this situation is to employ extra help when needed, either by making use of the permanent force and paying them for extra time, or by employing outside temporary help. The policy of the present Collector is to make such an increase in the permanent force of the department that there will be less occasion for the employment of extra outside help in the month of November, but with the result that throughout the greater part of the year there will not be sufficient work to keep the force steadily and profitably employed. This is essentially a political and not a business method of administration; and has already resulted in an increase in the cost of the department amounting to \$25,000 in a single year.

A further illustration of the influence of politics in this department may be seen in the fact that although an effort is made to collect the poll tax due from city employees by deducting them from their salaries or wages, no such methods are apparently resorted to in the case of members of the City Council. On Sept. 14, 1907, 34 members of the City Council had neglected to pay their poll taxes for 1906.

Other facts denoting a waste of labor and expenditure in this department are the following:

A comparison of the work accomplished by the deputy collectors in 1906-7 as against 1904-5 shows that in the earlier year 25 deputy collectors collected on the average 145 poll tax bills each, while in the later year 30 deputy collectors averaged 137 poll tax bills each. The total taxes collected in the field by the deputies in the former year were \$72,128.24 as against \$72,668.25 in the later year, an increase of only \$540.01. Of these totals, poll taxes collected in the field amounted in the former year to \$7,355.60, and in the later year, an increase of only \$540.01. Of these totals, poll taxes collected in the field amounted in the former year to \$7,355.60, and in the later year to \$3,490.20. It is thus apparent that the increase in the poll tax collections is not due to the efforts of the deputy collectors in the field, but rather to circularizing and advertising.

Much of the time, the commission thinks about one-half, of the deputy collectors is spent in the office in the performance of work which could be as well performed at less expense by other methods. The commission understands that on the average 35 men, deputies and clerks, enjoying salaries ranging up to \$1800 per annum or more, are employed in preparing and mailing circulars and letters, and in the performance of inferior clerical work. No attempt has been made to introduce less expensive and more modern methods of performing work of this class.

The result of the present organization and wasteful methods of this department is that it costs the city of Boston 58 cents for every bill collected. The commission has taken pains to ascertain the cost of billing, mailing and collecting the bills sent out by two of the large public service companies doing business in this community, and finds that in the case of one of them, which sends out nearly as many bills

per annum as the city of Boston does, the cost for billing, mailing and collecting is about 20 cents per bill; while in the case of the other company, which sends out a much larger number of bills than is collected by the city of Boston, the cost for billing, mailing and collecting is about six cents per bill.

Not only is the cost to the city of Boston as measured by these comparisons excessive, but it is greater now than formerly; for in the year 1895 the cost to the city of Boston was only about 28 cents per bill. The present cost is more than double.

The commission notes, in the next place, that there is not a proper distribution of labor, or any adequate supervision of the same.

No definite work is assigned to the deputies beyond the general ward assignments, and they make no daily reports. Sometimes they do not report for a whole week, and in the meantime they hold the cash collected by them. In some instances cash has been held for over a year. Men customarily absent themselves for hours without asking permission or giving explanation. The office is open under the present ordinances for the receipt of taxes only from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., and after the latter hour there is a general slackening of discipline and relaxation of attention to business. The number of general clerks is excessive. The expense accounts are not so classified as to give the totals of each kind of expense.

The practice of waiving the payment of interest and costs on the tax bills of delinquents should be brought to an abrupt end. The commission is informed that for a number of years past interest and costs have been waived for purely political and personal reasons, and without justification in law or in fact. In one case, in November, 1906, a member of the Common Council brought in five 1905 tax bills, aggregating \$1886.86, upon which a year's interest of over \$100 was waived. The Collector stated that he did not know the reason for this waiver, and he had no excuse to offer, except that he had followed the practice of former years. In another instance a 1905 tax bill for \$179.20 was paid on April 25, 1907, interest and costs being waived. A citizen who learned the fact protested, and the Collector thereupon obtained the opinion of the Corporation Counsel in which it was stated that a city official "who departs from the orders or directions given for the conduct of his office must be prepared to justify to the City Council or the Mayor, if inquiry is made, and give a sufficient reason why he did not follow his instructions." Revised Laws, Chapter 12, Section 72, provides that "interest shall be added to and be a part of" the taxes, and in the case of *Needham vs. Norton*, 146 Massachusetts 476, 480, the Supreme Judicial Court said "it would not be doubted, in case of a Collector paid by a fixed salary, that the city would be entitled to insist upon the collection of the sums of interest due from individual taxpayers, and the payment of them to the treasurer."

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Commission makes the following recommendations:

1. That definite work be assigned to the deputy collectors in the field; and that they be required to make daily reports and also to turn in daily to the office the money received by them. The results of their work should be tabulated in order that the active should

be placed in line for promotion and the inactive dropped from the service. No absenteeism should be tolerated except for reasons stated to the Collector and approved by him.

2. The method of book-keeping should be changed and all sums due as interest and costs entered so that upon the day of payment of any bill the amount of the tax, and the interest and costs due on that day shall appear, as also the amount collected, the amount abated and the reason for the abatement. These figures should also appear on the Collector's daily returns to the Treasurer and Auditor and should be checked and proven by the Auditor.

3. The office should be open for the collection of taxes from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.

4. Expense accounts should be so classified as to show each kind of expense, and the number, amount and class of bills assessed and collected. This would give needed information as to the cost of administration, and afford a basis for judging the efficiency of individual work.

5. "Outlook" envelopes should be used for all mail except printed circulars, thereby saving the time occupied in placing addresses upon the envelopes now in use.

6. The number of deputy collectors should be reduced by fifteen, and their work in the office performed by clerks. The remaining fifteen deputies would have double the territory to cover, but would have ample time to do it. The number of general clerks could be reduced to ten, who, with the fifteen clerks employed to replace the fifteen deputy collectors, could easily handle the office work except for comparatively short periods, during which extra men could be temporarily employed on a per diem basis.

In reducing the number of deputies and clerks the older employees should be preferred, other things being equal.

7. All the employees of the department should be placed under the civil service laws, as the reason for the exemption no longer exists; the bond formerly required to be given by the Collector as a guaranty for his subordinates being now furnished through a surety company at the city's expense.

8. The Collector should be appointed to hold office for an indeterminate period subject only to removal by the Mayor. This would be in substance an extension of the law now applicable to the tenure of teachers and school officials. Prior to 1889 school teachers were elected annually, and practically they rarely failed of re-election; but the theoretical uncertainty was found to be so hurtful that the law of 1886 (Chapter 313) authorizing the change was availed of, and since 1889 all teachers have after a period of probation been elected to a practically permanent tenure, subject only to removal by the School Committee. In 1906 (Chapter 318) the Legislature also provided that the Secretary, Auditor and Business Agent of the School Committee should be elected to hold office until removal.

9. The salary of the Collector should be reduced from \$7500 to the former salary of \$5000, as neither the quantity of work nor the character or responsibility of it require any larger compensation.

The Commission finds that the methods employed in the Collecting Department are antiquated, unbusinesslike and wasteful; that taking advantage of the fact that the employees of the

department are exempt from the civil service rules, recent administrations, particularly the present one, have for political purposes increased the number of employees far beyond the needs of the service; and that by this means the expenditures of the department have increased in the past ten years three times as much as the increase in work.

If the reforms herein recommended are made the expenditures of the department can be reduced to \$120,000, a saving of \$40,000 per annum, as compared with the present scale of expenditure. This sum of \$40,000 could be more profitably devoted to necessary work in our schools or upon the streets.

The Commission believes that these reforms can and should be carried out without difficulty and at once, particularly the reduction in the unnecessarily large force now employed by the department.

In advising this reduction, and the other economies suggested, the aggregate effect of which would be a saving of at least \$40,000 a year in the total expenses of the department, the Commission has not lost sight of the fact that the city is not a purely commercial corporation, and it has not sought to erect an impracticable standard of economy. A large commercial company would undoubtedly do the work of the Collecting Department for less than \$100,000 per annum. A political corporation, such as the city of Boston, cannot reasonably be expected to manage all its affairs with the same economy as a well managed private company. But if the city of Boston could under three successive and different political administrations, ten to twelve years ago, manage the Collecting Department for about \$92,000 per annum, it ought to find no difficulty at the present time in doing 25 per cent. more work in this department at an expense 30 per cent. greater.

The Commission has been assisted in its investigation by expert accountants whose report is on file at this office, where it may be consulted.

Appended hereto will be found certain tables:

Appendix A shows the percentage of the taxes on real and personal property collected by the department during the fiscal year since the same was made to terminate on Jan. 21. Appendix B shows the percentage of poll taxes collected during each fiscal year since the abolition of the poll tax as a prerequisite for voting. Appendix C shows the expenditures of the department for each year since 1884-5. Appendix D shows the changes in the number of employees affected year by year since 1884.

This report is devoted to a consideration of the practical reforms immediately necessary in the management of the Collecting Department. The advisability of other changes in the methods of administration, such as the consolidation of the Treasury, Auditing and Collecting Departments, the establishment of an office or board charged with the duties of a comptroller, the insufficiency of the present auditing system, the desirability of introducing the system of voucher checks, the so-called uniform system of municipal accounting, and the general question of salaries is being considered by the Commission, and will be reported on when the Commission finds itself able to do so.

Respectfully submitted,
By the Finance Commission,
By N. Matthews, Chairman.

APPENDIX A—PROPERTY TAX COLLECTIONS.

Collections to the close of each fiscal year (Jan. 31), on account of the warrants for taxes on real and personal property issued during that year.

Fiscal Year	Per ct. Collec'd	Per ct. Abated	Per cent. Uncollected at close of the yr.
1891-92	88.88	0.72	10.40
1892-93	90.11	0.83	9.06
1893-94	88.10	0.87	11.03
1894-95	88.93	0.79	10.28
1895-96	87.90	0.69	11.41
1896-97	87.04	0.72	12.24
1897-98	87.10	0.62	12.28
1898-99	86.51	0.63	12.86
1899-00	85.31	0.65	14.04
1900-01	86.96	0.85	13.09
1901-02	86.39	0.71	12.99
1902-03	85.75	0.73	13.52
1903-04	85.04	0.77	14.18
1904-05	85.018	0.76	14.222
1905-06	85-281	0.69	14.05
1906-07	86.085	.814	13.10

APPENDIX D—COLLECTING DEPARTMENT.

Changes in the Number of Employees.

Calendar Yr.	Numbr Retired	Numbr Aynt'c	Net Chngs. In numbr.
1885	3	3	0
1886	1	0	-1
1887	0	3	3
1888	0	0	0
1889	3	2	-1
1890	1	4	3
1891	2	9	7
1892	0	0	0
1893	4	4	0
1894	1	5	4
1895	0	0	0
1896	5	5	0
1897	5	6	1
1898	3	2	-1
1899	1	4	3
1900	13	11	-2
1901	17	11	-6
1902	1	23	22
1903	2	2	0
1904	3	3	0
1905	3	0	0
1906	7	21	14
1907 to June 1	1	6	5

APPENDIX B, POLL TAX COLLECTIONS.

Fiscal year.	Total warrants issued during the year.	On the warrants for the year.	On the warrants for the preceding year.	On warrants for other years.	Total collections during the year of warrants for the year	Per cent of total collections
1892-3	286,441.50	98,212.50	23,114.50	1,057	122,384	.429
1893-4	290,350.00	84,047.00	33,379.00	247	118,173	.407
1894-5	286,892.00	93,145.00	41,231.00	1,231	135,607	.773
1895-6	294,710.00	82,793.00	31,833.00	477	125,103	.424
1896-7	311,820.00	84,672.00	29,185.00	358	114,215	.366
1897-8	323,994.00	79,102.00	30,969.00	188	110,259	.340
1898-9	321,878.00	71,077.00	27,693.00	262	99,032	.307
1899-0	333,582.00	69,990.00	24,062.00	538	94,590	.283
1900-1	344,906.00	75,637.00	28,763.00	1,816	106,221	.308
1901-2	351,924.00	74,185.00	33,326.00	1,398	108,909	.309
1902-3	351,236.00	68,087.00	29,912.00	688	98,687	.281
1903-4	357,878.00	68,932.00	34,785.00	810	104,527	.292
1904-5	363,002.00	64,660.00	34,122.00	853	99,634	.274
1905-6	366,854.00	64,920.00	30,962.00	870	96,752	.263
1906-7	367,106.00	80,889.00	95,910.00	1,332	178,131	.485

APPENDIX C—ANNUAL EXPENDITURES.

Fiscal Year.	Amount
1885-6	\$52,835.96
1886-7	53,939.40
1887-8	58,656.31
1888-9	60,798.69
1889-90	61,561.58
1890-1	71,504.63
1891-2	63,661.66
1892-3	84,399.40
1893-4	85,998.08
1894-5	91,062.60
1895-6	92,693.72
1896-7	93,000.09
1897-8	97,470.73
1898-9	105,000.00
1899-00	103,500.00
1900-1	113,279.66
1901-2	119,072.96
1902-3	129,998.88
1903-4	125,950.00
1904-5	134,996.34
1905-6	134,927.52
1906-7	134,983.16
1907-8 (appropriation)	160,000.00

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

PROJECTIONS.

Ald. Baldwin, for the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.) submitted report on petitions to project signs, etc., referred today, recommending that leave be granted, as follows:

J. B. Landy, sign at 2132 Washington St., Wd. 17.

Timothy Murphy, political transparency at 2½ Charter St., Wd. 6.

Boston Electric Vaudeville Co., electric sign at 136-138 Court St., Wd. 6.

J. W. Blake, electric sign, at 38 Eliot St., Wd. 7.

E. W. Clark, gas arc lamp, at 672 Centre St., Wd. 22.

A. H. Tripp, electric sign at corner Ashmont St. and Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24.

Peter D. McQuaid, gas arc lamp at 1542 Tremont St., Wd. 19.

Frank Princiotta, barber pole sign, at 18 Broadway, Wd. 13.

R. E. Morris, illuminated druggist mortar at 127 Broadway, South Boston.

Jeremiah J. Delaney, illuminated sign, at 75 Concord St., Wd. 12.

H. Robbins & Co., wooden sign, at 3 Causeway St., Wd. 8.

Barnard Weinberg, 2 signs at 7 Salem St., Wd. 6.

Edward F. Estes Piano Company, electric sign at 278A Tremont St.

S. Allario, illuminated sign at 120 Bedford St., Wd. 7.

Miss L. Nichols, electric sign at 160B Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Joseph E. Itrato, illuminated sign at 35 Traverse St., Wd. 6.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

Also a report recommending leave to withdraw on the petition of Lazarus Weiner, for leave to project six iron hooks from which to suspend merchandise at 368 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Report accepted.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. CURLEY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:

(1) Report on petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts (referred Oct. 21), to relocate pole—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by J. A. McCoy; said poles to be located as follows: Second St., corner of O St., Wd. 14; number of poles, one; height and diameter of pole not to exceed 50 feet by 16 inches; width of sidewalk, 8 feet; date of plan, Oct. 17, 1907.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Second St. one pole shown by a black cross on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in Chapter 33, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said pole to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed under a suspension of the rule.

(2) Report on petition of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston (referred today), for leave to relocate pole—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendents of Streets, made by G. A. Fuller; said pole to be located as follows: O St., between East Second and East Third Sts., Wd. 14; number of poles, one; height and diameter of pole not to exceed 50 feet by 15 inches; width of sidewalk, 8 feet; date of plan, Oct. 25, 1907.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from O St. one pole shown by a white dot on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in Chapter 33, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing

said pole to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed under a suspension of the rule.

LICENSES.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

Reports recommending that permits be granted on the following petitions, referred today:

Dennis McGuire, for a permit for Florence M. McGuire, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Bowdoin Square Theatre during the week beginning Oct. 28th.

Mrs. H. M. Perry, for a permit for Lizzie Glover and others under 15 years of age, to appear at the City Point M. E. Church, corner L and 5th Sts., on Nov. 6th, 1907.

Reports accepted; permits granted on usual conditions.

Also reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to eight newsboys.

Reports accepted; licenses granted on usual conditions.

FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, submitted reports recommending that leave be granted to use Faneuil Hall on the following petitions:

William Monroe Trotter (referred Oct. 14), Dec. 17, day and evening.

W. D. Johnson and others (referred Oct. 14), evening of Nov. 7.

James R. Dunbar (referred today), evening of Nov. 25.

The Music Trustees (referred today), evening of Nov. 26.

Reports accepted; leave granted on usual conditions.

CLAIMS.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Claims, submitted reports recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, as follows:

Ralph T. Knights (referred from last year), for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Centre St., Aug. 20, 1904.

Jeanette Vennell (referred from last year), for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Massachusetts Ave., March 2, 1904.

Frank J. Markey (referred from last year), for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Tremont St., Aug. 6, 1905.

Ethel May Rose (referred from last year), for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in River St., Aug. 20, 1906.

Margaret McCormack (referred from last year), for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect on G St., March 2, 1905.

John E. Fitzgerald (referred from last year), for compensation for injury to horse caused by an alleged defect in Hayward Pl., Aug. 1, 1905.

Clogher & Mulrenin (referred from last year), for compensation for damage to property caused by an alleged defect in Columbus Ave., Feb. 13, 1905.

Charles I. Brooks (referred from last year), for compensation for damage to wagon caused by an alleged defect in Brook St., July 27, 1903.

Samuel Neil (referred from last year), to be repaid \$413 alleged to have been erroneously paid for a sewer assessment.

Samuel Neil (referred from last year), to be repaid \$375 alleged to have been erroneously paid for edgestone assessment.

L. M. Johnson (referred from last year), for compensation for damage to property at 56 Cambridge St., caused by fire apparatus.

Malachi L. Jennings (referred from last year), for compensation for damage to estate 56 Cambridge St., caused by fire apparatus.

Christopher J. Halligan (referred from last year), for compensation for damage to property caused by an alleged defect in Fairland St., Dec. 6th, 1901.

Vianna J. Tebbetts (referred from last year), for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Centre St., Aug. 30, 1904.

Michael E. Gaddis (referred from last year), for compensation for injuries caused by a fall at 50 Mt. Vernon St., Roxbury.

Frank D. Knights (referred from last year), for compensation for injuries and damages caused by an alleged defect in Centre St., Aug. 30, 1904.

Belle Knights (referred from last year), for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Centre St., Aug. 30, 1904.

Reports accepted; petitioners severally given leave to withdraw.

CLERK HIRE, SUPREME COURT.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted a report on the order (referred Oct. 7) that there be allowed the further sum of \$700 for clerk hire in the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court, to be charged to the appropriation for County of Suffolk—recommending that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

CHELSEA PROBATION OFFICER.

Ald. Clark, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted a report on the communication from the Justice of the Police Court of Chelsea (referred Sept. 25), determining the salary of probation officer of said court—recommending the passage of the following order:

Ordered—That the salary of the Probation Officer of the Police Court of Chelsea determined by the Justice of said Court at \$1500 per annum, beginning Oct. 1, 1907, be and the same hereby is approved; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for County of Suffolk.

Report accepted; said order passed.

REMOVAL AND TRIMMING OF TREES.

Ald. DRAPER offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree now standing in the sidewalk at the northerly corner of Waunbeck and Harold Sts., Wd. 21; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. BELL presented the petition of Thomas G. Buckley for removal of shade tree at 23 Magnolia St., Wd. 16.

In connection with the petition Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a shade tree opposite 23 Magnolia St., Wd. 16, said tree being within the lines of a street known as Wellington road, which it is desired to open for travel; the ex-

pense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to have removed a tree in front of estate numbered 222 Harvard St., Dorchester; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to have removed two trees in front of estate numbered 43 Cedar St., Wd. 24; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of 148 Webster St. and one standing in front of 252 Webster St., East Boston; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Ground Department.

Ald. CLARK offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim two trees standing in front of estate 27 Ashmont St., Wd. 24; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Orders severally passed.

CLEANING OF SCHOOL SIDEWALKS.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Superintendent of Street Cleaning and Watering to see that the provisions of Chapter 1 of the Ordinances of 1906, which relate to his department, are carried out so far as they relate to keeping all sidewalks in front of or around city school buildings free from snow and ice during the coming winter season.

Passed.

GUARD RAIL ON BRIDGE.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to provide a suitable iron guard or rail on Harvard St., Wd. 20, at the bridge over the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Company, the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Street Improvements.

Passed.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The CHAIR called up No. 11, unfinished business, viz.:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz.:

11. Daniel F. Doherty, Walter D. McAvoy, Orville R. Cooper, Frederick R. Young, to be Weighers of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1908.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Baldwin and Clark. Whole number of ballots cast, 11; yes, 11; and the appointments were confirmed.

RECESS.

The Board voted, at 4:15 P. M., on motion of Ald. BANGS, to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by Ald. BERWIN at 4:48 P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Chairman BERWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions referred today recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining and to be from five to twelve feet in width, owners to furnish material, in front of the following estates:

P. O'Hearn, 23 Arcadia St., Wd. 20, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.
Gabriele Stabile and another, 271-277 North St., Wd. 6, artificial stone.

Boston Elevated Railway Company, 365-371 Commercial St., Wd. 6, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

A. E. Angier, 241 Brighton Ave., Wd. 25, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Sirk & Alpert, 29 and 31 Homestead St., Wd. 21, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

I. Shapira, 361-365 Washington St., artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Boston Wharf Company, 337-347 Summer St., Wd. 13, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

William Duff, 987 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Andrew Foley, 15 Dean St., Wd. 16, brick, with granite edgestone.

James H. Curry, 76 Francis St., Wd. 19, brick.

I. Shapira, 361-365 Washington St., Wd. 25, brick.

J. Goldberg, 820-822 Saratoga St., Wd. 1, brick, with granite edgestone.

Patrick Meehan, 3401 Washington St., Wd. 23, brick, with granite edgestone.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

(2) Report on the petition of the Ward 16 Democratic Committee (referred today) for leave to discharge fireworks in front of 20 Mt. Vernon St., Dorchester, on Nov. 1, 2 and 4, 1907—Recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on petition of M. H. Gulesian (referred today), recommending the passage of an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to M. H. Gulesian to lay, maintain and use three iron pipes 1½-inch each, with screw covers attached thereto, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate on the northerly side of Harcourt St., Wd. 11; the work to be completed on or before Jan. 4, 1908, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Report on message of the Mayor relative to hiring of Chandler's pond by the Park Commissioners for skating

ing purposes (referred today)—recommending that the same be placed on file.

The question came on accepting the report.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, the Park Commissioners state that the reason why they could not hire Chandler's Pond was on account of lack of appropriation. But, as the Finance Committee today has transferred \$31,000 from the Reserve Fund to the Park Department, I wish to call the attention of his Honor the Mayor and of the Park Commission to the importance of granting this request, because, if we are not granted this request in Brighton this year, owing to changes in the North Brighton playground we will have no place for skating purposes. This order simply calls for an expenditure of \$200 to hire Chandler's Pond. Therefore, I wish, without introducing another order, to call the attention of his Honor the Mayor and the Park Commissioners to the importance of granting this request.

The report was accepted and the communication was placed on file.

NEXT MEETING.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Monday, Nov. 11, 1907, at 3 o'clock P. M., and that hearings under orders of notice assigned to a prior date be postponed accordingly.

Passed.

LOCATION OF COMMERCIAL SCHOOL.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the School Committee be requested by this Board to consider the advisability of locating the new Commercial High School in the vicinity of the Dudley St. Elevated Station, Wd. 17.

Passed.

AMOUNT FOR ARCHITECTS' SERVICES.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Schoolhouse Commission, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to this Board the amounts paid for architects' services on school construction from 1900 to 1907, and to whom paid.

Passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. BANGS, the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. WOODS, at 5:10 P. M., to meet on Monday, Nov. 11, at 3 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, Oct. 31, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock, P. M., President BARRETT in the Chair.

There being no objection, the President received the following orders out of the regular order of business:

REPORT FROM FINANCE COMMISSION.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Finance Commission be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to furnish the City Council, without delay, with a verbatim report of all its hearings, executive or otherwise, and of all votes taken therein; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, incidental expenses.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, in support of that order I will say that I am informed that most of the hearings, so-called, of the Finance Commission are star chamber hearings, behind closed doors; that persons being investigated are excluded from the hearings; that unfavorable testimony of persons being investigated is, in the giving out of the statements to the press, elaborated upon; that testimony favorable to persons being investigated is suppressed; that the votes taken by this Commission are taken in secret. The actions of the Finance Commission are, to say the least, suspicious. A considerable sum of money has been appropriated for this Commission, and it seems to me it should let the public, whose money it is spending and in whose interest it pretends to be working, know just what it is doing. I sincerely hope that the order will be referred to His Honor the Mayor and then sent to the Finance Commission, and that this body will receive a speedy answer.

The order was referred to the Mayor. Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11 in the chair.

INFORMATION ASKED FROM FINANCE COMMISSION.

Mr. McCULLOUGH offered an order—That the Finance Commission be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to furnish the Common Council at its next meeting with the following information:

1. The names, residences and salaries of their employees.
2. By whom appointed and upon whose recommendation.
3. Their residences when appointed.
4. Whether or not the names of said employees were certified to by the Civil Service Commission.
5. The number of hours said employees are compelled to work per day.
6. The amount of money spent for refreshments and entertainments by the Finance Commission.
7. An itemized statement of the amount of money spent for transportation.
8. An itemized statement of the amount of money spent for expert service and labor, outside of the regular employees.

9. Whether or not the members of the Finance Commission have voted themselves salaries, and, if so, how much for each member.

Referred to the Mayor.

EXPENDITURES OF FINANCE COMMISSION.

Mr. McCULLOUGH offered an order—That the City Auditor be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to furnish the Common Council at its next meeting with an itemized statement of all expenditures for any purpose by the so-called Finance Commission.

Referred to the Mayor.

AUTHORITY OF FINANCE COMMISSION.

Mr. McCULLOUGH offered an order—That the Corporation Counsel be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to furnish the Common Council at its next meeting with the following information:

Whether or not the Finance Commission has any legal authority to spend public money for entertainment or refreshments for said Commission, and as to whether or not the Commissioners have a legal right to vote themselves salaries.

Referred to the Mayor.

NEXT MEETING.

Mr. McCULLOUGH offered an order—That when this Council adjourns it be to meet again subject to the call of the President.

Passed. Mr. McCULLOUGH moved to reconsider; lost.

DEPARTMENT CONSOLIDATIONS.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11 offered an order—That the Corporation Counsel, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to give to the City Council his opinions upon the following questions: 1. Has the City Council the legal power to consolidate the Park and Public Grounds Departments? 2. Would the following proposed amendments to the ordinances, if enacted, be legal?

(a) An Ordinance Repealing Chapter 33 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 and Merging the Public Grounds Department in the Park Department.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 33 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, establishing the Public Grounds Department, and defining the duties thereof, is hereby repealed.

Section 2. Chapter 28 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"Section 2. The said Board of Park Commissioners shall also have the care and superintendence of the public grounds and of all trees belonging to the city; shall trim all shade trees standing in streets, so that they will not interfere with public travel; shall carry out all orders of the Board of Aldermen, made after public notice and hearing, to remove trees standing in the streets, and shall cause all statutes and ordinances for the protection of trees, shrubs and flowers in the public grounds and streets to be strictly observed. They shall also have and exercise the same powers over

the public grounds that they do over the parks and playgrounds, as enumerated in Section 1."

(b.) An Ordinance Amending Section 1 of Chapter 2 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 2 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by striking out the words "the superintendent of public grounds."

(c.) An Ordinance Amending Section 5 of Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

Section 1. Section 5 of Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by striking out the words "the Superintendent of Public Grounds, four thousand dollars."

(d.) An Ordinance Amending Section 4 of Chapter 1 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

Section 1. Section 4 of Chapter 1 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by inserting the word "formerly" between the words "public lands" and the word "placed" in the second line of the sub-division marked "Fifth."

(e.) An ordinance Amending Section 68 of Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

Section 1. Section 68 of Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by striking out the words "Superintendent of Public Grounds" and inserting in place thereof the following words: "Park Commissioners."

2. What would be the effect of the enactment of the above proposed amendments to the ordinances?

Referred to the Mayor.

REMOVAL OF TRACKS.

Mr. DRISCOLL of Wd. 9 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause the tracks between Adams St. and Eliot St. to be removed when the Washington St. subway is completed.

Referred to the Mayor.

HOURS OF HOTEL, ETC., EMPLOYEES.

Mr. DRISCOLL of Wd. 9 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to cause an investigation to be made as to the observance of the laws regulating the hours of labor for women and minors employed in hotels and restaurants in the city of Boston.

Passed.

FIRE ENGINE--WINTHROP ST.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, Oct. 31, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner in answer to your order in regard to the advisability of maintaining a fire engine in the Winthrop St. quarters, Charlestown.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Fire Department, Oct. 23, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Sir:—Replying to the enclosed order, I quote from Fire Department Reports of 1905-6 and 1906-7:

"The present combination wagon house on Winthrop St., Charlestown, should be remodelled and a large-sized engine placed therein to protect the very important Charlestown water front and Navy Yard."

This recommendation was also made by the National Board of Fire Underwriters after their examination of the department two years ago.

Yours respectfully,

Benjamin W. Wells,
Commissioner.

Placed on file.

BAND STAND, NORTH SQUARE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Oct. 31, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Music Department in answer to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of erecting a permanent band stand in North Square, Wd. 6.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor

City of Boston,

Music Department, Oct. 29, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:—Replying to an order of the Common Council, dated Oct. 17, which reads: "Ordered, That the Music Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to transmit to the Common Council an estimate of the cost of erecting a permanent band stand in North Sq., Wd. 6." I am directed to state that the price of band stands varies according to size, location and materials; but that in our judgment a plain but substantial covered pavilion, accommodating 35 musicians, could be built in North Sq. for \$1000.

There is no part of the city in which such a structure, if feasible, would be more appreciated, as there is none in which band music is so genuinely popular.

Respectfully yours,

Edwin A. Franklin, Chairman.

Placed on file.

Mr. ANDERSON of Wd. 10 called up No. 30, an assignment, viz.:

20. Ordered, That there be erected in South Boston an armory of the first class sufficient in size to accommodate at least four companies of the Naval Brigade and battalion headquarters, and the Armory Commissioners of the Commonwealth be, and are hereby requested, to construct said armory at an expense not to exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, as provided in Chapter 405 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1905, and Section 9, Chapter 504, of the Acts of the Legislature of 1906.

Before any action was taken on the order, Mr. McCARTHY of Wd. 8 said: Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order. There not being a quorum present, I don't see how we can do business.

By direction of the Chair, the members arose and remained standing until counted, and it appeared that 22 were present.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 asked for a roll call, which the Council refused to order.

The CHAIR—Twenty-two members, or less than a quorum, being present, the Council stands adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

Adjourned at 8:10 P. M., subject to the call of the President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

MONDAY, Nov. 11, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Ald. BERWIN, senior member, presiding. Absent—Ald. Curley.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. BELL, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

JURORS DRAWN.

Five petit jurors were drawn for the United States Circuit Court, to appear Tuesday, Nov. 12, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 514, Acts of 1894, viz.:

Albert D. Hardy, Wd. 12; William T. Hanna, Wd. 18; James F. McCusker, Wd. 1; Michael J. Landers, Wd. 20; James F. Coleman, Wd. 12.

EXTENSION OF ELEVATED STRUCTURE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Nov. 8, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith, in order that they may be placed in the files of the City Clerk, the following plans of the proposed extension of the elevated structure of the Boston Elevated Railway Company at Forest Hills:

(1) No. 25,211, showing proposed typical construction of Forest Hills extension.

(2) No. 26,864, showing proposed layout for loading and unloading platform structures for elevated trains at the Forest Hills station.

(3) No. 26,866, showing proposed layout for loading and unloading platform structures for surface cars at the Forest Hills station.

(4) No. 26,867, showing special construction at Arborway of the Forest Hills extension.

(5) No. 26,868, showing proposed elevated and subway construction at the Forest Hills station.

The above plans have been approved by me under the provisions of Chapter 500 of the Acts of 1897, as amended by Chapter 519 of the Acts of 1907, as to architectural appearance and obstruction to light and air.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The Mayor submitted the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board, viz.:

(1) William F. Swain (223 Hamilton St., Wd. 20), and Timothy J. Mullen (443 East Seventh St., Wd. 15), Constables of the city of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1908.

(2) William P. Fraser (49 Brook Ave., Wd. 17), a Weigher of Coal, Measurer of Wood and Bark and an Inspector of Lime for the term ending April 30, 1908.

(3) James H. Donovan, (81 Washington St., Wd. 5), James K. Farry

(60 Washington St., Wd. 5), Charles Boardman Harris (14 Kensington Ave., East Somerville), Frank C. Howe (6 Pleasant Ave., Somerville), Albert A. McCarthy (54 Pearson Ave., West Somerville), James C. McMahon (2 Charles St., East Somerville), George H. Mowers (33 Ivaloe St., Somerville), Edwin F. Tarbox (9 Carver St., Somerville), John P. Tully (15 Baxter St., Melrose), Inspectors of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw for the term ending April 30, 1908.

(4) Frank Hillard Sargent (16 Dighton St., Wd. 25), to be an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw for the term ending April 30, 1908.

Frank Hillard Sargent (16 Dighton St., Wd. 25), to be a Measurer of Grain for the term ending April 30, 1908.

Severally laid over, under the law.

HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for license to store and keep for use gasoline on its premises on Allerton St., Wd. 17.

Not having advertised in accordance with law, the petitioner was given leave to withdraw.

2. On petition of Celia Urofsky for leave to project a marquise at the entrance to the Hotel Imperial, 402-404 Market St., Wd. 25.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Electric Wires.

3. On petition of the Boston & Revere Electric Street Railway Company, the Boston & Northern Street Railway Company, lessee, assenting to and joining therein, for a location for a cross-over on Bennington St., near Leyden St., and for locations for two cross-overs on Walley St., near Gladstone St., with the right to use the overhead electric system thereon.

No objections. Recommitted to the Committee on Railroads.

4. On petition of Nathan Tufts & Sons for leave to construct an extension of a private railroad on Clinton place, Wd. 4.

Patrick Halfpenny, 4 Clinton Pl., Alfred Pestell, owner of property adjoining, and Dennis Banfield, 5 Clinton Pl., appeared and objected to the granting of the petition.

No further objections. Recommitted to the Committee on Railroads.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and returned to the committees named, viz.:

Building Department (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

J. Katz, a V sign, at 37 Salem St., Wd. 6.

C. Francesco, a sign, at 103 Court St., Wd. 6.

A. H. Robie, an illuminated sign, at 66 Bowdoin St., Wd. 6.

Star Amusement Co., an electric sign, at 5 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Julius A. Zinn, an electric sign, at 2 Beacon St., Wd. 6.

John Weisberg, an illuminated sign, at 53 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Joe Itrato, an electric sign, at 35 Traverse St., Wd. 6.

Abraham Goldstein, a wooden sign, at 870 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 20.

S. Alario, an illuminated sign, at 120 Bedford St., Wd. 7.

The Priscilla Publishing Company, a wooden sign, at 85 Broad St., corner Battery-march St., Wd. 7.

Hub Jewelry Repairing Company, an illuminated sign, at 7 Province St., Wd. 7.

Richard Connor & Son, an illuminated sign, at 95 Friend St., Wd. 6.

American Automatic Amusement Company, an illuminated sign, at 581 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Merlino & Co., a sign, at 364 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Aliot & Leonard, a sign, at 111 Franklin St., Wd. 7.

Robert T. Carey, an illuminated sign, at 364 Washington St., Wd. 7.

De Wolfe, Fisk & Co., an electric sign, at 24 Franklin St., Wd. 7.

Howard S. Moy, an illuminated sign, at 19 Essex St., Wd. 7.

Charles Wirth & Co., an illuminated sign, at 9 Harrison Ave., Wd. 7.

W. C. Mayo & Co., an illuminated sign, at 148 Summer St., Wd. 7.

Jaeger & Reinhard, an electric sign, at 1182 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

J. Kelley, an electric sign, at 14 Bowdoin St., Wd. 8.

Dr. Willett S. Connors, a sign, at 16 Dover St., Wd. 9.

Downes Lumber Co., a sign, at 482 Harrison Ave., Wd. 9.

Lewando's French Dyeing & Cleansing Company, an illuminated sign, at 284 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

Dr. W. J. Cavanaugh, a sign, at 159 Broadway, Wd. 13.

W. J. and F. A. Burke, a gas arc lamp, at 122 Harvard St., Wd. 20.

Paul A. Rauhaut, a wooden clock sign, at 682 Centre St., Wd. 22.

A. E. Zetterman, a political transparency, at 22 Franklin St., Wd. 25.

Claims.

Mabel C. Bernard, to be paid for expense of repairing drains broken by agents of the city, at 25 Eldon St., Wd. 20.

Benny Klien, for compensation for injuries caused by his being run into by a city automobile.

Patrick H. Moore et al., for compensation for damages to horse and wagon by being run into by a city cart.

Isaac Smith, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in front of No. 450 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

John Sullivan, for compensation for damages to estate No. 36 Morris St., by a defective sewer.

D. Casolita, for compensation for injuries caused by one of the city carts.

Mary E. Bresnihan, for compensation for personal injuries caused by an alleged defect at junction of Washington St. and Norfolk Pl., Wd. 7.

George H. Smith, for compensation for personal injuries to his daughter from alleged defect in Dorchester Ave., Oct. 31, 1907.

James A. Russell, for compensation for damages on account of defect in Glenway St., Wd. 20.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Adjutant General State of Massachusetts, for the use of Faneuil Hall on January 13, 14, 15, 1908, day and evening.

Frederick W. Bliss, noon of Nov. 8.

Electric Wires.

Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, for leave to erect and to remove one pole, at Calumet St., near St. Alphonsus St., Wd. 19.

Petitions of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, for leave to erect poles, viz.:

Two poles on Monmouth St., Wd. 1.

Three poles on Trenton St., Wd. 1.

One pole on Worthington St., Wd. 19.

Licenses.

W. C. Masson, manager, for permit

for Gladys Parker, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Castle Square Theatre for the week ending Nov. 4.

Public Improvements.

Petitions for sidewalks:

William E. Brown, 87 Homer St., Wd. 1, brick, with granite edgestone.

Ira M. Clay, 1159-1163 Washington St., Wd. 24, brick, with granite edgestone.

Hannah Craddock, 413-413A, 415, 415A Neponset Ave., Wd. 24, brick, with granite edgestone.

William A. Whittemore, 7-11 Glendale St., Wd. 20, gravel, with granite edgestone.

L. Laboritz, 193-197 Howard Ave., Wd. 16, brick, with granite edgestone.

Francis J. McCauley, 145-147 Falcon St., Wd. 1, brick, with granite edgestone.

C. A. Hall, 156-156A Norfolk St., Wd. 24, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

D. E. Farley, 61 Charlotte St., corner Bradshaw St., Wd. 20, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Harvard Building Association, 77-77A, 79, 81 Harvard St., Wd. 20, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Mrs. T. S. Pitt, 23-27 Harvard St., Wd. 20, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Israel Shapira, 35-37 Elmo St., Wd. 20, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Joseph J. Comfrey, to display fireworks in front of municipal building on Columbia Rd., on the evening of Nov. 2, 1907.

William Duff, to lay a 1¼-inch pipe under sidewalk at 985 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20.

Charles E. Wyzanski, trustee, to construct two pole hole openings in sidewalk at 68-70 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Cushing Real Estate Trust, to place patent sidewalk covers over areas at 25 Temple Pl., Wd. 7.

John L. Withrow, executor, to lay 1¼-inch iron pipe under and across the sidewalk at 682-684 Dudley St., Wd. 16.

William H. Tucker, to construct an area at 907 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

Board of Health.

John W. Johnson, M. D., for license to maintain a lying-in hospital at 20 Worcester St.

Railroads.

West End Street Railway Company, for extension of time in which to lay double tracks at Dudley St., etc., under 261st location.

Superintendent of Public Grounds, Bessie Siskind, for removal of trees at 332 Washington St., and 7 Woodside St., Wd. 22.

PAPER FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

5. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to cause an investigation to be made as to the observance of the laws regulating the hours of labor for women and minors employed in hotels and restaurants in the city of Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

There being no objection the Board voted, on motion of Ald. DRAPER, to consider Nos. 6 and 7, unfinished business, together, viz.:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor:

6. John F. Welch, to be a Constable; and

7. John A. Cousens, James B. Dana, Roger S. Hodge and Dennis F. Navien, to be Weighers of Coal; all for the term ending April 30, 1908.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Woods and Bell. Whole number of ballots cast 8, yes 8, and the several appointments were confirmed.

COAL AND COKE LICENSES.

A list of coal and coke licenses granted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth was received.

Placed on file.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notices were received from the Harbor and Land Commissioners of a hearing, Nov. 13, on petition of the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal Company for license to build an extension of its wharf on South Channel, Mystic river, and of hearing, Nov. 16, on petition of Lawrence & Wiggin of Boston for license to build bulkhead and fill solid in Mystic river.

Placed on file.

ACCEPTANCE OF LOCATIONS.

Notices were received from the West End Street Railway Company accepting 271st and 272d locations and agreeing to comply with the conditions contained therein.

Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF PLANS.

Notices were received from the Railroad Commissioners of hearing Nov. 7th on petition of the Boston Elevated Railway Company for approval of plans Nos. 26,869 to 26,877, inclusive, and 25,521, showing form and method of construction and location of its proposed railway from Lechmere Sq. in Cambridge to its structure in Causeway St., and a connection subway and Washington St. tunnel, and of approval of plans Nos. 28,500, 28,252, 27,721, 27,791, 27,924, 27,629, 27,630, 27,653, showing proposed changes in elevated structures, platforms and stations, etc., at Northampton St., Beach St.; also extending to Oct. 1, 1909, time for West End Street Railway Company to maintain grade crossing of its track in Neponset Ave., over tracks in Neponset Ave. of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co.

Severally placed on file.

GASOLINE LICENSE DISAPPROVED.

Notice was received from the Fire Commissioner of disapproval of the petition of estate of Estelle P. Clarke, for license to store and keep for use gasoline at 33 Bay State Rd., Wd. 11.

The Board granted leave to withdraw on said petition.

GASOLINE LICENSES—ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions, viz.: Jamaica Plain Automobile Company, for license to store and keep for sale gasoline at 403 South Huntington Ave. and Barbara St.

Copley Square Garage Company, to store and keep for sale gasoline at Copley Square garage in basement on Harcourt St. side.

George H. Gleason et al., for license to store and keep gasoline at 47 Dakota St., Dorchester.

New England Telephone and Tele-

graph Company of Massachusetts, for license to store and keep for use gasoline at premises on Allerton St., Wd. 17.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon Monday, Dec. 2, at 3 P. M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

PROJECTIONS—ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions, viz.:

Rueter & Co., to project three balconies from building northerly corner New Heath and Terrace Sts., Wd. 19.

Houghton & Dutton, to project two marquises, one at 55 Tremont St., and one at corner Tremont and Beacon Sts., Wd. 6.

William F. Hall, trustee, to project a marquee at 132 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon Monday, Nov. 25, at 3 P. M., when any persons objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

PROJECTIONS.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted reports recommending that leave be granted on petitions, referred to-day, for leave to make projections, as follows:

W. J. & F. A. Burke, gas arc lamp, at 122 Harvard St., Wd. 20.

Jaeger & Reinhard, electric light sign, at 1182 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

Dr. W. J. Cavanaugh, sign, at 159 Broadway, Wd. 13.

Lewand's French Dyeing and Cleansing Company, illuminated sign at 282 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

Downes Lumber Company, sign, at 482 Harrison Ave., Wd. 9.

Dr. Willett S. Connors, sign, at 16 Dover St., Wd. 9.

Charles Wirth & Co., illuminated sign, at 9 Harrison Ave., Wd. 7.

J. Kelley, electric sign, at 14 Bowdoin Sq., Wd. 8.

Howard S. Moy, illuminated sign, at 19 Essex St., Wd. 7.

De Wolfe, Fisk & Co., electric sign, at 24 Franklin St., Wd. 7.

Aliot & Leonard, sign, at 111 Franklin St., Wd. 7.

Robert T. Carey, illuminated sign, at 363 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Merlino & Co., sign, at 364 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Hub Jewelry Repairing Company, illuminated sign, at 7 Province Ct., Wd. 7.

American Automatic Amusement Company, illuminated sign, at 681 Washington St., Wd. 7.

The Priscilla Publishing Company, wooden sign, at 85 Broad St., corner Battery-march St., Wd. 7.

S. Alario, illuminated sign, at 120 Bedford St., Wd. 7.

Julia A. Zinn, electric sign, at 2 Beacon St., Wd. 6.

Joe Itrato, electric sign, at 35 Travers St., Wd. 6.

John Weisberg, illuminated sign, at 53 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Star Amusement Company, electric sign, 5 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

A. H. Robie, illuminated sign, 66 Bowdoin St., Wd. 6.

C. Francesco, sign at 103 Court St., Wd. 6.

Richard Connor & Son, illuminated sign, 95 Friend St., Wd. 6.

J. Katz, V sign at 37 Salem St., Wd. 6.

W. C. Mayo & Co., illuminated sign, 148 Summer St., Wd. 7.

Paul A. Rauhaut, wooden clock sign, 682 Centre St., Wd. 22.

Abraham Goldstein, wooden sign at 870 Blue Hill Ave., Dorchester.
A. E. Zetterman, political transparency, 22 Franklin st., Wd. 25.
Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted reports recommending leave to withdraw on the following petitions:

Fire Commissioner (recommitted October 21), to erect two poles on Barry St., Wd. 20.

Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston (recommitted October 28), to erect five poles on Webster St., Wd. 2.

New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts (recommitted October 28), to erect one pole on Coolidge Row, near Holman St., Wd. 25.

New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts (recommitted October 28), to erect one pole on Fort Ave., Wd. 19.

New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts (recommitted October 28), to erect one pole in Eutaw, near Meridian St., Wd. 1.

New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts (recommitted June 24), to erect 37 poles on Belgrade Ave., Wd. 23.

New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts (recommitted Oct. 28), to erect 6 poles on Wordsworth St., Wd. 1.

Reports accepted; petitioners given leave to withdraw.

CLAIMS.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

Reports on petitions for compensation for injuries to persons and property—that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz.:

Elizabeth Cusick (referred Oct. 21), for injuries caused by being struck by fire apparatus.

Ida Gottlieb (referred May 22), for injuries caused by falling into a coal hole at 32 Oswego St.

Guelda L. Whiting (referred 1904), for injuries caused by an alleged defect on Boylston St.

C. C. White (referred 1900), for injuries caused by falling into coalhole at 23 Boylston St.

Dorchester Stable Company (referred 1905), for damage to carriage caused by alleged defect in Dorchester Ave.

Margaret Cooney (referred 1905), for injuries caused by alleged defect in Northfield St.

Margaret Morris (referred 1905), for damage to property 112 Seventh St., caused by overflow of water.

J. C. Coleman & Son (referred 1905), for damage to cart caused by alleged defect in Norway St.

George Hagopian (referred 1904), for injury to horse caused by alleged defect in Elmo St.

Reports accepted. Sent down.

FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted reports on petitions, referred today, recommending that leave be granted to use Faneuil Hall, as follows:

Adjutant General, State of Massachusetts, on Jan. 13, 14 and 15, 1908, day and evening.

Frederic W. Bliss, Nov. 8, at noon.
Reports accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

RAILROADS.

Ald. DRAPER, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company (referred today), for an extension of time in which to complete the work of locating double tracks at Dudley St. and vicinity—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered, That the time allowed the West End Street Railway Company in which to complete the work authorized by the order of this Board, passed Oct. 22, 1905, granting track locations in Dudley St. and vicinity, being the 261st location, be and the same hereby is extended to July 1, 1908.

Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company (recommitted Sept. 25), for alteration of track location on Dudley St., between Magnolia and Nonquit Sts.—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted to the West End Street Railway Company for locations for tracks in the streets of the city of Boston, said company shall have the right to construct, maintain and use double tracks on Dudley St., Dorchester, from Magnolia St. to Nonquit St., connecting at both ends with the existing tracks there situate, together with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated July 15, 1907, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

And the consent of the Board of Aldermen is granted to said company to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said location, and to erect, maintain and use iron poles, not less than 20 feet in height, at places indicated by red dots or circles on the aforesaid plan, or at such other places, to be shown by blue dots or circles on said plan, as may be approved by the Superintendent of Streets, and to place on said poles such wires and other appliances as the Commissioner of Wires shall approve.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, and the kind and locations of poles, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order, and shall file such acceptance with the City Clerk in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 463 of the Acts of 1906; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work authorized to be done under the provisions of this order shall be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Report on the petition of the Austin Biscuit Company (recommitted Sept. 20), for leave to lay a single track across Beverly St., Wd. 6, recommending the passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the Austin Biscuit Company to construct, maintain and use.

between the hours of 11 P. M. and 6 A. M., a single track railroad for private use in the transportation of freight by steam power, upon and across Beverly St., Wd. 6, from tracks of the Boston and Maine Railroad to a private way running into said Beverly St. about 135 feet north of Causeway St.; said track being shown by yellow lines on a plan dated March, 1906, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said track, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said company shall accept this order, and shall file such acceptance with the City Clerk within thirty days from the date of its passage; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work authorized to be done under the provisions of this order shall be completed within one year from the date of its passage.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Report on the petition of the Boston & Revere Electric Street Railway Company (recommitted today) for cross-over locations on Bennington and Walley Sts., East Boston, recommending the passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted to the Boston & Revere Electric Street Railway Company for locations for tracks in the streets of the city of Boston, said company shall have the right to construct, maintain and use a crossover connection on Bennington St., near and a little westerly of the corner of Bennington and Leyden Sts., and two crossover connections on Walley St., at and a little easterly of the corner of Walley and Gladstone Sts.; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated Oct. 11, 1907, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

And the consent of the Board of Aldermen is granted to said company to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said location, and to erect, maintain and use iron poles, not less than twenty feet in height, at places indicated by red dots or circles on the aforesaid plan, or at such other places, to be shown by blue dots or circles on said plan, as may be approved by the Superintendent of Streets, and to place on said poles such wires and other appliances as the Commissioner of Wires shall approve.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, and the kind and locations of poles, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order, and shall file such acceptance with the City Clerk in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 463 of the Acts of 1906; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work authorized to be done under the provisions of this order shall be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed.

(5) Report on the petition of the Cunningham Iron Company (recom-

mited June 10), for leave to relocate and use a spur railroad track across B St., Wd. 13, to connect with the tracks of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, recommending the passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the Cunningham Iron Company to construct, maintain and use a single spur track, to be used for the transportation of freight by steam power, across B St., Wd. 13, connecting the property of said company with the tracks of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, said track being shown by black lines on a plan dated March 14, 1907, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the track located by this order is upon condition that immediately upon the completion of the work of construction the company shall remove the present track located on B St., shown by white dashes on said plan, and shall restore the surface of the street to a condition satisfactory to the Superintendent of Streets. Also upon the condition that the whole work of laying the track, the form of rail to be used and the kind and quality of material used in paving said track shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon the further condition that said company shall accept this order, and shall file such acceptance with the City Clerk, within thirty days from the date of its passage; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work authorized to be done under the provisions of this order shall be completed within one year from the date of its passage.

Report accepted.

Ald. WHELTON objected to the second reading of the order, and it went over to the next meeting.

SUPERIOR COURT CLERK HIRE.

Ald. WHELTON offered the following:

In Board of Aldermen, as County Commissioners.

Ordered, That in addition to sums heretofore allowed for clerical assistants in the office of the Superior Court for civil business, there be allowed the further sum of \$3000, to be charged to the appropriation for Suffolk County.

Referred, on motion of Ald. WHELTON, to the Committee on County Accounts.

CLOSING OF ROADWAY.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order— That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Brighton St., between Chambers and Leverett Sts., Wd. 8, to public travel, during the time necessary for the completion of sewer improvements now in progress by the Sewer Department. Passed.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. BELL presented the petition of Luther F. Phelps and others for removal of a tree at 9-11 Denny St., Wd. 20.

In connection with the petition Ald. BELL offered the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in the centre of the sidewalk in front of 9-11 Denny St., Wd. 20; the expense of the same to be

charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Order passed.

Ald. WOODS offered the following: Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to have removed a tree in front of estate No. 16 Parker Hill Ave., Wd. 19; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Order passed.

CROSSING, WD. 20.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to provide a suitable flag stone or block stone crossing on the westerly corner of Glenway St., at York St., Wd. 20.

Passed.

SIDEWALK, WD. 20.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along the Kingstable St. side of estate 27 Bernard St., Wd. 20, said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, to be built of gravel, with granite edgestone, under the provision of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, that order came down here at the request of the Superintendent of Streets, so I ask that it be passed.

The order was passed.

CLOSING OF HARVARD ST.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Police Commissioner be authorized to close to travel by vehicles, excepting fire, police, hospital and mail wagons, North Harvard St., Wd. 25, from the Cambridge line to Western Ave., on Nov. 16, from 12 noon to 4:30 P. M., and on Nov. 23, from 12 noon to 5 P. M.

Passed.

RESURFACING OF LAMARTINE ST.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to have resurfaced Lamartine St., between Paul Gore and Boylston St., Wd. 22; also Boylston St., between Lamartine and Amory Sts.; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Street Department.

Passed.

LAYING OUT OF WASHINGTON ST.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That Chapter 574 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1907 (entitled "An Act to Provide for the Laying Out and Construction of a State Highway of Washington St. in the West Roxbury District of the City of Boston," be, and the same hereby is, accepted by the City Council of the city of Boston.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Ald. FINIGAN.

PAYMENT FOR REMOVAL OF ASHES.

Ald. BANGS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Sanitary Department be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to furnish to this Board a list of all buildings in the city of Boston from which his department does not remove ashes except upon payment by the owner or occupant; and

that he further be requested to inform this Board how much per barrel or per load his department charges for the removal of ashes when payment is required.

Passed.

LAMP, EAST BOSTON.

Ald. BATTIS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain an electric lamp at the corner of Bayswater and Saratoga Sts., East Boston; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

REVISION OF STREET GRADE.

Ald. BALDWIN offered the following: Ordered, That this Board establish the revised grade of D St., South Boston, between West Eighth St. and Dorchester Ave., as shown by red lines on the plan and profile of said D St., made by Thomas W. Davis, City Surveyor, dated Feb. 14, 1879, and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That this Board establish the revised grade of West Ninth St., South Boston, southeasterly from D St., as shown by red lines on the plan and profile of said West Ninth St., made by Thomas W. Davis, city surveyor, dated Feb. 24, 1883, and deposited in the office of the city engineer.

Severally laid over under the rule, on motion of Ald. Baldwin.

LAMP, VERNON ST.

Ald. DRAPER offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to have a lamp placed at or near 15 Vernon St., between Washington St. and Shawmut Ave.; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

LICENSES.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition of W. C. Masson, manager, (referred today), for a permit for Gladys Parker, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Castie Sq. Theatre for the week of Nov. 4, 1907—that a permit be granted.

Report accepted; permit granted under usual conditions.

(2) Reports recommending that minors licenses be granted to 13 newsboys, 2 bootblacks and 1 vendor.

Reports accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

RECESS.

The Board voted at 3:34 P. M., on motion of Ald. BALDWIN, to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by Ald. BERWIN, at 3:48 P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. BERWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions referred today recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work to be completed on or before:

Jan. 4, 1908, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:

Cushing Real Estate Trust, to place, maintain and use patent sidewalk covers over the area at present existing in and under the sidewalk in front of estate 25 Temple Pl., Wd. 7.

Charles E. Wyzanski, trustee, to construct, maintain and use two coal hole openings, not exceeding 18 inches each in diameter, and with iron covers of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 68-70 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

William Duff, to place, maintain and use a 1¼-inch pipe, with a screw cover attached, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate 985 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20.

William H. Cutter, to construct, maintain and use an area 24 feet long, 15 feet wide and with patent sidewalk and artificial stone covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 907 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

John L. Withrow, executor, to lay, maintain and use a 1¼-inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate 632-634 Dudley St., Wd. 16.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

(2) Report on the petition of Joseph F. Pomfret (referred November 11), for leave to display fireworks in front of Municipal building on Columbia Road on the evening of November 2, 1907—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted under usual conditions.

(3) Reports on petitions (referred today), recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining and to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, with granite edgestone, owners to furnish material, in front of the following estates:

William E. Brown, 87 Homer St., Wd. 1, brick.

Ira M. Clay, 1159-1163 Washington St., Wd. 24, brick.

Hannah Craddock, 413-413A, 415-415A Neponset Ave., Wd. 24, brick.

William A. Whittemore, 7-11 Glendale St., Wd. 20, gravel.

L. Laboritz, 193-197 Howard Ave., Wd. 16, brick.

Francis J. McCauley, 145-147 Falcon St., Wd. 1, brick.

C. A. Hall, 156-156A Norfolk St., Wd. 24, artificial stone.

D. E. Farley, 61 Charlotte St., corner Bradshaw St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Harvard Building Association, 77, 77A, 79, 81 Harvard St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Mrs. T. S. Pitt, 23-27 Harvard St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Israel Shapira, 35-37 Elmo St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

CLEANING OF CATCH BASINS.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Sewers, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this Board to give the matter of cleaning the catch basins in Wds. 19, 21 and 22 immediate attention. Passed.

BRIDGE ACCOMMODATION, BRIGHTON.

Ald WOODS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Bridges, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this Board to take such action as may be necessary to make immediate provision for proper accommodations of the people using the North Harvard St. bridge connecting Boston and Cambridge at North Harvard and Boylston Sts., on the day of the Harvard-Yale football game.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. WOODS.—Mr. Chairman, I have drafted this order requesting the Superintendent of Bridges to put this bridge in a safe condition before the Harvard and Yale football game, as there are many thousands of people who will cross the bridge during that day. I certainly think some temporary arrangement, at least, should be made. I don't know whether the Superintendent of Bridges has the power to do so; the Cambridge Bridge Commissioner may possibly be the proper authority. There was an act of the Legislature passed a few years ago to build a new bridge there, and, to provide against any accident at this time, I introduce this order. I also want to state that, when this Board passes an order to close that street during the several football games, there should be a provision made in the permit allowing doctors, physicians who have urgent calls, to pass through the line, not stopping them and making them go three miles out of their way. I think it is no more than right that physicians having calls should be allowed to pass over that street, even when an order of the Board of Aldermen calls for the closing of the street; and I hope that hereafter in whatever orders may be passed for closing the street, there will be a provision made that physicians having calls shall be allowed to go through.

The order was passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. Baldwin, the board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. Baldwin, at 3.55 P. M., to meet on Monday, Nov. 18, at 3 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Nov. 18, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Ald. BERWIN, senior member, presiding, and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. CURLEY, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 514, Acts of 1894, the Mayor being present.

Four grand jurors, United States District Court, to appear Dec. 3, viz.:

Charles S. Holloway, Wd. 1; William F. Fanning, Wd. 7; William N. Burroughs, Wd. 20; John B. Fitzpatrick, Wd. 21.

Eleven additional traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, fourth session, to appear Dec. 2, viz.:

Henry H. Blanchard, Wd. 24; Rufus B. Plummer, Jr., Wd. 20; Frank O. Garvin, Wd. 12; John P. McCauley, Wd. 1; George W. Ogden, Wd. 25; Alexander S. Porter, Jr., Wd. 11; George C. Brown, Wd. 10; Joseph A. Rosatto, Wd. 3; George W. Beasley, Wd. 13; Ludwig Eayer, Wd. 22; George M. Jack, Wd. 20.

Twelve additional traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, sixth session, to appear Nov. 25, viz.:

Frederick McMurtry, Wd. 25; Sidney S. Bowes, Wd. 22; Frank T. Merrill, Wd. 20; John Levis, Wd. 2; Thomas C. Murphy, Wd. 17; Frederick E. Steele, Wd. 5; William H. Donald, Wd. 15; William Campbell, Wd. 13; Patrick J. McLaughlin, Wd. 8; Theodore C. Wiley, Wd. 11; Henry T. Haley, Wd. 4; Herbert T. McCormack, Wd. 8.

Forty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear Dec. 2, viz.:

William E. Barrows, Wd. 22; Patrick A. Donovan, Wd. 20; Wilbert G. Huntley, Wd. 21; Frederick W. Mahony, Wd. 19; Charles A. Moffat, Wd. 10; Charles W. Karcher, Wd. 24; Peter A. Havlin, Wd. 8; James H. Proffit, Wd. 15; William E. Reardon, Wd. 15; Frank J. Orpin, Wd. 9; George Eddy, Wd. 21; Richard E. Murphy, Wd. 1; John J. Hogan, Wd. 14; Michael J. Dailey, Wd. 18; Fred L. Powers, Wd. 10; James J. Moore, Wd. 3; Granville E. Foss, Jr., Wd. 11; Freeman O. Emerson, Wd. 12; Charles A. Ochs, Wd. 22; James H. Brehaut, Wd. 21; John W. Douse, Wd. 16; Matthew Murphy, Wd. 13; Harry A. Every, Wd. 20; Abraham Tishler, Wd. 20; Ernest T. Curtis, Wd. 17; Frank L. Adams, Wd. 22; John F. McNulty, Wd. 15; Charles T. Marsh, Wd. 19; James A. Todd, Wd. 16; Joseph Hankey, Wd. 22; Samuel E. Gazan, Wd. 21; Jeremiah T. Hogan, Wd. 12; Eugene F. Storrs, Wd. 15; Charles D. Pieper, Wd. 14; Joseph W. Cronin, Wd. 23; John E. Tierney, Wd. 4; Hyman H. Goldstein, Wd. 9; John C. C. Harris, Wd. 16; George A. Barry, Wd. 17; John F. Smith, Wd. 16; William L. O'Connor, Wd. 21.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Nov. 18, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen—
Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint Charles Ruhl (56 Lexington St., Wd. 1) and Morris F. Lewenberg (30 Sherman St., Wd. 21) Constables of the city of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1908.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

On petitions for licenses to store gasoline, viz.:

1. E. E. Chapman, in rear of 133 Brook Ave., Wd. 16.

2. J. R. McPherson, at 920 Centre St., Jamaica Plain.

No objection. Severally referred to the Committee on Licenses.

A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I rise at this time to a question of personal privilege.

The CHAIR—The honorable Alderman will state his question of personal privilege.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, my question of personal privilege relates to various comments that have been passed on me in the newspapers during my term of service in the Board of Aldermen, and especially since my defeat, one paper last Thursday afternoon making the statement that Alderman William H. Woods, who did not receive his renomination, was implicated in the coal frauds, as disclosed by the Finance Commission. Mr. Chairman, I want to deny that I was implicated in any coal frauds. I have patiently awaited the report of the Finance Commission, and it has not come. Therefore, I feel it incumbent upon me at this time to place myself right before the public, who, 16,000 and more, voted for me last year. The Brighton Coal Company, of which corporation I am a member, sold in three years to the city of Boston—in 1906, 1906 and 1907—622 tons of coal. That was the total amount sold to the city. On that the Brighton Coal Company received a profit of \$213.80, a net profit of 34 cents a ton. The Finance Commission has investigated the Brighton Coal Company's books. The Commission have had me before them as a witness. I, as one of the members of the Board of Aldermen who helped to create that commission, who voted for the commission and who voted for the appropriation for the commission, went before that body, and, as I felt myself in duty bound to help them in every way, I answered every question honestly and truthfully. I was notified at nine o'clock to appear at ten o'clock. I had no warning, no time in which to make any preparations. I needed none, because I had nothing to hide, nothing to cover. When asked on the stand if I had my books with me, I said "No." The question was then put to me, "Can we have your books?" I said, "You certainly can, but you will also have to have the bookkeeper, because I know nothing of what is in the books." I telephoned out, the books were immediately brought there, and I gave my testimony before the Finance Commission and submitted my books afterwards. They said there was no need of it; that they thought—I told the truth. Within three or four weeks they

came to my office and investigated my books, went over them, and the counsel who went over them said, "I don't see that you have anything to fear, as everything here is straightforward." Now, the fact is that there is no question as to the quality of the coal sold to the city, that there is no question as to the weight of the coal or the price of the coal. Therefore, where am I implicated in any coal frauds? The company has simply sold 622 tons of coal to the city in three years' business. I am not here today to attack the Finance Commission or to take the administration's part. I think His Honor the Mayor is able to take his own part and to protect the administration. I am not here in my own behalf, but I do wish to right myself in the eyes of the people. Just consider the circumstances; take the predicament I am in. Every Democrat, every representative of a Democratic district, who gives faithful service, should be given a second term. But unscrupulous people taking advantage of the situation, went in and, by underhanded methods and by lying statements to the effect that I had robbed the city, succeeded in defeating me. That verdict I gladly welcome. But I want to say this, that while I have been a member of the Board of Aldermen I have tried to be faithful and honest in my service to the people. I have done my duty, and I defy any man to say where I have been paid a dollar for any purpose while I have been a member of the Board of Aldermen. I want to say that the result shows that an unfortunate state of affairs exists in this city. I was defeated by 53 votes. Where 53 votes in a caucus can overturn the sentiment and the wishes of 16,000 people at the polls, as in my case, and where, as in your own case, Mr. Chairman, the votes of 300 men in caucus can overturn the wishes of the 27,000 people who voted for you last year, those 300 men being able to say that you are not a proper man to serve in the Board of Aldermen, it is certainly an unfortunate condition of affairs. I claim that business men should be in the Board of Aldermen. But what is the result? When you and I, and other business men, come to the Board of Aldermen, we are held up to ridicule by the Good Government Association and such organizations, composed of one or two men. In the case of the Good Government Association, the only members I have ever heard of are Minot and Billings. You and I come here and do our duty faithfully and honestly, and then a few men say that we should not come to the Board of Aldermen. In all our dealings with the city of Boston, our company has given it honest service, and has given it its money's worth. I sold coal for 25 cents a ton less to the city than to the people, and if the fact that I have got \$213 out of the city in three years is graft, I am guilty of it. I don't wish to say anything against the press. While at times some of the papers have seemed to overstep the line, in the main they have been fair to me during my career—have, in fact, been very kind to me. I will simply say, as showing how we have run our business, that last year, when the price of coal rose to \$3 a ton, I had 4000 tons on hand and could have made \$4000 more than I did make; but, rather than rob the poor people, I sold the coal to them at the old price. And what is the condition of affairs today? Brighton has the pleasure of buying coal at 25 cents less per ton than it can be bought elsewhere in the city. When the price was recently raised

to \$7.50 per ton, the Brighton Coal Company refused to raise its price, and today we are selling coal at 25 cents per ton less than it can be bought for elsewhere. That, on 100 tons per day, means \$25 per day, \$150 per week and \$600 per month; and, for the four months of the winter season, that means \$2500 which is saved to the people of that section. Where would that \$2500 come from? From the laboring man, the poor man, who is not able to put in his coal early in the year. The rich man can buy coal when it is low, in April, May or June, and forget to pay his bills until a year afterwards, but the poor man is obliged to buy his coal at the time when he needs it and has got to pay the high price. The reason for the advance in the price of coal in the city of Boston is that your grocery stores—which have been termed here garbage plants—have been giving legal stamps. They have got to pay 25 cents to the Metropolitan Coal Company for those legal stamps, and therefore the poor man has to pay the advance of 25 cents a ton. I have been during my life trying to do good for others. I did not come to the Board of Aldermen trying to further my own interests. The business was done before I came here. People have come to me and have asked me to be an independent candidate, to vindicate myself. I could go through the city and vindicate myself, but I am willing to wait until the clouds roll by, until the storm passes over, until the Finance Commission's report comes in. I think it will then be found that I am vindicated in this matter. Then, in another year, with the help of God, if I am alive, I will be a candidate for election to this Board of Aldermen. At this time Mr. Chairman, I want to add that you have been acting throughout this year, up to the present time, as chairman of the Board of Aldermen. You have not been elected by this Board to that position. You, also, have been maltreated, and, to show that there is no feeling, no racial feeling in this Board of Aldermen, if you can get the votes of your own party associates you will also have my vote, and that will make you chairman, the real, permanent chairman of this body.

LYING-IN HOSPITAL

A report was received from the Board of Health on petition of John W. Johnson, M. D., (referred Nov. 11), for renewal of license to maintain a lying-in hospital at 20 Worcester St.—that a license be granted.

The Board voted to grant a license.

COAL AND COKE LICENSES.

A list of the coal and coke licenses granted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth was received.

Placed on file.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS.

Notices were received from the Harbor and Land Commissioners of the following hearings:

Hearing Nov. 20 on petition of city of Boston for license to extend a boundary wall in Boston Harbor at Deer Island.

Hearing Nov. 20 on petition of city of Boston for leave to dump snow and ice into tide water at various locations.

Hearing Nov. 20 on petition of Amer-

ican Sugar Refining Company for license to drive fender piles at its wharf on Fort Point channel.

Hearing Nov. 20 on petition of George R. Blinn and Henry W. Bragg, trustees, for leave to build pile wharf and bulkhead, etc., at or near White Island in Mystic river.

Hearing Nov. 20 on petition of Boston Elevated Railway Company for license to dump snow and ice into tide water at various locations.

Severally placed on file.

ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the petition of J. P. O'Riordan for leave to project one bay window at 50 Chelsea St., Wd. 5—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, Dec. 2, at 3 o'clock, P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

On the following petitions for leave to store and keep for sale gasoline—orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Monday, Dec. 9, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:

Harry E. Oakes, 572 Columbia Rd.
Miller & Walcott, 81 Chestnut St., Wd. 11.

Peerless Motor Car Company of New England, 36 Ferdinand St., Wd. 10.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Department (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

J. J. Mahoney & Co., an electric sign at 11 Merchants row, Wd. 6.

James N. Finkelstein, an electric sign at 12 Spring lane, Wd. 6.

James N. Finkelstein, an electric sign at 9 Water St., Wd. 6.

Thomas J. Hennessey & Co., a V-shaped sign at 100 Sudbury St., Wd. 6.

G. F. Colcord, an illuminated sign at 30 Cambridge St., Wd. 8.

Angelo Velardo, four barber poles at 160 Shawmut Ave., Wd. 9.

Goode, Dunson, Henry Company, an illuminated sign at 741 Shawmut Ave., Wd. 13.

Harry Aronson, an illuminated sign at 202-208 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 13.

Howe Drug Company, an illuminated sign at 402 West Broadway, Wd. 13.

Elizabeth Yancey, a sign at 624 Shawmut Ave., Wd. 18.

George McKee, an illuminated sign at 68 Market St., Wd. 25.

L. A. Bent, an illuminated sign at 228 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 10.

Gutlon & Sisonky, a sign at 32 Hyde Park Ave., Wd. 23.

Allston Orchestra, a transparency at 7 Braintree St., Wd. 25.

Henry Penn, a sign at 43 Bromfield St., Wd. 7.

H. E. Plunkett, illuminated sign, 327 E. St., Wd. 13.

Brunswick-Balke Company, sign, 86 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

William Peel, on the evening of Dec. 5, 1907.

The Independence League, on the evening of Dec. 4, 1907.

Louis M. Clark, on Dec. 9, from 12 noon, to 3 P. M.

Police (Ald.)

Edwin J. Lewis, Jr., to be paid for the loss of fowls killed by dogs.

G. W. Hollis, to be paid for the loss of fowls killed by dogs.

Claims.

George A. Luke, for compensation for damage to personal property at 84 Stanwood street by the bursting of a water main in Geneva Ave.

John J. Shinnock (a minor) by Margaret Shinnock, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in West Sixth St., Oct. 20, 1907.

Mary Fitzgerald, for compensation for injuries caused by her slipping on the flooring at City Hall.

Mary E. Baptiste, to be paid for a dress torn by a broken barrel in sidewalk in front of the East Boston Relief Station.

Elma F. Downing, for a hearing on her claim on account of injuries caused by an alleged defect at 102 Court St.

Edward F. O'Brien, to be aid for damages to his automobile caused by the defective condition of the highway in Park Sq., May 11, 1907.

Benj. Rafferty, for compensation for injury to horse and damage to wagon by an alleged defect in front of 29 Magnolia St., Oct. 29, 1907.

Electric Wires.

Petitions of Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston to erect poles, etc., viz.:

One pole on Harold St., Wd. 21.

To erect and to remove one pole on Bayswater St., Wd. 1.

Public Improvements.

Morton Prince, trustee, and Richard H. Dana et al., trustees, for leave to lay a brick conduit across Congress Sq., between Nos. 19 and 24.

Licenses.

Petitions for permits for children under 15 years of age to appear at public places of amusement, viz.:

Grace B. Day, for Marie Williams et als., at Jordan Hall, Nov. 21 and 22, 1907.

W. C. Masson, manager, for Gladys Victoria, at the Castle Square Theatre, for the week ending Nov. 23, 1907.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

There being no objection, the Chair called up Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6, unfinished business, viz.:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz.:

3. William F. Swain and Timothy J. Mullen, to be Constables, for the term ending April 30, 1908.

4. William P. Fraser, to be a Weigher of Coal, a Measurer of Wood and Bark and an Inspector of Lime, for the term ending April 30, 1908.

5. Frank Hillard Sargent, to be an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw and a Measurer of Grain, for the term ending April 30, 1908.

6. James H. Donovan, James K. Farry, Charles Boardman Harris, Frank C. Howe, Albert A. McCarthy, James C. McMahon, George H. Mowers, Edwin F. Tarbox and John P. Tully, to be Inspectors of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw, for the term ending April 30, 1908.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Bangs and Whelton. Whole number of ballots cast 12, yes 12, and the several appointments were confirmed.

PROJECTIONS, ETC.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Dept. (Ala.), submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for leave to project signs, etc.—that leave be granted, viz.:

Brunswick-Balke Company, sign, 86 Washington St., Wd. 6.

H. E. Plunkett, illuminated sign, 327 E St., Wd. 13.

Allston Orchestra, transparency, 7 Braintree St., Wd. 25.

George McKee, illuminated sign, 63 Market St., Wd. 25.

Gutlon & Sisonsky, sign, 32 Hyde Park Ave., Wd. 23.

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Howe Drug Company, illuminated sign, 402 West Broadway, Wd. 13.

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Goode, Dunson, Henry Company, illuminated sign, 741 Shawmut Ave., Wd. 12.

L. A. Bent, illuminated sign, 228 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 10.

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James N. Finkelstein, electric sign, 12 Spring Lane, Wd. 6.

James N. Finkelstein, electric sign, 9 Water St., Wd. 6.

Thomas J. Hennessey & Co., V-shaped sign, 100 Sudbury St., Wd. 6.

Reports severally accented; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions for bay windows—that leave be granted, viz.:

Isaac Hirschberg (referred July 15), one, 115 Paris St., Wd. 2.

Sarah H. Snelson (referred Oct. 21) two, 188 Marion St., one over the corner of Marion and Havre Sts., and one over Havre St., Wd. 2.

Reports severally accented; leave granted on the usual conditions.

ALD. BERWIN ELECTED CHAIRMAN.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I move that we proceed to the election of a permanent chairman.

The motion was carried.

By direction of the Chair, the Clerk called the roll, the members recording their preferences as follows:

For William Berwin—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper, Woods—7.

For John E. Baldwin—Ald. Baldwin, Flanagan, Leary, Curley—4.

For Daniel A. Whelton—Ald. Finigan—1.

For Fred A. Finigan—Ald. Whelton—1.

The CHAIR—Ald. Finigan has one vote, Ald. Whelton one, Ald. Baldwin four, and Ald. Berwin seven. From the vote it appears that William Berwin is elected.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I move you, sir, that the senior Democratic member be requested to take the chair and that a committee of two be then appointed to escort the newly elected chairman to the position.

The motion was carried and Ald. Baldwin took the chair.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, if I may be permitted to say a word, perhaps no other member of this Board possesses the many qualities essential for a chairman of a legislative body of this character that are possessed by the

gentleman who has presided over our deliberations for the past ten months. He has great tact, great natural ability, splendid knowledge of parliamentary law, remarkable affability, a genial disposition and all those qualities that naturally attract men. I, however, as one member of this body, elected as a Democrat, although recognizing the existence of those qualities, have not felt that I could vote for him as chairman of the body—not because of my own personal feelings in the matter, but because of the party of which he is a member. However, Mr. Chairman, since the members of this Board have seen fit to tender him this high honor, I say, God speed him! May his affability continue, may his winning ways increase with each succeeding day that he fills the chair for the balance of the year.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I wish to also state that my vote for Mr. Berwin was unsolicited on his part or in any other way; but I have voted for every member of this Board on the Democratic side without result. I have sat here week after week and voted, but we could not get seven votes at any one time. Under the conditions existing, when we have as acting chairman a man of Mr. Berwin's type, a business man, a man who devotes his time to the interests of the city, a man with plenty of money (laughter)—I am willing to take his word for it, although the market has been weak the last few weeks and I don't know how much preferred steel has dropped, but, still, I hope he has plenty of it (laughter)—I think his services should be appreciated. I think if the Republican party is to have in this body only men of the A, B and C class the city is fortunate in getting some one of Mr. Berwin's type, and I think they should select men of his type, any way, and not because their names commence with A, B or C. As I look at the thing, the Republican party must be a very ignorant party, when its members cannot be trusted to vote for any man whose name begins with a letter farther down in the alphabet. Where would I be on the Republican end? Down at the bottom. But it shows the intelligence of the people of Boston, when more than 16,000 people went down the list, over 45 names, and selected me out of that number. It shows the intelligence of the Democratic end. And I am sorry to see that such men as Ald. Berwin are not to be returned to this Board, because 300 men say that they don't want him to come to the Board of Aldermen, in spite of the 27,000 who voted for him last year. I understand, however, that Ald. Berwin is to be an independent candidate. I think he is on the right road. If they do not think enough of him in the Republican party, let him get into the Independence League—or anywhere except where he is. I think he will be a member of the next Board of Aldermen; and, while I cannot vote for him, because I will vote for seven Democrats, I think Berwin will be elected by the people of the Republican wards, with the help of some in the Democratic wards. I am not Berwin's manager, neither am I booming him; but I say his wrong should be righted. I think the fact that he has presided so well over the body should be recognized. He has served as chairman for almost the entire year, and therefore I think it is nothing but right that we should vote for him as permanent chairman. I have voted throughout the year for Democratic members to be chairman of this Board. The problem has not been solved, and I do not see that it is any nearer solu-

tion now than it was at the first of the year. Ald. Berwin has served us as chairman for ten months and undoubtedly would serve us as at present for the other two months; and I believe it is nothing but right, under the circumstances, for us to elect him as permanent chairman. I assure you that Berwin has not asked me for my vote, nor has any other member of the Board asked me to vote for him.

Ald. Curley and Battis were appointed a committee to escort Chairman-elect Berwin to the Chair, and they performed the duty assigned. Ald. Baldwin, in welcoming Ald. Berwin to the Chair, said:

Fellow-members of the Board of Aldermen, it gives me great pleasure at this time to present to you as your permanent Chairman Ald. Berwin, who has served you so faithfully and well as Acting Chairman of the Board during the present year. I now have the honor of presenting him to you as the permanent Chairman of the Board for the balance of the year.

Chairman BERWIN said:

Gentlemen of the Board of Aldermen, for this flattering evidence of your confidence and esteem I can only extend to you my warmest thanks. I accept it not only as a compliment to myself, but as an indorsement of my public record and of my endeavor to serve this Board and the city of Boston to the very best of my ability. I hardly think I need consume the time of this honorable body by reciting the events that brought about my temporary charge of the proceedings of the body, nor the pleasant conditions that have resulted in my selection as your permanent Chairman. I feel that I need not give to the honorable members of this Board any assurances or promises as to my future conduct. I trust you will feel that my past record may be relied upon as an evidence of my good faith, not only in my personal relations with the members of this Board, but as showing my desire and purpose to give to the citizens of Boston, whatever be their political or religious convictions, the best that within me lies. I want to thank the honorable members of this Board once again for their flattering indorsement and for the distinguished honor which they have conferred upon me by making me—although the majority of them belong to a party to which I am politically opposed—the Chairman of the body. I may say in conclusion that this indorsement and distinguished honor, coming to me totally un solicited, is doubly gratifying; and I may be pardoned if I call to the attention of the members the fact that in the early part of this year I was ready and willing at any time to vote for any Republican member of the Board as Chairman. In conference with my party associates I asked them what might be their pleasure. As they indicated a preference for some other member of my party, I gladly and willingly contributed my influence and vote toward the elevation of another Republican member as Chairman of the Board. I might also say to the Democratic members of the Board, much as I appreciate the distinguished honor that you have conferred upon me, that I felt that the honor, under the existing conditions, or under the conditions that ordinarily prevail in bodies of this kind, belonged to a representative of the opposite party; but, owing to your inability to unite on a candidate, no such selection could be made. In conclusion I will simply say that I believe no man whom you might have selected for this honor would have discharged the duties of the office any more faith-

fully or honestly in the service of the city than I have attempted and will continue to attempt to do. I will certainly try in the future, as I have in the past, to do the square thing by every member of the Board. I again thank you, gentlemen, for the compliment which you have paid me.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY it was ordered that a message be sent to the Common Council informing that branch that this Board has organized by the choice of William Berwin as permanent Chairman.

REPAIRS OF EAST SIXTH ST.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to relay the gutter blocks, regulate the edgestones and resurface the roadway on East Sixth St., between O and P Sts., Wd. 14, and charge the expense to the appropriation for street improvements.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

WORK FOR UNEMPLOYED.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be hereby requested by this Board to take such action as may be necessary by which all public improvements which have been authorized, or for which money has been appropriated, may be carried on during the present winter season to the greatest possible extent for the purpose of furnishing work for the unemployed.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, this order has been introduced because of the impression strongly conveyed to my mind, and which obtains generally with men in Boston, that we are entering upon a season of general industrial and business depression. Every large manufacturing concern in Boston has within the past few weeks, or will in all probability within the coming week, curtail the output of its establishment by a reduction of its working force. The best indicators of conditions in the country are the iron and steel establishments located throughout the middle West. The United States Steel Trust has closed up various branch establishments located in Illinois, Iowa and Ohio, and has forced on the labor market in those sections many thousands of men. When the demand for supplies of manufactured iron and steel goods is at a practical standstill, it is the best barometer obtainable as to the conditions we may expect generally throughout the country; and, with the stringency of the money market, it is not unreasonable to expect that this winter will witness in Boston perhaps the most severe season of business depression that has obtained in this city for 20 years. The almshouse at Long Island—objectionable as it is to any decent citizen, because of the fact that the person who receives treatment there or is housed there is branded as a pauper—is crowded to its very doors, and every day numerous persons are refused admittance because of lack of accommodations. The same is true of the State Hospital at Tewksbury and of every poor house in Massachusetts. We have had an exhibition of one phase of the general conditions that obtain in the state recently, in the rise in price of the necessaries of life. The necessities of life cost from 50 to 75 per cent in excess of what they should under ordinary conditions. But what shall we say of this extraordinary condition,

when there is no employment for the man who must support a family and no money obtainable with which to care for that family. A similar industrial depression occurred some eight years ago in Massachusetts. It was quite general in Lynn at the time. Nearly all, if not all, of the shoe factories in Lynn were closed down for many weeks in the winter season. A member of the Lynn Board of Aldermen at that time, Mr. Conroy, introduced an order calling for appropriations—in the form of a loan of some \$300,000—for the building of a reservoir, the work to be done in the winter season, the men to receive \$2 per day of eight hours, and employment to be given to every man able to do a day's work who was out of employment. By this means it was possible to protect the honor of the citizens of Lynn, to reduce the running expenses of the poor houses, and to give as good return to the city as it would be possible to receive under other conditions. The newly appointed Employment Bureau in Boston, authorized by an act of the Legislature upon recommendation of the present chief executive, Gov. Curtis Guild, in their report set forth the fact that, in the ten months that the employment bureau had been established they have received in excess of 47,000 applications for employment. If 47,000 applications for employment were received in ten months under ordinary and perhaps usual conditions, that would mean that 4700 persons applied at that one employment office seeking work every month for the first ten months of this year. That, Mr. Chairman, was under ordinary conditions. There are many employment offices in Boston; there are many large concerns that employ as many men annually as do the employment offices. That means that it would be perfectly safe to multiply that number who have been seeking employment by at least 20 in order to strike a fair average of the number of persons that have been out of employment. In other words, that means that 80,000 or more persons have been out of employment every month, or, reducing it to weeks, it means that there have been 20,000 people seeking employment in Boston every week during the first ten months of this year. That, as I say, was under ordinary conditions. Now we have extraordinary conditions. Great manufacturing and industrial concerns of one kind and another, which have been conducting a legitimate business in Massachusetts, some of them for upwards of 50 years—such as the Arnold Print Works of North Adams—representing many millions of invested capital, are obliged to close their doors and force their help on labor's already overcrowded market, because there is no employment for that labor. In the recent loan bill some appropriations were made by which it might be possible to furnish an avenue of employment for the unemployed, and I say if it is possible to carry on that work in the winter season it should be done. Every man who witnessed the condition of affairs in Boston during the coal famine knows that there is going to be great suffering in this city during the coming winter. Every man who reads the papers and informs himself of the condition of the money market in the centres of the world knows that the stringency in the money market means nothing other than business depression and ruin in industrial establishments throughout Massachusetts. If our poor houses are not sufficiently large or cannot furnish sufficient accommodation to

care for the unfortunates who will be obliged to seek shelter there, then I believe something should be done to prepare for this emergency. If the Legislature were sitting I should not feel that it was necessary to introduce an order of this kind in the Board at this time but the Legislature will not assemble before the first of January and it will probably be the middle of March before it will get down to actual business so that the people of Boston and Massachusetts can look to the state for relief in this coming crisis. I believe it is of import to the welfare, the safety and the honor of the inhabitants of Boston, that this work should be done, and I sincerely trust that the work will be done. If there are to be during the months of December, January, February and March, with their usual severity here in New England, in excess of 20,000 heads of families walking the streets and seeking employment, I believe some steps should be taken to provide an opportunity for those men to earn a little money in order to contribute to the support of their families.

The order was passed.

STOPPING PLACE FOR CARS.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested to establish a stopping place for cars on Washington St., at Rutland St.

Passed.

CLERICAL ASSISTANCE.

Ald. WHELTON presented the petition of John P. Manning, Clerk of Superior Criminal Court, for \$500 for extra clerical assistance.

In connection with the above Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That in addition to the amounts heretofore allowed for extra clerical assistance in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court for Criminal Business, there be allowed the further sum of \$500, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for county of Suffolk.

The rule was suspended, on motion of Ald. WHELTON, and the order was passed.

RESURFACING OF ROADWAYS.

Ald. BATTIS offered the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to resurface the roadway on Bennington St. between Wordsworth and Saratoga Sts., Wd. 1, and charge the expense to the appropriation for street improvements.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to resurface the roadway on Marginal St. between Cottage St. and the Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn R. R., and charge the expense to the appropriation for street improvements.

Severally referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

REMOVAL OF TREE.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of estate 24 Union St., Charlestown, said tree being in a dangerous condition; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

NOTICE OF CITY ELECTION.

Ald. FLANAGAN offered an order—That the City Clerk be directed to give notice, by advertising the same, as required by law, that meetings of the male citizens of this city, qualified to vote for city officers, will be held in the several polling places designated for the purpose by the Board of Election Commissioners, on Tuesday, the 10th day of December next, for the election of a Mayor to serve for two years; also a Street Commissioner to serve for three years; also 13 Aldermen to serve for one year; also two members of the School Committee to hold office for three years; also in each ward three members of the Common Council to serve for one year; also to give in their votes "Yes" or "No" in answer to the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this city?"

The City Clerk is also directed to give notice, as aforesaid, that meetings of the female citizens of this city, qualified to vote for the School Committee of the City of Boston, will be held on the same day and in the same places, to give in their votes for two members of the School Committee to hold office for three years.

The polls at said meetings will be opened at 6 o'clock A. M. and closed at 4 o'clock P. M.

Passed.

INFORMATION FROM PARK COMMISSIONERS.

Ald. FLANAGAN offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to report to this Board at its next meeting, if convenient, in what manner was expended the sum of \$1001 appropriated by an order approved by the Mayor Feb. 9, 1907.

Passed.

REPAIR OF ROADWAYS.

Ald. FLANAGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to repair the roadway on Albany St., between Kneeland St. and the bridge, and place the same in proper condition for public travel; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Street Improvements.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to regulate the paving along Kneeland St., between Washington and Harvard Sts., Wd. 7, the expense to be charged to the appropriation for street improvements.

Severally referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

EXTRA TIME FOR FIREMEN.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Fire Commissioner to allow all firemen one hour and fifteen minutes for meals, instead of one hour as at present.

Passed. Sent down.

COMPENSATION FOR CALL FIREMEN.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Fire Commissioner to make such arrangements as may be necessary to secure proper compensation for the call firemen stationed at the vari-

ous theatres and places of public amusement in accordance with a recent order of said Commissioner.

Passed. Sent down.

RESURFACING OF CANTERBURY ST.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to resurface the roadway on Canterbury St., between Poplar St. and the railroad, Wd. 23, and place the same in safe condition for public travel; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Street Improvements.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

REPAIR OF STREETS, WD. 25.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to have repaired the several defects in the roadways on Allston St., Calumet and Harvard Aves., Wd. 25, and charge the expense to the appropriation for street improvements.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to have trees in front of St. Francis de Sales Church, Bunker Hill St., Charlestown, removed; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

RESURFACING OF GREENBRIER ST.

Ald. BELL offered an order that the Superintendent of Streets be requested to resurface the roadway on Greenbrier St., Ward 20, and charge the expense to the appropriation for Street Improvements.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

RESURFACING OF STREETS, WD. 24

Ald. CLARK offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to resurface the roadways on the following named streets in Wd. 24, the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Street Improvements:

Freeport St., between Tenean St. and the bridge.

Fuller St., between Dorchester Ave. and Washington St.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for use of Faneuil Hall—that leave be granted, viz.:

The Independence League, evening of Dec. 4.

Boston Retail Grocers' Association, day and evening of May 11, 12, 13 and 14, 1908.

Louis M. Clark Dec. 9, from 12 noon to 3 P. M.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on usual conditions.

(2) Report on petition of United Spanish War Veterans (referred July 23), for use of Faneuil Hall on the

evening of Feb. 21, and during the day Feb. 22, 1908, for convention purposes—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on usual conditions.

(3) Report on petition of William Teel (referred today), for use of Faneuil Hall on evening of Dec. 5, 1907—that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

CLAIMS.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

Reports on petitions for compensation for damage to person and property—that the petitioners be given leave to withdraw, viz.:

Catherine Blanchard (referred Feb. 11), for injuries caused by being struck by team alleged to have been owned by the city.

Josephine G. Dolliver (referred June 24), for injuries received from a fall on Tremont St. in 1905.

Antonio Cornetta (referred Sept. 25), for damage to property 27 Decatur St., caused by bursting of water pipe.

Ida G. Crawford (referred March 14), for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Prison Point bridge.

Accepted. Sent down.

STATE AID.

Ald. BELL, for the Committee on State Aid, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order for the payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the city of Boston for the month of November, 1907.

Report accepted; order passed.

LICENSES.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 10 newsboys.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for permits for children under 15 years of age to appear at various places of amusement—that permits be granted, viz.:

W. C. Masson, Manager, for Gladys Victoria to appear at Castle Square Theatre for week ending Nov. 23.

Grace B. Day, for Marie Williams, et al., to appear at Jordan Hall Nov. 21, 22, 1907.

Reports severally accepted; permits granted on the usual conditions.

PAYMENT FOR LOSS OF FOWLS.

Ald. BANGS, for the Committee on Police (Ald.), submitted the following:

(1) Report on petition of Liversidge Institute of Industry (referred Oct. 7), for payment for loss of fowls—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered. That there be allowed and paid to the Liversidge Institute of Industry the sum of eighteen dollars and seventy-five cents (\$18.75), in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs Sept. 27, 1907; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Report on petition of G. W. Hollis (referred today), for payment for loss of fowls—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered—That there be allowed and paid to G. W. Hollis the sum of thirty-

five dollars in payment for the loss of fowls killed by dogs, Nov. 11, 1907; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Report on petition of Edwin J. Lewis, Jr. (referred today), for loss of fowls—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered. That there be allowed and paid to Edwin J. Lewis, Jr., the sum of five dollars and fifty cents, in payment for the loss of fowls killed by dogs, Nov. 8, 1907; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Report accepted; order passed.

PAYMENT FOR JURY TIME.

Ald. CURLEY presented the petition of John J. Scanlan et al., for compensation for loss of pay for time when they were excused from service as jurors.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I move reference of the petition to the Committee on County Accounts, as there are probably some technical questions of a legal nature involved which can best be considered by that committee.

The petition was referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

HALF HOLIDAY, SANITARY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Sanitary Department be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to include in the annual estimate for said department, for the years 1908 and 1909, a sum sufficient to provide a half holiday the year round upon Saturdays, for all employees whose services can be dispensed with.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I presume that my views upon the question of Saturday half holidays differs in no respect from the view that is general throughout the entire country. I believe the Saturday half holiday originated in England. It was then taken up by Germany and became general in all the European cities. It had its origin in this country some dozen years ago. It is recognized as a step in the line of progression, and it is recognized that, in fairness to the men employed in all departments, it should obtain here. In all probability the reason why the Sanitary Department has not granted a half holiday to men whose work could be dispensed with in that department has been largely due to the fact that the appropriation for maintenance of the department has been insufficient in the past. I can conceive of no good reason why the men in any one particular branch of the city's service should receive different treatment from the men in another branch of the city's service; and if it is proper to grant a Saturday half-holiday to men whose services can be dispensed with, men who are employed in the Paving Division, who are employed in the Park Department, who are employed in the Public Grounds Department, who are employed in the Street Cleaning Department, I can conceive of no good reason why the same treatment should not obtain in the Sanitary Department. I sincerely trust that the head of that department will in making up his annual budget, ask from the City Council a sum sufficient to make possible the establishment of the general Saturday half holiday in that department that obtains in other departments.

The order was passed. Sent down.

REPAIR, ETC., OF ROADWAYS.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to resurface the roadways on Boylston street, between Chestnut avenue and Brookside avenue, Wd. 22, and charge the expense to the appropriation for Street Improvements.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to macadamize the roadways, regulate the gutters and gravel the sidewalks along Washington St., between Green and Morton Sts., Wd. 23, and charge the expense to the appropriation for street improvements.

Severally referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

ELECTRIC WIRES, ORDER OF NOTICE.

Ald. CURLEY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted a report on petition of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts (referred Aug. 26), for leave to erect three poles on Spencer St., Wd. 20—recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon, on Monday, Nov. 25, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted; order of notice passed.

RECESS.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. BANGS, at 4:20 P. M., to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic chamber and were called to order by Chairman BERWIN at 4:40 P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Chairman BERWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition (referred today), of Morton Prince, trustee, and Richard H. Dana et al., trustees, for leave to lay a brick conduit under and across Congress Sq., between 19 and 24, Wd. 6,—recommending the passage of an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Morton Prince, trustee, and Richard H. Dana, et al., trustees, to construct, maintain and use a conduit composed of brick and cement, with pipes for heating and power purposes encased therein, under and across Congress Sq., Wd. 6, to connect buildings numbered 19 and 24, of the dimensions as shown on a plan dated November 18, 1907, and placed on file in the permit office of the Street Dept. The work to be completed on or before January 4, 1908, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed under suspension of the rule.

(2) Report on order (referred Oct. 21), requesting the Superintendent of Streets to repair the sidewalk, regulate the roadway and construct dish gutters along Hewlett St. between Centre and Walter streets, Wd. 23, charging the expense to the appropriation to Street Improvements—recommending the passage of the same.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(3) Report on the order (referred today), requesting the Superintendent of Streets to have repaired the several defects on the roadways on Allston St., Calumet St. and Harvard Ave., Wd. 25,

charging the expense to the appropriation of Street Improvements—recommending passage of the same.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(4) Report on order (referred today) requesting the Superintendent of Streets to regulate the paving along Kneeland St., between Washington and Harvard Sts., Wd. 7, charging the same to the appropriation for street improvements—recommending passage of the same.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(5) Report on the order (referred today), requesting the Superintendent of Streets to repair the roadway on Albany St., between Kneeland St. and the bridge, and place the same in proper condition for travel, charging the same to the appropriation for street improvements—recommending the passage of the same.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(6) Report on order (referred today) requesting the Superintendent of Streets to macadamize the roadways, regulate the gutters and gravel the sidewalks along Washington St., between Green and Morton Sts., charging the same to the appropriation for street improvements—recommending the passage of the same.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(7) Report on order (referred today), requesting the Superintendent of streets to resurface the roadway on Boylston St. between Chestnut Ave. and Brookside Ave., Wd. 22, charging the same to the expense for street improvements, recommending the passage of the same.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(8) Report on order (referred today), requesting the Superintendent of Streets to resurface the roadway on Marginal St., between Cottage St. and the Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn R. R., charging the expense to the appropriation for street improvements, recommending the passage of the same.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(9) Report on the order (referred today), requesting the Superintendent of Streets to resurface the roadway on Greenbrier St., Wd. 20, charging the expense to the appropriation for street improvements, recommending the passage of the same.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(10) Report on the order (referred today) requesting the Superintendent of Streets to resurface the roadway on Canterbury St., between Poplar St. and the railroad, and place the same in safe condition for public travel, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for street improvements—recommending the passage of the same.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(11) Report on the order (referred today) requesting the Superintendent of Streets to relay the gutter blocks, regulate the edgestones and resurface the roadway on East Sixth street, between O and P Sts., Wd. 14, charging the expense to the appropriation for street improvements—recommending the passage of the same.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(12) Report on the order (referred today) requesting the Superintendent of Streets to resurface the roadways on Freeport St., between Tenean St. and the bridge, and Fuller St., between Dorchester Ave. and Washington St., Wd. 24, charging the expense to the appropriation for street improvements—recommending the passage of the same.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(13) Report on the order (referred today) requesting the Superintendent of Streets to resurface the roadway on

Bennington Sts., between Wordsworth and Saratoga Sts., Wd. 1, and charge the same to the appropriation on street improvements—recommending the passage of the same.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(14) Report on the order (referred today) requesting the Superintendent of Public Grounds to remove the tree standing in front of estate 24 Union St., Charlestown, said tree being in a dangerous condition, the expense attending the same to be charged to the

appropriation for Public Grounds Department—recommending the passage of the same.

Report accepted; said order passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. Bell, the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. Battis, at 4:44 P. M., to meet on Monday, Nov. 25, at 3 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, Nov. 21, 1907.

Adjourned meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock, P. M., President BARRETT in the chair.

CALL FOR MEETING.

The clerk read the call for the meeting, as follows:

Clerk's Office, Common Council,
City Hall.

Boston, Nov. 19, 1907.

An adjourned meeting of the Common Council will be held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, Nov. 21, 1907, at 7:45 o'clock, P. M. By direction of the President,

Joseph O'Kane,

Clerk of the Common Council.

Placed on file.

NEXT MEETING.

There being no objection, the President recognized Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1, who offered an order—That when the Council adjourns it be to meet again on Thursday, Dec. 5, 1907, at 7:45 o'clock P. M.

Passed.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Notice of the organization of the Board of Aldermen by the choice of William Berwin as permanent Chairman for the current municipal year.

Placed on file.

2. Communication from the United States Commissioner of Labor (Hon. Charles P. Neill) in reply to resolutions of the City Council relative to the 'Telegraphers' strike.

Placed on file.

3. Mayor's message transmitting a communication from the Park Commissioners expressing regret that, because of lack of funds, they cannot avail themselves of the authority contained in the order of Oct. 10-14, to hire Chandler's Pond for skating and to spend a sum not exceeding \$200 for the purpose.

Placed on file.

There being no objection on the part of the Council, Nos. 4 and 5, which were loan orders, were passed over, and the Council took up No. 6, as follows:

6. Ordered, That the Water Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have the watering trough, now situated at the junction of Saratoga and Bennington Sts., removed to the junction of Saratoga, Broadman and Ford Sts.

Passed in concurrence.

7. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Sanitary Department be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to include in the annual estimate for said department for the year 1908 and 1909 a sum sufficient to provide a half-holiday the year round upon Saturdays for all employees whose services can be dispensed with.

Passed in concurrence.

8. Ordered, That His Honor the

Mayor be requested to instruct the Fire Commissioner to make such arrangements as may be necessary to secure proper compensation for the call firemen stationed at the various theatres and places of public amusement in accordance with a recent order of said commissioner.

Passed in concurrence.

9. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Fire Commissioner to allow all firemen one hour and fifteen minutes for meals instead of one hour as at present.

Passed in concurrence.

There being no objection the Council took up Nos. 10 to 39, inclusive, together, viz.:

10. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of Christopher J. Halligan; referred March 31, 1902, for compensation for damage to property caused by an alleged defect in Fairland St., Sept. 6, 1901,—leave to withdraw.

11. Report of same committee, on petition of Samuel Neil, referred Sept. 15, 1902, to be repaid the \$413 alleged to have been erroneously paid for a sewer assessment—leave to withdraw.

12. Report of same committee, on petition of Samuel Neil, referred Sept. 15, 1902, to be repaid \$375 alleged to have been erroneously paid for edgestone assessment—leave to withdraw.

13. Report of same committee, on petition of Malachi L. Jennings, referred Jan. 19, 1903, for compensation for damage to estate 56 Cambridge St., Wd. 8, caused by fire apparatus—leave to withdraw.

14. Report of same committee, on petition of L. M. Johnson, referred Jan. 19, 1903, for compensation for damage to property at 56 Cambridge St., Wd. 8, caused by fire apparatus—leave to withdraw.

15. Report of same committee, on petition of Charles L. Brooks, referred June 13, 1904, for compensation for damage to wagon caused by an alleged defect in Brooks St., July 27, 1903,—leave to withdraw.

16. Report of same committee, on petition of Jeanette Vennell, referred June 20, 1904, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Massachusetts Ave., March 2, 1904,—leave to withdraw.

17. Report of same committee, on petition of Ralph T. Knights, referred Sept. 26, 1904, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Centre St., Aug. 30, 1904,—leave to withdraw.

18. Report of same committee, on petition of Vianna J. Tebbetts, referred Sept. 26, 1904, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Centre St., Aug. 30, 1904,—leave to withdraw.

19. Report of same committee, on petition of Belle Knights, referred Sept. 26, 1904, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Centre St., Aug. 30, 1904,—leave to withdraw.

20. Report of same committee, on petition of Frank D. Knights, referred Sept. 26, 1904, for compensation for injuries and damages caused by an alleged defect in Centre St., Aug. 30, 1904,—leave to withdraw.

21. Report of same committee, on petition of Malachi E. Gadsis, referred March 6, 1905, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall at 5 Vernon St., Roxbury—leave to withdraw.

22. Report of same committee, on petition of Margaret McCormack, referred June 12, 1905, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect on G St., March 2, 1905—leave to withdraw.

23. Report of same committee, on petition of John E. Fitzgerald, referred Sept. 25, 1905, for compensation for in-

jury to horse caused by an alleged defect in Hayward place, Aug. 1, 1905—leave to withdraw.

24. Report of same committee, on petition of Frank J. Markey, referred Oct. 30, 1905, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Tremont St., Oct. 6, 1906—leave to withdraw.

25. Report of same committee on petition of Crozier & Muirenn, referred March 26, 1906, for compensation for damage to property caused by an alleged defect in Columbus Av., Feb. 13, 1905—leave to withdraw.

26. Report of same committee, on petition of Ethel May rose, referred Nov. 19, 1906, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in River St., Wd. 24, Aug. 20, 1906—leave to withdraw.

27. Report of same committee, on petition of C. C. White, referred Dec. 17, 1900, for compensation for injuries caused by falling into coal hole at 23 Boylston St.—leave to withdraw.

28. Report of same committee, on petition of George Hagopian, referred May 16, 1904, for compensation for injury to horse caused by alleged defect in Elmo St.—leave to withdraw.

29. Report of same committee, on petition of Gueda L. Whiting, referred Sept. 12, 1904, for compensation for injuries caused by alleged defect on Boylston St.—leave to withdraw.

30. Report of same committee, on petition of Margaret Morris, referred Feb. 27, 1905, for compensation for damage to property 112 Seventh St., by overflow of water,—leave to withdraw.

31. Report of same committee, on petition of Margaret Cooney, referred April 10, 1905, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Northfield St.—leave to withdraw.

32. Report of same committee, on petition of J. C. Coleman & Son, referred Sept. 6, 1905, for compensation for damage to cart caused by an alleged defect in Norway St.—leave to withdraw.

33. Report of same committee, on petition of the Dorchester Stable Company, referred Dec. 18, 1905, for compensation for damage to carnage caused by an alleged defect in Dorchester avenue—leave to withdraw.

34. Report of same committee, on petition of Ida Gotlieb, referred May 22, 1907, for compensation for injuries caused by falling into a coal hole at 32 Oswego st.—leave to withdraw.

35. Report of same committee, on petition of Elizabeth Cusick, referred Oct. 21, 1907, for compensation for injuries caused by being struck by fire apparatus—leave to withdraw.

36. Report of some committee, on petition of Catherine Blanchard, referred Feb. 11, 1907, for compensation

for injuries caused by being struck by team alleged to have been owned by the city—leave to withdraw.

37. Report of same committee, on petition of Ida G. Crawford, referred March 19, 1907, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Prison Point Bridge, Feb. 21, 1907,—leave to withdraw.

38. Report of same committee, on petition of Josephine G. Dooliver, referred June 24, 1907, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Tremont St., March 8, 1905,—leave to withdraw.

39. Report of same committee, on petition of Antonio Cornetta, referred Sept. 25, 1907, for compensation for damage to property, 27 Decatur St., caused by bursting of water pipe, Aug. 29, 1907,—leave to withdraw.

Severally accepted in concurrence.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I arise to a point or order that there is no quorum present.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair is compelled to entertain the point of order. Mr. Fitzgerald makes the point of order that there is not a quorum present. The Chair will request the members present to rise and remain standing until they are counted for the purpose of determining whether or not there is a quorum present.

The members did as requested, and it appeared that there were 23 present.

The PRESIDENT—Twenty-three members being present, the Chair will declare that there is not a quorum present.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 doubted the count and called for the roll, which was ordered, with the following result:

Present—Anderson, Bagley, Barrett, Brown, Carruth, Clark (20), Doyle, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Foley, Hanrahan, Harding, McCabe, McCarthy, McGregor, McLennan, Mealey, Murphy, Noonan, Penschorn, Pierce, Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Zetterman—27.

Absent—Bramhall, Buckley, Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Driscoll, Ducey, Fitzgerald (5), George, Green, Hackett, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Montague, Morgan, Noyes, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Purcell, Rackowsky, Roberts, Rosenberg, Sacks, Santosuosso, Sheenan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Woodside—48.

The PRESIDENT—Twenty-seven members, or less than a quorum, being present, the Chair will declare the Council adjourned, to meet on Thursday evening, Dec. 5, at 7:45 P. M.

Adjourned at 8:15 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Nov. 25, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock, P. M., Chairman BERWIN presiding, and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. CLARK, to dispense with the reading of the record of the last meeting.

JURORS DRAWN.

Eight petit jurors were drawn for the United States District Court, December term, to appear Dec. 10, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 514, of the Acts of 1894, viz.:

Joseph B. McLellan, Wd. 19; James F. Hovey, Wd. 10; Gerald J. Mansfield, Wd. 19; John J. Moore, Wd. 23; Neil M. Woodside, Wd. 1; George E. Bowman, Wd. 11; Simon Goldman, Wd. 8; George H. Springer, Wd. 16.

APPOINTMENT OF FINANCE COMMISSIONER.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, Nov. 19, 1907.
To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that, in accordance with the provisions of an order of the City Council and amendments thereto providing for the investigation of the city's finances by a Commission, I have today appointed Mr. Randall G. Morris (97 Bellevue St., West Roxbury), to serve upon the said Commission as the representative of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, to take the place of Samuel Carr, who has resigned and whose resignation has been accepted by me.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Sent down.

PLAN OF RAILWAY EXTENSION.

The following was received:

City of Boston, Office of the Mayor.

Nov. 19, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:

I transmit herewith, in order that it may be placed in the files of the City Clerk, a plan showing typical construction of proposed East Cambridge extension of the Boston Elevated Railway (No. 25,221).

The above plan has been approved by me under the provisions of Chapter 520 of the Acts of 1906, as to architectural appearance and obstruction to light and air.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

(Annexed were plans referred to).

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Board the Mayor submitted the following appointments, viz.:

(1) Amos S. Hubbard (36 Robinson St., Wd. 20), an Inspector of Pressed or

Bundled Hay and Straw and a Measurer of Grain for the term ending April 30, 1908.

(2) Roy C. McIntire (Park Ave., Revere), a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1908.

Severally laid over, under the law.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Dept. (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Iona Social Club, a transparency (temporarily), at Postoffice Building, Central Sq., Wd. 1.

A. S. Putnam, an illuminated drug-gist's mortar, at 34 Henley St., Wd. 5.

Morris Wolfson, an illuminated sign, at 192 Friend St., Wd. 6.

Samuel N. Webber, an illuminated sign, at 46 Court St., Wd. 6.

Houghton & Dutton, a sign, at 3 Beacon St., Wd. 6.

Hannah Spielman, an electric sign, at 51 Cross St., Wd. 6.

Maria C. Salomone, an illuminated sign and a barber pole, at 11 Fleet St., Wd. 6.

Placida Amaru & Co., a sign, at 5 Prince St., Wd. 6.

Giuseppe Bevelacqua, an electric sign, at 101 Prince St., Wd. 6.

Marshall Sign Company, a wooden sign, at 114 Broad St., Wd. 7.

Porter's Market, an electric sign, at 149 Summer St., Wd. 7.

Louis Kaminsky, a sign, at 815 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7.

William Filene Sons Company, 130 illuminated signs, at 441-443 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Frank H. Chamberlain, an illuminated sign, at 637 Washington St., Wd. 7.

A. N. Cook & Co., an electric sign, at 167 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Louis Kostiuik, an electric sign, at 67 Lowell St., Wd. 8.

C. H. Hadley & Co., a sign, at 36 Chardon St., Wd. 8.

J. Marlow, a gas arc lamp, at 1231 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Joe Middleby, Jr. (inc.), a sign, at 337-347 Summer St., Wd. 13.

Patrick Tivnan & Co., an illuminated sign, at 725 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 16.

Louis Taylor, a sign, at 233 Dudley St., Wd. 17.

Henry Hunt, five Welsbach gas arc lamps, at 1126-1130 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

Dr. Barnett Bruce, an electric sign, at 1140 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

B. Cox, an electric sign, at 900 Parke St., Wd. 22.

B. Cox, an electric sign, at 26 New Heath St., Wd. 22.

Albert Sani, an illuminated sign, at 371 Washington St., Wd. 25.

L. Marks (two signs), one illuminated sign; three barber poles, 234 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 10.

Electric Wires.

Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, for leave to erect one pole on Federal St., Wd. 22.

Petitions of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, viz.:

For leave to attach fixtures and wires to three poles of the Boston Consolidated Gas Company on Sherborn St., between Bay State Road and Commonwealth Ave., Wd. 11.

For leave to erect and to remove one pole on Fairview St., near South St., Wd. 23.

For leave to erect ten poles on Mt. Vernon St., between Boston St., and Dorchester Ave., Wd. 16.

For leave to erect and to remove ten poles on Walk Hill St., between Blue Hill Ave. and Harvard St., Wd. 24.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

William F. McClellan, on Nov. 22, at noon.

Democratic City Committee, on Nov. 22, evening.

Frank Curtis, on Nov. 23, between noon and 1 P. M.

Armenian Church of Boston, on the evening of Nov. 24.

Joint Councils of City Employees' Unions, on the evening of Nov. 29.

Democratic City Committee, on the evening of Dec. 3.

William Peel, on the evening of Dec. 5.

Boston Newsboys' Union, on the afternoon of Dec. 8.

Massachusetts Department Daughters of Veterans, on the evening of Dec. 13.

Board of Health.

Margaret Rogers, for license to maintain a lying-in hospital at 1128 Boylston St., Wd. 10.

Licenses.

C. J. Herlihy, for a permit for Katherine Smith and other children under 15 years of age to appear at the Mechanics Building, Nov. 27, 1907.

Claims.

Estate of T. Seaver, for compensation for damages by the flooding of premises, 28 Marcella St., by sewage.

Mary A. Ronan, for compensation for personal injuries received from an alleged defect in Blackstone St., Nov. 15, 1907.

Henry D. Murray, for compensation for damage to his house and property at 47 Stanwood St. by the bursting of a water pipe on Nov. 18, 1907.

John W. Crowley, for compensation for damage to his personal property at 47 Stanwood St. by the bursting of a water pipe on Nov. 18, 1907.

Timothy J. Cunoiani, for compensation for damage to his property at 45 Stanwood St., Roxbury.

James Houghton, for compensation for injuries received from a runaway horse owned by the city on Aug. 28, 1906.

Annie Lee, for compensation for personal injuries caused by an alleged defect in Southampton St. on Oct. 21, 1907.

Public Improvements.

Connery & Wentworth, for leave to erect two guy posts on Beacon St., Wd. 11.

John Soley & Sons, for leave to move a wooden building from the corner of L and East First Sts. to land near end of Dorchester St., Wd. 14.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:

M. E. Barnes & Son, 22 Blackstone St., North and John Sts., Wd. 6.

Crescenzo Merola, Everett St., side of 6 Cottage St., Wd. 2.

C. A. Clark, Old Road, corner Glenway St., Wd. 20.

Mrs. E. J. McGinnis, 47 Juniper St., Wd. 21.

Warren C. Stevens, 24 Roslin St., Wd. 24.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of Rueter & Co., for leave to project three balconies from building at the northerly corner of New Heath and Terrace Sts., Wd. 13.

On petitions for leave to project mar- quises, viz.:

2. Houghton & Dutton, one at 55 Tremont St. and one at the northerly corner of Tremont and Beacon Sts., Wd. 6.

3. William F. Hall et als., Trustees, one at 132 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.).

4. On petition of New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for leave to erect three poles on Spencer St., between Park and Athelwold St., Wd. 20.

Objections were made by Daniel and Mary Sullivan, Dorothy V. Collins, by William E. Collins, Isaac Simons, and Nathan Marquis, residents and adjoining owners against the granting of the petition.

Recommitted to the Committee on Electric Wires, on motion of Ald. CLARK, with instructions to give a public hearing.

CLERK HIRE.

A report was received from William T. A. Fitzgerald, Register of Deeds, in accordance with the provisions of Section 33, chapter 22 of the Revised Laws, certifying that certain persons had been employed in his office from Oct. 21, 1907, to Nov. 18, 1907; and that work had been actually performed to the amount of \$333.21.

Approved by the Board.

COAL AND COKE LICENSES.

A list of coal and coke licenses granted by the secretary of the Commonwealth was received.

Placed on file.

SIDEWALK SCHEDULE.

A schedule was received from the Superintendent of Streets concerning the construction of sidewalks with granite edgestones on Comins Terrace, Wd. 21; Kingsdale St., Wd. 20; East Eighth St., Wd. 14, recommending the passage of the following: Ordered that the persons named in the within schedule be and they hereby are charged and assessed with one-half the sums set to their respective names, as their proportional parts of the cost of constructing sidewalks with granite edgestones in front of their estates on the above-named streets, and that the same was ordered to be certified and notice given to the parties aforesaid to the amount of \$287.91.

The order was passed.

ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the petition of Amos H. Whipple, for leave to project two marqueses at the Copley Square Hotel, Wd. 10, one at 49 Huntington Ave. and one at the ladies' entrance on Exeter St.—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, Dec. 9, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

ORDERS OF NOTICE, USE OF GASOLINE.

On the following petitions of the Boston Elevated Railway Company for licenses to store and keep for use gasoline in quantities not exceeding the amount hereinafter specified at loca-

tions, orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Monday, Dec. 16, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard:

439 Albany St., Wd. 9 (in Bowser tank).....	10 barrels.
Emergency Station, 363 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 15.....	1 gallon.
Car House, Eagle St., Wd. 1.....	3 gallons.
Power Station, Eagle St., Wd. 1.....	1 gallon.
Power Station, George and Hamblen Sts., Wd. 4.....	1 gallon.
Oil House, Sullivan Sq., Wd. 4.....	150 gallons.
Car House, Sullivan Sq., Wd. 4.....	1 gallon.
Emergency Station, 637 Main St., Wd. 4.....	1 gallon.
Emergency Station, 22 Portland St., Wd. 6.....	1 gallon.
Power Station, Lincoln Wharf, Wd. 6.....	1 gallon.
Power Station, 439 Albany St., Wd. 9.....	1 gallon.
Machine Shop, 439 Albany St., Wd. 9.....	3 gallons.
552 Harrison Ave., Wd. 9 (in underground tank).....	50 gallons.
Car House, P and First Sts., Wd. 14 (in brick oil house).....	3 gallons.
Car House, 925 Tremont St., Wd. 18.....	1 gallon.
Emergency Station, Columbus Ave. and Camden St., Wd. 18.....	1 gallon.
Car House, Warren St. and Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 20.....	1 gallon.
Car House, Park St., Wd. 20.....	1 gallon.
Washington St., at Guild St., Wd. 21.....	10 gallons.
Emergency Station, Bartlett and Washington Sts., Wd. 21.....	1 gallon.
Bartlett St. Shops, Wd. 21.....	5 barrels.
Car House, Lotus Pl., Wd. 23.....	3 gallons.
Car House, South St., near Jamaica St., Wd. 23.....	1 gallon.
Car House, 772 Washington St., Wd. 24.....	3 gallons.
Car House, 433 Neponset Ave., Wd. 24.....	1 gallon.
Car House, 272 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24.....	3 gallons.
Power Station, Freepoint St., near Park St., Wd. 24.....	1 gallon.
Car House, Oak Sq., Wd. 25.....	1 gallon.
Emergency Station, Shepard and Washington Sts., Wd. 25.....	1 gallon.
Car House, Braintree St., Wd. 25.....	2 gallons.
Power Station, Braintree St., Wd. 25.....	1 gallon.

project signs, etc. (severally referred to today)—recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

A. N. Cook & Co., electric sign, 161 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

On petition of Boston Protective Department for license to store gasoline at rear 159-161 Roxbury St., Wd. 13—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, Dec. 16, at 3 o'clock, P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

STORAGE OF GASOLENE.

Reports were received from the Fire Commissioner on the following petitions of the Boston Elevated Railway Company for licenses to store gasoline at various places—that the petitioners be given leave to withdraw, viz.:

439 Albany St., Wd. 9 (in Bowser tank), 10 barrels.

Emergency Station, 363 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 15, one gallon.

The petitioners were given leave to withdraw.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

There being no objections the Chairman called up unfinished business, No. 5, viz.:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz.:

5. Charles Ruhl and Morris F. Lewenberg, to be Constables for the term ending April 30, 1908.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ad. Bangs and Flanagan. Whole number of ballots cast 8, yes 8, and the appointments were confirmed.

PROJECTIONS, ETC.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:

(1) Report on petition of B. F. Keith (referred Aug. 26th), for leave to project three illuminated signs at 141 Washington St., Wd. 7—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions for leave to

J. Marlow, gas arc lamp, 1231 Washington St., Wd. 9.

B. Cox, electric sign, 900 Parker St. Wd. 22.

Joe Middleby, Jr. (Inc.), sign, 13-347 Summer St., Wd. 13.

Dr. Barnett Bruce, electric sign, 1140 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

Louis Taylor, sign, 253 Dudley St. Wd. 17.

C. H. Hadley & Co., sign, 86 Chardon St., Wd. 8.

Frank H. Chamberlain, illuminated sign, 637 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Lou's Kostuk, electric sign, 17 Lowell St., Wd. 8.

B. Cox, electric sign, 26 New Heath St., Wd. 22.

Porter's Market, electric sign, 149 Summer St., Wd. 7.

William Filene Sons Company, 139 illuminated signs, 441-463 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Samuel N. Webber, illuminated sign, 46 Court St., Wd. 6.

Iona Social Club, temporary transparency, Postoffice Building, Central Sq., Wd. 1.

Louis Kaminsky, sign, 315 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7.

Placido Amaru & Co, sign, 5 Prince St., Wd. 6.

Maria C. Salomone, illuminated sign and a barber pole, 11 Fleet St., Wd. 6.

Hannah Spelman, electric sign, 51 Cross St., Wd. 6.

Guiseppè Bevelacqua, electric sign, 101 Prince St., Wd. 6.

Morris Wolfson, illuminated sign 142 Friend St., Wd. 6.

A. S. Putnam, illuminated dog sign, mortar, 34 Henley St., Wd. 5.

Marshall Sign Co., wooden sign, 111 Broad St., Wd. 7.

Albert Sarni, illuminated sign, 371 Washington St., Wd. 25.

Houghton & Dutton Co., sign 3 Beacon St., Wd. 6.

L. Marks, illuminated sign, 234 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 10.

L. Marks, three barber poles 231 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 10.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

LICENSESES.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that minors licenses be granted to seven newsboys and one vendor.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on petition of C. H. Herlihy (referred today), for permit for Katherine Smith and other children, under 15 years of age, to appear at Mechanics' Hall on Nov. 27—that a permit be granted.

Report accepted; permit granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports on petitions (severally referred Nov. 18), for leave to store gasoline in various places—that licenses be granted viz.:

E. E. Chapman, rear of 133 Brook Ave., Wd. 16.

J. R. McPherson, 920 Centre St., Jamaica Plain.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on usual conditions.

COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

Ald. WHELTON, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted a report on order (referred Nov. 11) for additional allowance for clerical assistance—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the County Auditor be authorized to allow for payment, and the County Treasurer to pay, the pay roll of Clerk of the Superior Court for Civil Business for clerical assistance during the month of November, 1907, amounting to twenty-eight hundred sixty-six dollars and forty-nine cents (\$2,866.49); the amount so paid to be charged to the appropriation for County of Suffolk.

Report accepted; order passed.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted reports on petitions (severally referred today) for the use of Faneuil Hall—that leave be granted, viz:

Boston Newsboys' Union, afternoon of Dec. 8.

William F. McClellan, noon of Nov. 22. Democratic City Committee, evening of Nov. 22.

Democratic City Committee, evening of Dec. 3.

Joint Councils of City Employees' Unions, evening of Nov. 29.

Armenian Church of Boston, evening of Nov. 24.

Massachusetts Department, Daughters of Veterans, evening of Dec. 13.

Frank Curtis, noon of Nov. 23.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

PRINTING REPORTS.

Ald. DRAPER, for the Committee on Printing, submitted the following:

(1) Report on orders (severally referred March 21), relative to printing an edition of the List of Streets—recommending the passage of the following new draft:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Printing, be authorized to prepare and publish a revised edition of fifteen hundred copies of the volume entitled "Boston's Streets"; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(2) Report on order (referred Oct. 7), relative to publishing a memorial volume of the centennial anniversary of the incorporation of Brighton—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

TRACK LOCATION.

Ald. DRAPER called up unfinished business, No. 7, viz.:

7. Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the Cunningham Iron Company to construct, maintain and use a single spur track to be used for the transportation of freight by steam power, across B St., Wd. 13, connecting the property of said company with the tracks of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, said track being shown by black lines on a plan dated March 14, 1907, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the track located by this order is upon condition that immediately upon the completion of the work of construction the company shall remove the present track located on B St., shown by white dashes on said plan, and shall restore the surface of the street to a condition satisfactory to the Superintendent of Streets. Also upon the condition that the whole work of laying the track, the form of rail to be used and the kind and quality of material used in paving said track shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon the further condition that said company shall accept this order, and shall file such acceptance with the City Clerk, within thirty days from the date of its passage; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work authorized to be done under the provisions of this order shall be completed within one year from the date of its passage.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I think, in fairness to Ald. Baldwin, who is absent and who is much interested in this matter, that it should be laid over. I hardly think it fair to pass the order in his absence, as he has asked for a chance to look into it. Therefore, I move that it be laid over.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I think the Alderman to whom he refers is in the anteroom and that he has an opportunity at this time to address the Board in regard to the matter. I am authorized to say this, however. The matter has been referred to the Alderman and he has passed favorably on it. It affects a certain section in which he is interested, and he approves of the matter. I move, therefore, as a substitute, that the matter be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I have no objection to the matter. I merely asked to have it laid over in the absence of Ald. Baldwin, whose district it is in. I did not know that the Alderman was present in the anteroom, but, as long as he is here, he can speak for himself.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, I have no objection to the assignment. In fact, I may say that I am in favor of assignment, because this is a matter that pertains to my immediate district over there. For that reason I would like to look into the matter.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, is not the question on my substitute motion to refer the matter to the Committee on Public Improvements?

The CHAIRMAN—The question is on Ald. Draper's motion to refer No. 7 to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. WOODS—I will accept that, Mr. Chairman.

The order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of estate 26 Elm Hill avenue, Roxbury district, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. CLARK offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to have removed two dead trees in front of estate No. 13 Pearl St., Wd. 20; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to have removed a tree in front of estate No. 30 Boylston St., Wd. 22; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to have removed three trees in front of estate No. 4 and 6 Trenton St., and one on corner of Trenton and Meridian Sts.; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to have removed a tree standing in front of estate 35 Tolman St., Wd. 24, and that he be further requested to have trimmed a tree standing in front of 323 E St., Wd. 13; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove trees standing in front of premises 1469 Washington St., 1479 Washington St., and 7 West Canton St., the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

SIDEWALK ORDERS.

Ald. CLARK offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along Old Road, at the corner of Glenway St., Wd. 20, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of gravel, with granite edgestone, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Passed.

Ald. CLARK offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along No. 5 and 7 King St., Wd. 24, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of gravel, with granite edgestone, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Passed.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a

sidewalk along Holton and Athol Sts., at St. Anthony's Church, Wd. 25; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edgestone, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Passed.

LIST OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Ald. DRAPER offered an order—That the Clerk of Committees be authorized to prepare and publish an edition of fifteen hundred copies of a volume containing a list of the members of the City Council and department heads from 1890 to the present year; the expense incurred to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed. Sent down.

RESCISSION OF VOTE.

Ald. CLARK offered an order—That the vote passed by this Board Nov. 18 granting to Louis M. Clark the use of Faneuil Hall on Dec. 9, be and the same is hereby rescinded, the use of said hall on said date having been previously granted to another party.

Passed.

RESCISSION OF RAILWAY LOCATION.

Ald. DRAPER offered an order—That the order passed by this Board Nov. 11, 1907, granting a location to the Austin Biscuit Company for a single track railroad across Beverly St., be and the same hereby is rescinded.

Passed.

PRIVATE RAILWAY, WARD 6.

Ald. DRAPER offered an order—That permission be hereby granted to the Austin Biscuit Company to construct, maintain, and use, between the hours of 12 midnight and 6 A. M., a single track railway for private use in the transportation of freight by steam power, upon and across Beverly St., wd. 6, from tracks of the Boston & Maine Railroad to a private way running into said Beverly St., about 135 feet north of Causeway St., said track being shown by yellow line on a plan dated March, 1906, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the track located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said track, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said company shall accept this order, and shall file such acceptance with the City Clerk within thirty days from the date of its passage; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work authorized to be done under the provisions of this order shall be completed within one year from the date of its passage.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Draper.

LEAVE TO STRETCH WIRE.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That permission be granted to Mary W. Macomber to stretch a telephone wire across East Newton St., from No. 31

East Newton St. to No. 16 James St., in such manner as may be approved by the Wire Commissioner.

Passed under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Ald. CURLEY.

FOOTBRIDGE AT FOREST HILLS.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the City Engineer, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to furnish this Board at its next meeting, if possible, an estimate of the cost of a footbridge over the Boston & Providence Division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, at Forest Hills, from the primary schoolyard on Washington St. to Hyde Park Ave.

Passed.

CLOSING OF MENDUM ST.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Mendum St., between Walter and Fairview Sts., Wd. 23, for the time necessary for the completion of sewer improvements now in progress by the Sewer Department.

Passed.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted at 3:25, P. M., on motion of Ald. WHELTON, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber, and was called to order by the Chairman at 4:07 P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Chairman BERWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on petition of Connery & Wentworth (referred today) for leave to erect guy posts—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Connery & Wentworth, to erect, maintain, and use guy posts with the necessary ropes attached in and over Beacon St., Wd. 11: one in front of No. 127, one in front of No. 137, for use during the erection of a building at No. 118 Beacon St., the work to be completed on or before Jan. 4, 1908, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Report on petition of John Soley & Sons (referred today), for leave to move wooden building—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Soley & Sons to move a wooden building, flat roof, 40 feet in length, by 40 feet in width, by 28 feet in height, from present location corner land East First St., across L St., and over private land, and thence by lighter to wharf at end of Dorchester St., Wd. 14, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for sidewalks—recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks on the following streets, in front of the hereinafter mentioned estates; said sidewalks to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and

to be built of artificial stone with granite edgestone, the owner to furnish said material, viz.:

M. E. Barnes & Son, 22 Blackstone St., North and John Sts., Wd. 6.

C. A. Clark, old road, corner Glenway St., Wd. 20.

Warren C. Stevens, 24 Roslin St., Wd. 24.

Mrs. L. J. McGinnis, 47 Juniper St., Wd. 21 (to be built of brick, no edgestone).

Crescenzo Merola, Everett St., side of 86 Cottage St., Wd. 2 (brick).

Reports severally accepted; orders passed.

INFORMATION ASKED FROM AUDITOR.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the County Auditor be requested to furnish this Board at its next meeting an itemized statement of all sums of money paid to Michael J. Sughrue by the County of Suffolk.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, it is my purpose to move that further action be deferred after second reading of the order. It seems to me the order is so broad in its statements that I am warranted in rising and asking that further action be deferred. It refers to all sums of moneys and it does not specify for what purposes, and it may bring about something that the alderman probably does not intend in presenting the order. It will not give the information he probably desires.

Ald. WOODS—It asks for an itemized statement.

Ald. WHELTON—Does it say so?

Ald. WOODS—Yes.

Ald. WHELTON—Well, I think further action should be deferred. It is not my purpose to oppose the order in any way, but I think its language should be more clear than it appears to be.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I want to state that the order calls for an itemized statement; therefore that will bring in everything for which moneys were paid. I hope the order will not be deferred because I am directly interested in this matter. Owing to the lot of talk that has been made, certain statements that have gone forth, let us get at the truth of it. As county commissioners, we have a right to investigate it. Therefore, I hope action will not be deferred but that the order will be passed. It will take the auditor some little time, and probably we will not be able to get it for a week. But I have asked for an itemized statement, and, therefore, that will cover everything.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I don't know what the purport of the order is, but it seems to me that the Board of Aldermen should have something in the way of information before passing in judgment on this order. Why the order is presented at this time I don't know. The Alderman who introduced the order has simply stated that we should have an itemized account of the expenses incurred by Mr. Sughrue. That is quite true, but the reason for the wording of the order is something I cannot quite understand; and before I pass in judgment on the order I would like very much to have Ald. Woods state to the members of the Board the reasons why he has offered this order.

The order was read at request of Ald. Bell.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I hope the gentleman will withdraw his motion to assign. I came here today prepared to talk on the report of the Finance Commission which referred to me. The Finance Commission's report

is not ready. I have introduced this order for the purpose of getting certain information, as I have to defend myself before the people upon the statements as submitted by the Finance Commission and published in the daily papers, but not yet submitted to this Board. The statement was published last week. Why there has been this delay, what is the intent in keeping it from this Board, I don't know. If it was before the Board I could talk on it today. Therefore, I have asked that the sums of money that were paid to Michael J. Sughrue, in accordance with statements made in the press and by individuals, should be brought to light, and if there is anything wrong, we as County Commissioners, have the right to investigate it. Don't let every one have their own way without getting back and finding out whether they have been doing what they have tried to accuse other people of doing. I hope the matter will not be deferred; let it be passed, let us get at the truth, right or wrong. If an injustice has been done Michael J. Sughrue, let it be righted; if he is wrong, let the people know it.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I find no fault with the wording of the order other than it is so broad, and yet it does not convey anything definite as to what we are going to find out. Of course, every member of the Board of Aldermen knows that this Board, acting as county commissioners, can obtain necessary information in five minutes from the county auditor. The necessity of passing this order I do not quite understand. It seems to me that the information desired can be obtained by any member of the Board, as a county commissioner, without the necessity of having a formal vote passed by the Board of Aldermen.

Ald. WOODS—Perhaps it would satisfy the Alderman if I made that read: "On accounts chargeable to the County of Suffolk."

The CLERK—That provision is already in the order.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I move you, sir, that further consideration of the matter be referred, together with the amendment, to the Committee on County Accounts.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I hope the order will not be referred to the Committee on County Accounts. This is a matter that affects me personally. I want the facts and figures here when I talk on the Finance Commission's report. I think I should be accorded that right. I don't think there should be any delay in this matter. I have been accused of certain things. I don't wish to talk on the matter today, because I cannot talk when I have not the Finance Commission's report. I think it is unfair to me to say that I cannot have that privilege, to bring this information before this Board in a proper manner. I ask for a suspension of the rule, Mr. Chairman, if that is necessary.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair would suggest to the honorable alderman that the phraseology of his order is such that it might be exceedingly difficult for any department to give him the information for which he undoubtedly seeks. If he would so amend his order as to cover what he really aims to secure, I have no doubt, without prejudging the action of the Board at all, that the order would undoubtedly receive the endorsement of the members of the Board.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I think the order contains a very proper and fair request. At this time I believe Ald. Woods should be given that

opportunity. If the phraseology of the order is not perfect he has an opportunity to amend it, and while he is amending it I will hold the floor until such time as he is willing to present the order in an amended form. Ald. Woods has been the subject of attack by the attorney for the Finance Commission. As to the fairness or unfairness of the attack, that is for Mr. Woods to say, and for the Finance Commission to say. The members of this Board are not familiar with the facts in the case, and until such time as they have a thorough knowledge of the facts should not pass judgment. I am one of those who believe that the ex-district attorney, the present attorney of the Finance Commission, is an honest man. At the same time, if a member of this Government feels that he is other than an honest man, and that this information would be the means of furnishing a demonstration of the truth that he is a dishonest man, I believe he should be afforded the opportunity to ascertain those facts. Mr. Chairman, it is a serious proposition to accuse a member of this Board of being dishonest. The fact that the Alderman from the Brighton and Roxbury district has been accused of being not exactly honest in the matter of selling coal to the city, and the fact that he believes at the same time that the ex-district attorney is an absolutely dishonest man, coupled with the fact that many members of this Board feel that the ex-district attorney is an absolutely honest and straightforward man, should compel any member of this Board to feel, in all fairness, that Ald. Woods should be furnished with this information. I believe it would be beneficial to the ex-district attorney himself to have this information become public property. Every one who remembers the campaign carried on by the present occupant of the district attorney's chair two years ago knows that he made certain charges at that time, to the effect that certain moneys collected by officers of the city were turned over, supposed to be used by the ex-district attorney, the present counsel of the Finance Commission, for certain offices, and that no such offices were engaged—in other words, that moneys charged to the county, appropriated for certain purposes, were not devoted to that purpose. Mr. Sughrue is a self-made man, who, by perseverance, hard study, burning the midnight oil, has succeeded in obtaining a place in this community and in winning the respect of many of his fellow-men. Mr. Sughrue's standing in the community is at stake, both as an attorney and as a citizen of this community; and I believe, in all fairness to Mr. Sughrue, as well as to the representative of the Brighton and Roxbury district, that those facts should be made public. The Alderman from the Brighton district has been assailed by the Finance Commission. In his opinion the ex-district attorney should be the subject of criticism on his part, and desires that certain information should be furnished. If that information is furnished, if the district attorney is an honest man, it will place him in the proper light and will not injure him. If he is a dishonest man, that information may benefit the Alderman from the Brighton and Roxbury district. I sincerely trust, in all due fairness to the Alderman from the Brighton and Roxbury district, as well as to the attorney of the Finance Commission, that every member of the

Board will vote in favor of the passage of the order.

Ald DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I supposed that we, as members of the Board of Aldermen, were here solely for the purpose of transacting public business. I sympathize with the Alderman from Brighton in the attack upon him by the Finance Commission. I am not willing to admit the truth of one word of the attack, but I don't think this Board should be used for the purpose of relieving one individual in his private or his public capacity. If I did believe so, I should long ago have risen in my place to defend myself against statements made in regard to me. I believe this order should go to the Commission on County Accounts, and if they find anything in the order that relates to the city of Boston, they can report it. If not, they can give it the death it deserves.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, on consulting with my counsel in regard to this order I find that the order is drafted in proper shape. It calls for an itemized statement from the county auditor of all sums of money paid by the County of Suffolk to Michael J. Sughrue. It includes his salary, it includes private fees, it includes office rent, it includes everything. The amount of money which he has received from the Finance Commission we will get from the City Auditor. Therefore, at this time I would ask the Board to pass the order as it is. It will not impose any hardship on any member of the Board. It will bring the facts to light. There have been statements made pro and con for the last two years in regard to Michael J. Sughrue. I have something of a personal nature, of my own, which is no business of this Board. I only hope you will put this order through, as it will give me a chance to defend myself. I want to say that I had made up my mind today to attack the Finance Commission's report. It is one of the most elaborate things ever written. It must have taken the time of the whole board and of three or four men outside to put it together. It is a most absurd report, and I want to say to the citizens of Boston that the Finance Commission has expended in the vicinity of \$20,000 to bring out the report. We are not here to defend ourselves, but to do the business of the city of Boston. Neither is the Finance Commission there as an adjunct of the District Attorney's office. It is there to bring down the debt of the city, to make recommendations, to try to lessen the burdens and to suggest new sources of revenue. What has been their action since they have been there? Why has this report been held back so long? Three or four months ago I was up before that Commission. I stated here last week that when the Finance Commission made their report I would be exonerated. I leave it to any fair-minded man if the report has not exonerated me. It has not charged me with one individual wrong. It was said that I am a member of the Board of Aldermen. You have all undoubtedly read the statement as to the law under which an alderman has the right to do business with the city of Boston as an individual. Now, when I was elected to the Board what did I do? I went to the City Auditor and said to him: "I am a member of the Brighton Coal Company. The company has contracts with the city of Boston. What shall we do in the matter? Shall we cancel all those contracts?" He said to me: "Is your company incorporated?" I said to him that it was. Then he said to me: "You

cannot break the contracts. You have to live up to them." He said: "Where would the city of Boston be if such a state of things existed? If you held stock in the telephone company and were a member of the Board of Aldermen, would the telephone company have to take out all the city telephones? If you held a few shares of stock in the Boston Gas Light Company or in an electric light company, would the city's lights have to be shut off? It is an incorporated concern," and he told me that that was the corporation counsel's opinion. I therefore went to the corporation counsel and stated my case. He said: "You will have to live up to your contract with the city of Boston and do business in accordance with it." I am bringing out things that I didn't intend to bring out until the Finance Commission's report came in. I have not denied a thing. I have met two or three members of the Commission individually, and they have told me that they were satisfied that what I said was the truth. I made no denial. I was not there to deny anything. I was there to tell the truth, and I told it. I am sorry that the Finance Commission's report is not here today, so that I could talk more intelligently on it, because you have to have it before you to understand it. It is impossible for any man to fathom the report. They go on to the bottom, and then they state some other questions. It is impossible for me at this time to put it in the right light. But what I want is to have this order passed. It is not a question of whether any member of the Board may think it will help Michael J. Sughrue, or that it will hurt Michael J. Sughrue; if he is honest he can stand it, if he is dishonest, it is well that the public should know it and not have any such man on the Finance Commission trying anybody else. Where is there a business house that would want to do business where such a state of affairs existed? The report states that irresponsible concerns have been doing business with the city of Boston. Let me say that the Brighton Coal Company is incorporated, that it owes no man one dollar, that every bit of its stock has been paid for. Show me another such house in Boston today where such a state of affairs exists. My connection with the Eastern Clay Goods Company ceased when I became a member of this Board. I resigned my position, and another man was placed there, a good, reliable man, and when the Finance Commission say that that man gives me a part of his little, miserable salary of \$25 a week, they don't know me, because I never stooped to such a thing in my life. I would rather give any time than take. If I were actuated by such traits, I might act for my own benefit, but I have acted here only for the benefit of all the people, and that is the principle that I have always tried to live up to. As far as the Eastern Clay Goods Company not being a reputable concern is concerned, what is it? It is a company with five millions of capital behind it. It owes no man a dollar. It discounts all its bills. It has the goods, in quality and quantity, and it is able at all times to fill any order, no matter how large or small. It employs something like 60,000 people out in Ohio. It has eight factories out there and has just built another one, and its output is 1200 cars daily. Is that an irresponsible concern? I did not resign from the Eastern Clay Goods Company because I was a member of the Board of Aldermen, because I had a right to do business with them

and continue to do it as I did with the Frighton Coal Company. I quit it because it was impossible to give my time to it, and it is unfair to say that this man who took my place has paid me any part of his salary. The earnings of the Eastern Clay Goods Company during the year I was with it, on \$64,000 worth of business, were less than 2 per cent. Mr. Chairman. Do you mean to say that that concern did a dishonorable business? Did the Finance Commission bring out the fact that before that company sold goods to the city of Boston the city paid 8 per cent more for their pipe? The commission didn't bring out those facts. The company always gave the rising and falling market price to the city of Boston. There was a little criticism there to the effect that the Metropolitan Water & Sewerage Board bought pipe for 2 per cent less than the city of Boston. That is very true, Mr. Chairman. The reason for that was this, that the Metropolitan Water & Sewerage Board made a contract, wanting 9000 odd feet of pipe to be delivered over a period of three or four years. When they wanted it, they got it in teamload lots. The order was dispatched to the factory; but the price stood at the market price at the day the contract was made. In such a case, the party who makes the contract with the company pays just the same, no matter what the rise or fall in the market may be. But today, if the Metropolitan Water & Sewerage Board did not have that contract, they could buy their pipe at 2 per cent cheaper than they are now paying. The situation of that board, however, is very different from the situation as far as the city is concerned. The Eastern Clay Goods Company or any other large concern would gladly and willingly make a contract with the city of Boston for so many thousand feet of pipe, delivered in such and such places and of such and such sizes, at current prices. But what would be the result, and what is the result today? The city of Boston wants 10 feet of pipe. There is about 30 cents profit on that 10 feet of pipe. They have to send a team out to West Roxbury, which costs three or four dollars. Therefore, by buying the pipe as they want it, they can really do better than the Metropolitan Water & Sewerage Board. I have no facts to bring before this Board today, and I don't want to take up our time; but I do want this evidence presented here, so that I may have it before me when I talk on this matter. I think it is nothing more than fair that this order should pass. You have read the Finance Commission's report and you have read the statement of our lawyer showing that an alderman has the right to do business with the city. Notwithstanding that this honorable board makes certain recommendations, I think, under the circumstances, that it is nothing more than fair that this order should be passed. I ask for nothing wrong. I ask only for this itemized statement, so that we can talk the matter over intelligently and get at the truth. I hope the Board will carefully consider this matter, and, if they think it right, pass the order. If not, defeat it.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I move you that further consideration of the order be laid on the table.

The motion to lay the order on the table was declared carried. Ald. WOODS doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The Board voted to lay the order on the table, yeas 7, nays 5.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Bangs, Fell, Clark, Draper, Finigan, Whelton—7.

Nays—Ald. Berwin, Curley, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—5.

Later in the session Ald. WOODS moved to take the order from the table; declared lost. Ald. WOODS doubted the vote, and asked for the yeas and nays.

The Board voted to take the order from the table, yeas 8, nays 4.

Yeas—Ald. Battis, Berwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—8.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Bangs, Clark, Draper—4.

Ald. WOODS moved that the order be put upon its passage.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I move that this order be referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I am not going to take up any more time of the Board today, but I call for the yeas and nays.

The motion to refer to the Committee on County Accounts was lost, yeas 5, nays 7.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Bangs, Berwin, Clark, Draper—5.

Nays—Ald. Battis, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—7.

The order was passed.

LAYING OUT OF WASHINGTON ST., WEST ROXBURY.

Ald. FINIGAN called up No 10, unfinished business, viz.:

10. Ordered, That Chapter 471 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1907, entitled "An Act to Provide for the Laying Out and Construction of a State Highway of Washington St. in the West Roxbury District of the City of Boston" be, and the same hereby is, accepted by the City Council of the city of Boston.

The order was read a second time and the question came on its passage.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I desire a little information on this order. I have read over casually the statute provisions under which this highway may be laid out, but I have not familiarized myself with it at any length, and I question whether any other member of the Board has done so. I am perfectly willing to vote on the proposition, provided I can obtain the information I desire. I wish to know, in the first place, whether or not if this highway is to be laid out as a state highway, the apportionment of the cost is to be settled in the same way as in the case of state highways built in other portions of the state? If it is not, I desire to know, first, what portion of the expense shall be sustained by the city of Boston, what portion shall be sustained by the County of Suffolk, and what portion shall be sustained by the State of Massachusetts. If the gentleman can furnish me with that information I am prepared to vote on the proposition. If I cannot obtain it to my satisfaction I shall move to lay the order over to the next meeting. Can the gentleman furnish the information?

Ald. FINIGAN—Mr. Chairman, this is a special act of the Legislature to lay out as a highway Washington St. from LaGrange St. to the Dedham line. The expense to be incurred by the city of Boston at the present time will amount to about 50 per cent. of the entire cost and the city of Boston will receive the betterments and taxes from railroads which, when all is said and done, will make the cost to the city of Boston about 25 per cent. This is an improvement that has been needed in that vicinity for years. When the city of Boston gave to the Boston Elevated Road, through the Old Colony Street

Railroad, the privilege to lay double tracks upon this section of the road, they did not take into consideration the fact that the railroad tracks would occupy the entire roadbed. At the present time, running from La Grange St. to the Dedham line, there is absolutely no room on either side of the railroad track for a team to go one way or the other in case two cars are approaching in opposite directions; and it is simply because of good fortune or good luck that many a bad accident has not occurred, for which the city of Boston would be held liable for injuries received by people on the road. I believe this matter has been on the calendar for two weeks. The men in the Board of Aldermen this afternoon are sufficiently familiar with it to cast their votes for or against. I believe the members have had ample opportunity to look into the provisions of the statute. The petition to the Board of Aldermen is backed up by the several improvements societies—the West Roxbury Citizens' Association, the Mt. Hope Citizens' Association and the Rosindale Citizens' Association. They have taken time and have looked into and considered the matter. They consider this a good proposition and I, as their representative, have been asked to call it up this afternoon. I sincerely hope the thing will be acted upon this afternoon.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, the information furnished is not quite what I desire, for this reason: Certain portions of the act—particularly those portions which apply to the expense to be borne by the city of Boston as the result of the carrying out of this work are so worded, judging from casual observation, that it is an impossibility for a person to determine exactly what is intended by the law. For instance, Mr. Chairman, Section 3 reads as follows:

"All damages sustained by any person or corporation by the taking of land or any right therein or by the construction of said state highway under this act shall be assessed by a jury of the Superior Court in the manner provided by law with respect to damages sustained by the laying out of state highways. All proceedings for the assessment of damages as aforesaid shall be brought against the city of Boston and all damages assessed, together with interests and costs, shall be paid by said city."

As I understand it, nearly six million dollars has been expended in the last 15 years in state highways, not one foot of which has been built within the confines of the city of Boston. Boston has borne 50 per cent. or more of the total cost of construction, land takings and maintenance of state highways without a single foot being constructed within the limits of the city. Now, I believe the assessments for damages and for land takings should be fairly apportioned in the metropolitan district. I am agreeable to the proposition that Boston pay 50 per cent. of the total cost of the making of this highway, just the same as Boston has paid its percentage of the cost of all other state highways; but I can conceive of no good reason why Boston should pay 50 per cent. of the total cost of the making of this highway, and, in addition to that pay all costs for damages sustained as a result of the making of the highway. There is another very interesting little section here—a portion of Section 2:

"There shall be two roadways, suitably macadamized, each 25 feet in width with a reserved space for street railway tracks between them, together with suitable gravelled sidewalks and

such other structures and details as said commission shall deem necessary; and the space reserved for street railway tracks shall be suitably graded, ballasted with gravel and covered with loam after said tracks are relaid; provided, however, that the city of Boston, at its expense, shall construct such storm water sewers and outlets for surface water from said state highway as may at any time be necessary.

There is another little proviso there that adds further to the burden of the city of Boston. If the city is going to sustain 50 per cent. of the total cost of construction of this highway, why should the city pay the additional cost of all surface drainage sewers that may be placed there for the benefit of the railroads in the connection of the construction of this highway? What is the purpose of this system of surface drainage sewers? From the act one would judge that the purpose was to drain off the surplus water that might collect in the grass plot between the tracks. Surely that if not drained off for the benefit of the city. It is drained off for the benefit of the elevated road that is going to use those tracks. Why should not they stand some portion of the burden? Why should the city of Boston stand 50 per cent. of the total cost of the construction of this state highway, stand 100 per cent. of all damages for takings of land in connection with the highway, and stand 100 per cent. of the total cost of all necessary surface drainage sewerage in connection with the highway? It seems to me that it is rather an outrageous proposition to put up to the city of Boston. I maintain, as a member of this board, that since the Massachusetts Highway Commission has been established, the city of Boston has paid more than 50 per cent. of the total cost of metropolitan boulevards. In other words, the city of Boston has paid upwards of a million and a half dollars for metropolitan boulevards; and not one foot of those state boulevards has been within the limits of the city of Boston. I maintain further, sir, that if this boulevard was proposed for the city of Worcester or for the city of Springfield the apportionment would be different than it is under this present statute enactment, and I sincerely trust that this order will lie over to the next meeting of the board, until such time as we have had sufficient opportunity to consider the various propositions in this section of the legislative act.

The motion to assign to the next meeting was declared lost. Ald. CURLEY doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The motion to assign to the next meeting was lost, yeas 3, nays 9.

Yeas—Ald. Curley, Flanagan, Woods—3

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Draper, Finigan, Leary, Whelton—9.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, the hour is late and I do not desire to take up the time of the members of this Board, but I want to say that this is certainly a striking inconsistency. Nearly every Republican member of this Board votes in favor of a proposition that saddles an unjust debt on the city of Boston, and the platform of the Republican candidate for Mayor this year is a reduction of the city debt. We forfeit by our action all right to protest against the debt of the city of Boston; we forfeit by our action all right to protest against any burden that the state of Massachusetts saddles on the city of Boston. No man can advance a single, solitary reason why Boston should stand 50 per cent. of the state

apportionment for metropolitan highways without one foot of state highway being constructed within the limits of the city of Boston. The Republican members of this Board—

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Chair what the question before the Board is?

The CHAIRMAN—The question before the Board is the passage of No. 10 on the calendar.

Ald. WHELTON—I understood that the Chair had already declared the vote.

Ald. CURLEY—I would ask if the Chair has again recognized the gentleman on the left?

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair merely announced the vote refusing to assign consideration of the matter to the next meeting. The question is now on the passage of the order, and Ald. Curley has the floor.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I want to say, as I have said previously, that this is a disgusting condition of affairs. We read the statements in the daily newspapers about the growing debt of the city, and yet statistics furnished by the Auditor's Department show that the actual expenses of the city of Boston for the maintenance of its various departments have not increased one solitary cent on \$1000 of taxation in the last ten years, while the state tax and assessment has increased from 87 cents on \$1000 upon assessed property values in 1897 to \$1.87 in 1907. In other words, the state tax and assessment has increased in the last ten years more than 140 per cent., while during the same period the actual expenditures for the maintenance of city departments have not increased one single, solitary copper on the tax levy. The state tax and assessment ten years ago was less than \$500,000; the state tax and assessment for 1907 is more than \$4,000,000. Why, it is an outrageous increase. It is not warranted in fact, neither is it warranted by conditions—and the members of this Board by their action today forbid all right to complain about the debt of the city of Boston. That is the issue of the Republican party in this campaign; and, while Republicans on the one hand protest against the debt of the city of Boston, on the other hand with a lawlessness that is unwarranted by conditions, that is unwarranted by circumstances, they vote to saddle an additional burden on the city of Boston. I maintain that, if justice were done the city of Boston, we would not have to pay a solitary dollar for the building of that Boulevard. Look at the beautiful boulevards through Lenox, Greenfield, Pittsfield and other parts of the Berkshire Hills, some of them hewn through the solid rock. They have cost more than \$5,000,000, and Boston has borne more than 50 per cent. of the burden without one solitary foot of state boulevard being within the limits of the city of Boston. It is the same way with the Metropolitan Park System. But 6 per cent. of the area is within the limits of the city of Boston, and, according to no less an authority than Charles Francis Adams, of the total \$28,000,000 expended for the Metropolitan Park system, Boston has paid \$23,000,000, with less than 6 per cent. of the Metropolitan Park system within the limits of the city of Boston. We maintain a park system of our own that costs us annually \$225,000, and a Public Grounds system that costs us annually for maintenance \$125,000. We pay a total of \$350,000 annually for maintenance of our Public Grounds and our park systems; and yet, despite that fact, despite the fact that our Public Parkways are not second even to the Champs Elysee of

Paris, we have been obliged to contribute to the state of Massachusetts \$23,000,000 out of the total \$28,000,000 for the construction of the Metropolitan Park system. Why, it is the most unfair proposition that, I believe, was ever seriously considered by the corporation representatives of this city. Men are elected here to represent, to safeguard, to conserve and to protect the interests of the tax payers and the general public, and, Mr. Chairman, we send our men to legislative hearings to protest against iniquitous burdens, to protest against unfair conditions being saddled on the city of Boston. Yet we accept quietly the most iniquitous proposition that, to my mind, has ever been attempted to be foisted on the citizens of Boston. Mr. Chairman, they condemn the administration! I would like to ask, what has the city of Boston ever received in the line of benefit from a Republican administration? It was Nathan Matthews who made possible the only decent breathing spots we have in the city of Boston—Franklin Park and Franklin Field. It was Josiah Quincy who made possible our playground system, our system of gymnasia, our system of public baths, our Columbia Road boulevard, and our splendid highways. It was Josiah Quincy who provided for the magnificent South Union station, that takes care of our passenger and freight traffic; and all we have received from the Republican party is our annual state tax and assessment for luxuries that no poor man can ever enjoy. There is no poor man who can afford to ride through the Metropolitan Park system—the beautiful Lynn woods, the beautiful parkway of Melrose and of Everett, and all of that section, the Middlesex Fells, perhaps second in beauty to no other section of the state of Massachusetts or of New England. Mr. Chairman, outside of some wealthy aristocrat like yourself (laughter), who can enjoy these luxuries?

The CHAIRMAN—The honorable Alderman will please confine himself to the question.

Ald. CURLEY—I appreciate the fact, Mr. Chairman, that to call you a wealthy aristocrat was an insult, and I withdraw the remark. To continue—I realize that it is useless for me to take up the time of this Board; I realize that it will be of no avail. In other words, as the Chair has so aptly said, there is only one thing that counts—and evidently I have not got that one thing—the votes. But I want to say this, that when the Republican members of this Board, the representatives of that party which will be ignominiously defeated in the coming contest, take such a stand today that they have forfeited their right to protest against the debt of the city of Boston.

Ald. CLARK—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the gentleman a question. I have simply glanced through the act and have not had time to satisfy myself on this point—is the cost of this highway to be in addition to the amount annually appropriated for state highways?

Ald. CURLEY—I should say that it is, because it is a special act. Being a special act, the system of apportionment assigned in the act will be followed.

Ald. CLARK—I would like to ask Ald Finigan if he can answer that question.

Ald. FINIGAN—Mr. Chairman, I will say that the city of Boston today will have to assume but about 25 per cent. of the total indebtedness under this act. The city of Boston has been given

the privilege—given to no other town or municipality in the state in the past—of collecting the betterments. That has not been allowed to any other town or municipality in connection with the laying out of state highways.

Ald. CLARK—Mr. Chairman, the question which I asked has not been answered so that I can understand the answer yet. As I understand it, the Commonwealth annually expends something like \$400,000 for state highways, and one Alderman has objected that the city of Boston has never yet received one cent of benefit. If under this act the cost of the highway is to come out of that \$400,000 it seems to me that the city of Boston, without incurring one cent more of debt, is at last to receive some benefit. On the question of postponing action I did not vote, because I did not care to go on record as for or against it until I had heard some further discussion of the subject. But, unless this question is answered to my satisfaction, I shall have to vote either against the measure or to lay it on the table, or to dispose of it in some other such way.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I am satisfied that the gentleman on the left is eminently fair. I am satisfied that there is not a member of this Board, with the possible exception of the Chair, who understands the provisions of this act. I have read it over twice. I do not understand it. I thought my good friend over on the right here did understand it until he said the city of Boston pays only 35 per cent. of the cost. Now I am satisfied that he does not understand it. I will read, for the benefit of the members of the Board, Section 6:

"One-half of any money which may be expended by said Massachusetts Highway Commission in the construction of said state highway under the provisions of this act, with interest thereon at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum, shall be repaid by said city to the Commonwealth in such installments and at such times within ten years thereafter as said commission, with the approval of the auditor of accounts of the Commonwealth, having regard to the financial conditions of the said city, shall determine. The mayor and aldermen of said city may assess part of the amount to be paid by said city to the Commonwealth under this section as provided for by Section 68 of Part III. of Chapter 463 of the Acts of the year 1906."

So that, according to that, we have to pay to the state 50 per cent. of the total cost it assumes, and in addition to that we have to pay for the surface drainage and sewerage the city puts in, and have to pay for all damages in connection with the taking and laying out of this highway. So I don't think it is unreasonable to assume that, while we have a special act, we are also afforded a special privilege of paying for about everything in sight.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Ald. CLARK moved to lay on the table; declared carried. Ald. FINIGAN

doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The motion to lay on the table was lost, yeas 5, nays 7:

Yeas—Ald. Berwin, Clark, Curley, Flanagan, Woods—5.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Bangs, Battis, Draper, Finigan, Leary, Whelton—7.

The order was declared passed. Ald. CURLEY doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The order was passed, yeas 8, nays 4:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Bangs, Battis, Berwin, Draper, Finigan, Leary, Whelton—8.

Nays—Ald. Clark, Curley, Flanagan, Woods—4.

Ald. FINIGAN asked for a reconsideration, hoping the same would not prevail.

Ald. CLARK—Mr. Chairman, I wish to repeat what I said before, that I do not believe there is a member of the board who understands what he is doing,—outside of the Chairman,—who has not expressed any opinion. But I have asked for certain information here and have not received it, and that is my only reason for voting against the order. If I knew the exact meaning of the act I might be willing to vote for it, but, not being able to obtain any information as to whether the debt of Boston is to be increased by the passage of this order I must decline to vote for it.

Ald. FLANAGAN—Mr. Chairman, I move you, sir, that the vote on reconsideration of this matter be laid over to the next meeting.

The motion was declared lost. Ald. Flanagan doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays.

The motion to assign reconsideration to the next meeting was lost, yeas 5, nays 6:

Yeas—Ald. Berwin, Clark, Curley, Flanagan, Woods—5.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Battis, Draper, Finigan, Leary, Whelton—6.

Reconsideration was lost.

LOCATION OF STREET LAMPS.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain a lamp at the corner of Hampden and Albany Sts.; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain a lamp in front of estate 6 Floyd St., Dorchester; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

Adjourned at 5:15 o'clock, P. M., on motion of Ald. CLARK, to meet on Monday, Dec. 2, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Dec. 2, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Chairman BERWIN presiding. Absent—Ald. Whelton.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. BANGS, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Board the Mayor appointed Thomas Alphonsus Nolan (9 Paul Gore St., Wd. 22), a Constable of the city of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1908.

Laid over under the law.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Dept. (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Jack Antaianan, three barber poles, at 533 Main St., Wd. 4.

Swedish Vice-Consul, the Swedish consular flag, at 26 India Sq., instead of at 15 Custom House St., where it is now located.

L. H. Sullivan & Co., an illuminated sign, at 52 School St., Wd. 7.

Karop D Senior, a sign, at 42 Howard St., Wd. 6.

Eli Yorge, an electric sign, at 15 Spring Lane, Wd. 6.

Barney Krovitz, a sign, at 1 Rochester St., Wd. 9.

Abram Shnaider, a sign, at 18 Broadway extension, Wd. 7.

Spring Water Carbonating Company, a corner sign, at 87 Albany St., corner Harvard St., Wd. 7.

Nicholas Indingoro, illuminated sign, 6 Maverick Sq., Wd. 2.

Claims.

Frederick W. Blake, for compensation for damages to estate 693 Tremont St., Wd. 12, on account of overflow of sewer.

Emma L. Sheehan, for compensation to her personal property at 693 Tremont St., Wd. 12, on account of the overflow of sewer.

Bridget McNally, for compensation on account of alleged acts of the city in removing plank sidewalk and damaging other property at her estate, 189 Howard Ave., Dorchester.

Harlow H. Rogers, offering to surrender an alleged invalid tax deed of estate 54 Bailey St.

Harlow H. Rogers, offering to surrender an alleged invalid tax deed of estate 52-54 Bailey St.

John S. McCaul, for compensation for damage to his clothing by a street sweeping machine.

Railroads.

Boston Elevated Railway Company, for approval of location for a station for its elevated railway with surface

platforms and exits and entrances thereto at Forest Hills Sq.

West End Street Railway Company, for extension of time in which to construct curved tracks at northwest corner of Dorchester Ave. and West Fourth St., under its 262d location.

Licenses.

Petitions for children under 15 years of age to appear in public places of amusement, as follows:

Mrs. G. W. Morgan, for I. Asbury and others, at Parker Memorial Building, on Nev. 29.

Hotel & Railroad News Company Benefit Association, for John Gobron and others, at the Dudley Street Opera House, for the week ending Nov. 20.

Armenian Young Men's Club, for Zaroohi Der Garabedian, at the Dudley Street Opera House, on the evening of Nov. 30.

Police (Ald.).

John Ross, to be paid for the loss of fowls killed by dogs.

Catherine T. Gilman, to be paid for the loss of fowls killed by dogs.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

Democratic City Committee, on Nov. 20, from 11:30 A. M. to 2 P. M.

Louis M. Clark, on Dec. 2, from 11 A. M. to 2 P. M.

William Peel, on Dec. 5, from 7 to 11 P. M.

Rev. Pietro Maschi, on the evening of Jan. 19.

Knights of Equity of Boston, on the evening of Dec. 22.

Public Improvements.

William L. Drohan, for leave to set off fireworks on Dec. 4 in vicinity of Municipal building on Columbia road.

Daniel A. Noonan, et al., that coasting be prohibited on Seventh St., between G and I Sts.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of J. P. O'Riorden for leave to project one bay window at 50 Chelsea St., Wd. 5.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Department (Ald.).

On petitions for licenses to store and keep gasoline, viz.

2. Copley Square Garage Company, in basement of the Copley Square Garage, on the Harcourt St. side, Wd. 10.

3. New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, on Allerton St., Wd. 17.

4. George H. Gleason et al., at 47 Dakota St., Wd. 20.

No objections. Severally referred to Committee on Licenses.

5. Jamaica Plain Automobile Company (Incorporated), at Barbara St. and South Huntington Ave., Wd. 22.

Objections were made by William H. Huy, George H. Poor for William P. Gould, and Andreas Tomlohrde against the granting of a permit.

Referred to the Committee on Licenses with instructions to give a public hearing, on motion of Ald. DRAPER.

ORDERS OF NOTICE.

Orders of notice for hearings on the following petitions, when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, were ordered to be held on Monday, Dec. 23, at 3 P. M., viz.

W. H. Richardson, to mix, store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at 189 Sumner St., East Boston.

Adam W. Klopot, to store oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at 367 Walnut Ave., Wd. 21.

LYING-IN HOSPITAL.

A report was received from the Board of Health of the petition of Margaret Rogers (referred Nov. 25), for license to maintain a lying-in hospital at 1128 Boylston St., Wd. 10—that a license be granted.

A license was granted, under the usual conditions.

COAL AND COKE LICENSES.

A list of coal and coke licenses granted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth was received.

Placed on file.

RAILROAD POLICE.

A communication was received from the Police Commissioner approving of the appointment of various railroad police officers by the Boston & Maine Railroad Company, according to the provisions of Chapter 108 of the Revised Laws.

Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF PLANS.

Notices were received from the Railroad Commissioners of approval of the following plans:

Nos. 26862 to 26868, inclusive, showing proposed form and method of construction of tracks, elevated structure, etc., of Boston Elevated Railway Company in Washington St. and Forest Hill's Sq., being in part a modification of plans Nos. 26180 and 26181, and Nos. 26189 and 26190, etc.

Nos. 26869 to 26877, inclusive, and No. 25221, showing proposed form and method of construction and location of tracks, structure and station of Boston Elevated Railway Company from Lechmere Sq. in Cambridge to Cau-way St., and to connect with the subway and Washington St. tunnel.

Severally placed on file.

SALARY INCREASE FOR MATRONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Police Department, Nov. 27, 1907.

To the Honorable City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Police Commissioner for the city of Boston respectfully requests that your honorable body will concur with him in the passage of the accompanying order increasing the salaries of the officers of the House of Detention for Women as follows:

Chief matron from the rate of \$1000 a year to the rate of \$1100 a year in the first year of service and \$1200 a year thereafter.

Assistant chief matron, from the rate of \$800 a year to the rate of \$900 a year in the first year of service and \$1000 a year thereafter.

Assistant matrons, from the rate of \$600 a year each to the rate of \$700 a year each in the second year of service and \$800 a year each thereafter.

The salaries of the chief matron, the assistant chief matron and the three assistant matrons are today just as they were fixed 20 years ago, when the House of Detention for Women was established. It was then an experiment, and it was not supposed that the duties of matrons would be so arduous or so responsible as

they actually are. The work of the matrons, which is carried on night and day throughout the year, requires courage, intelligence, sympathetic feeling and unusual strength of mind and of body. They must deal humanely and yet with good knowledge of the law with the sick, the insane, the criminal and the otherwise unfortunate women who come under their care. Comparisons with the salaries paid in the Police Department and in other branches of the public service, with clerical, mechanical and similar kinds of work, all, in the opinion of the Police Commissioner, justify the suggested increases which in the aggregate, with all matrons receiving the maximum rates, to which some are not yet entitled, would amount to but \$1000 a year.

I am respectfully,

Stephen O'Meara,
Police Commissioner for the City of Boston.

November 27, 1907.

Ordered, That, the City Council concurring, the pay of the officers of the House of Detention for Women be established as follows:

Chief Matron, first year of service, \$1100 per annum; second year and thereafter, \$1200 per annum.

Assistant Chief Matron, first year of service, \$900 per annum; second year, and thereafter, \$1000 per annum.

Assistant Matrons each, first year of service, 600 per annum; second year, \$700 per annum; third year and thereafter, \$800 per annum.

Stephen O'Meara,
Police Commissioner for the City of Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

MATTER OF CONTRACTS.

[The following was received:

Boston Finance Commission,
Boston, Nov. 21, 1907.

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"To the Mayor and City Council:

"Gentlemen:—The Finance Commission was directed by the City Council to examine into all matters pertaining to the finances of the city, including expenditures, and particularly to consider whether the present system of administration affords sufficient protection to the city treasury. As much of the money expended by the city is paid out upon contracts, oral or written, the Commission has given its attention to the methods of awarding and supervising the execution of contracts for supplies and work. The investigation is far from complete; but, so far as it has progressed, indicates the presence of great abuses.

"The law (Statute 1885, Chapter 266, Section 6, and Statute 1890, Chapter 418, Section 6) requiring all contracts involving \$2000 or more to be in writing and to be approved by the Mayor, is evaded by orders, either oral or written, for successive purchases or contracts, each for less than \$2000, but aggregating in a single year many thousand dollars.

"The law (Statute 1890, Chap. 418, Sec. 4) requiring all work done or purchases made, the estimated cost of which amounts to \$2000, to be awarded, unless the Mayor gives written authority to do otherwise, after a public competition secured by advertisement in the daily newspapers, is evaded by dividing the work of purchases into a number of contracts each less than \$2000 in amount.

"The right reserved by this law to the Mayor to dispense with the necessity for public advertisement is a right which ought only to be exercised in cases where some definite and satisfactory reason can be given. It is now so frequently exercised that the exception has become the rule; more contracts exceeding \$2000 have been awarded since Feb. 1, 1906, without advertisement than with; and the giving of authority to dispense with public competition has become a part of the routine work of the Mayor's office.

"Where, with the approval of the Mayor, bids are solicited privately from contractors or material men, the departments in many cases do not invite the best-known and most competent firms, but only a small number of favored persons.

"Where bids are invited for contract work by public advertisement, the contract is not always awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, but some other bidder is selected for reasons which the city officials are unable to satisfactorily explain.

"Contracts awarded after bids, either private or public, have been received, are sometimes altered in important particulars, to the disadvantage of the city and for the benefit of the favored contractor.

"In the performance of contracts originally secured by favor, the interests of the city are not protected, little care being taken by the city officials to see that the contract as written is honestly performed.

"The negligence of the city officials has been so great that many instances of breach of contract, and some instances of actual fraud, which have occurred during the past two years, were not discovered by the city officials and might probably never have been discovered but for the investigation of this Commission.

"In some cases breaches of contract have been discovered by the department, but nothing has been done, and payments have been made by the city to the contractor, although the officials knew that the city had been cheated.

"The methods of the city have fallen into such discredit that reputable contractors and dealers assume that political influence is necessary to procure a city contract even if the work is nominally open to public competition.

"These practices are wholly unnecessary from the standpoint of honest, public administration, and are in striking contrast with the straightforward contract methods adopted by the metropolitan water and sewerage board, and the Boston transit commission.

"The result of these methods has been a complete demoralization of the executive business of the city and a heavy financial loss.

"The general inquiry into these non-competitive contracts and their results is not concluded and when finished will be made the subject of an extended report. In the meantime the Commission desires to call the attention of the City Government to one of the worst features of the present system, the awarding of contracts by favor to influential members of the State and City Governments.

"The letting of city contracts without public competition to members of the City Council, which is the body which votes appropriations and loans, or to members of the State Legislature, the authority of which is necessary for a large part of the city expenditures, is a practice which is distinctly obnoxious to honest and economical administration, and should be stopped without delay.

"The charter amendments of 1885, Chapter 266, provide in Section 12 that no member of the City Council shall, directly or indirectly, take part in the employment of labor, the making of contracts, the purchase of materials or supplies, etc., etc., and the evils which this law was intended to correct are intensified when members of the City Council first vote the appropriations and then take an active part in the making of contracts in which they are themselves financially interested.

"The practice of giving contracts or orders for supplies, or work without competition, to members of the City Council who, under assumed names, are financially interested in the contracts, discriminates unfairly against contractors who are not in politics, invites laxity of supervision by the city officials, leads to negligence or default in the performance of contracts, increases the cost of municipal work, and encourages extravagance in appropriations and loans.

"These evils are aggravated when such favors are given to supporters of the administration in return for past or future political assistance. The same considerations apply with equal force to members of the State Legislature, a large part of whose time is devoted to the affairs of the city of Boston.

"They apply with peculiar force to the members of the Board of Aldermen, upon whose favor most of the heads of departments are dependent for confirmation when appointed or re-appointed to office.

"The Commission is satisfied that this is a common practice at the present time, and as illustrations of the precise methods resorted to, and of their effect upon the city finances, the following instances are cited:

1. DEALINGS WITH THE BRIGHTON COAL COMPANY.

"This concern is stated by William H. Woods, now an Alderman of the city, to be a Massachusetts corporation, of which he is president and manager and in which he owns a controlling interest. The company sells to the Street, Sewer, Water, Supply and Overseers of the Poor departments. The sales are made upon orders or requisitions of the several departments without competition.

"The dealings between this company and the city have continued since Mr. Woods has been a member of the Board of Aldermen, the purchases being arranged for either by himself or his bookkeeper. According to Mr. Woods' testimony, a considerable part of the city's purchases of coal and other supplies is treated as political patronage and given without competition to the political friends of the administration for the time being.

"As a consequence of this system the city pays retail prices for a large part of its supplies, and very much more than it might if it made its purchases on business principles.

"Other transactions in coal have been the subject of investigation by the commission, and a copy of the evidence taken at the public hearings on this subject has been transmitted to the Mayor. At this time the Commission contents itself with observing that in its opinion the city, by buying its coal in the autumn and winter instead of in the spring, by buying in insufficient quantities, by selecting the sellers by favor instead of by competition, by taking no pains to see that the dealers perform their contracts, by permitting itself to be cheated both in quality and

quantity, and by its generally unintelligent methods of purchase, loses at least \$100,000 per annum on its purchases of coal.

2. DEALING WITH THE EASTERN CLAY GOODS COMPANY.

"This is a concern which sells cement, sewer pipe and other articles to the city.

"Prior to the beginning of the current year, Alderman Woods had been superintendent of the company; but, according to his testimony, he severed his connection with the company soon after his election as Alderman, and he claims to have no interest in the company at the present time.

"It appears, however, that upon his resignation as superintendent, the company upon his recommendation employed a Mr. Lane, and agreed to pay him the same compensation which had been previously paid to Mr. Woods. The manager of the company testified before the Commission that the reason this change was made was because Mr. Woods 'wanted to allay all suspicion' and 'did not want his name mentioned as connected with the company.'

"The manager admitted that the company still has Mr. Woods' influence as a friend in the sale of goods to the city, and that the compensation paid Lane was because of these friendly services. He said that the arrangement between the company, Mr. Woods and Mr. Lane was possibly a mere subterfuge or cover and that it was an arrangement to keep Woods' name out of the business. He gave it as his opinion that Mr. Lane would give a share of his compensation to Mr. Woods, and he expected that the latter would get some of it.

"The prices at which this company sold goods to the city are higher than those at which it sold similar articles to the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board and to some private customers.

3. THE LINEHAN-HALLION CONTRACTS.

"In July, 1902, the Schoolhouse Commissioners entered into a number of contracts with 'J. Linehan & Company.' The first draft on these contracts was objected to because Mr. Linehan was then a member of the Common Council. On Aug. 20 these contracts were cancelled by the commissioners. On Aug. 22 the commissioners instructed Mr. Linehan as to what W. J. Hallion must do in order to secure the work, and on the same day entered into four contracts with Hallion for the aggregate sum of \$1511.

"On Aug. 23 Hallion gave an order to the city to pay whatever might be due on one of these jobs to Mr. Linehan; on Aug. 28 he signed a general order to pay Mr. Linehan all amounts then due or that might become due to him from the city until otherwise ordered; and all the money paid by the city on these contracts was received by Mr. Linehan. The whole transaction was a transparent subterfuge.

"During 1903 and 1904, when Mr. Linehan was not a member of the City Council, six contracts were awarded by the city to him in his own name; and Mr. Hallion appears to have had no contractual dealings with the city.

"In 1905 Mr. Linehan was in the Board of Aldermen, and Mr. Hallion obtained from the Department of Public Grounds three contracts for the aggregate amount of \$710, and one contract dated Sept. 21, without advertisement,

from the sewer division of the Street Department for the sum of \$6545. This last mentioned contract was charged to the loans for sewerage works which passed the Board of Aldermen Feb. 6 and Aug. 7, 1905, Mr. Linehan in both cases voting 'yea.'

"In 1906 and 1907 Mr. Hallion obtained from various departments of the City Government without public competition 26 contracts or orders, upon which the payments amounted to \$34,815.39. Mr. Linehan was a member of the Board of Aldermen in the year 1906, and a member of the State Senate in 1907. Eighteen thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine dollars and ninety-two cents of the money paid on these contracts was paid out of the money provided by the regular annual appropriation bill for 1906, which passed the Board of Aldermen on April 16 in that year, Mr. Linehan voting 'yea,' and the further sum of \$10,045.31 was paid from the loans for street improvements, which passed the Board of Aldermen on May 17 and Oct. 22, 1906, Mr. Linehan voting 'yea.'

"Seven of these jobs were for different sections of the Common walks, built for the Superintendent of Public Grounds. These contracts, upon which the city paid \$17,255.44, should have been included in a single contract and awarded to the lowest bidder in a public competition, but were, in fact, divided up into separate jobs and given to W. J. Hallion under the circumstances noted below:

"Another case in which work could apparently have been done more profitably to the city by means of a single contract is presented by the dealings between the Street Department and W. J. Hallion, with reference to certain paving work in South Boston.

"Between July 27 and Oct. 3, 1906 five contracts on which the city paid \$7252.91, were given without competition to Hallion for paving and setting edgestones, gutters, etc., in the easterly section of South Boston.

"The first payment made by the city on these 26 contracts was for \$1656, paid by check dated April 21, 1906, to the order of W. J. Hallion, and indorsed to a gentleman who testified that he was acting as Hallion's attorney, and refused to say whether he paid the money or any part of it to Linehan, or what he did with it.

"The largest of these contracts was that of July 7, more particularly referred to below, for building a part of one of the granolithic walks of the Common. This contract was originally written for \$8530, and payments on it were made by the city of \$3625.25 on Aug. 11, and \$4691.50 on Sept. 1.

"These payments, aggregating \$8316.75, were made by check payable to Hallion, indorsed by him to Linehan, and deposited by the latter in a personal account kept by him at the Beacon Trust Company. Payments on some of the other contracts, namely, \$1751.76 paid Sept. 10, 1906, and \$1820.02 paid Sept. 24, 1906, were also made by check payable to Hallion, indorsed by him and Linehan, and deposited to the latter's credit at the Beacon Trust Company.

"Besides these four payments, aggregating \$11,888.53, in 1906, another payment of \$2652.78, made by the city in 1907, was upon the contracts given to Hallion in 1906, and this check was also indorsed by Mr. Linehan and deposited in his account at the Beacon Trust Company.

"Three other payments were made by the city in 1907 upon contracts made or work ordered in that year, by checks which in like manner were indorsed and deposited to Mr. Linehan's credit at the Beacon Trust Company.

"The total amount of money paid by

the city upon these contracts by check to the order of Hallion, indorsed by him and Linehan, and deposited to the credit of the latter's personal account at the Beacon Trust Company was \$18,977.46, of which \$14,541.31 was on account of contracts made or work done during the year 1906. These payments were on the contracts for the Common walks, on the contracts with the Street Department for paving in South Boston, on work for the art commission and on miscellaneous orders from the Department of Public Grounds.

"Respecting the eight city checks drawn to Hallion's order which had found their way into his (Mr. Linehan's) personal account at the Beacon Trust Company, Mr. Linehan testified as to some of them that he thought he had cashed them for Hallion, as to others that he did not know they went into his own bank account, and as to others that he thought they were not deposited to his credit.

"He said that he did not at the present time have any checks or stubs to represent the money drawn on his account at the Beacon Trust Company, that the books in which he kept the account of his payments had been destroyed or lost, and that he had got rid of his checks because he did not need them.

"The books of the Beacon Trust Company show that Mr. Linehan's account was opened on Dec. 7, 1905, that the total deposits to Jan. 1, 1907, were \$19,195.83, that of this amount \$11,888.53 were the proceeds of the four checks given by the city to Hallion and deposited in this account as hereinbefore set forth, that all of the eight city checks above referred to, aggregating \$18,977.46, were deposited on the day or the day after they were drawn, that no checks for similar amounts were drawn by Mr. Linehan on this account, that the account was drawn on at various times for various sums as in the case of an ordinary bank account, and apparently that no checks were at any time drawn against it for the purpose of cashing the checks obtained from the city by Hallion.

"The inspectors employed by the city state that Mr. Linehan was on the railroad walk job directing its progress practically every day.

"William J. Hallion has had, and now has, his legal residence in the same house with Mr. Linehan, but the constable to whom a summons was intrusted, was unable to find him.

"The apparent identity between the handwriting of Mr. Linehan and certain bids, endorsements and letters purporting to have been written or signed by William J. Hallion attracted the attention of the Commission; and two experts in handwriting were examined, one summoned by the Commission and the other by counsel for Mr. Linehan.

"The expert called for the Commission testified that in his opinion all the above writings purporting to be signed by William J. Hallion were written by the person who wrote Mr. Linehan's endorsement on the eight checks which were deposited to the credit of Mr. Linehan at the Beacon Trust Company.

"The other expert, called by Mr. Linehan, testified that in his opinion five of the Hallion endorsements were not written by the person who had signed Mr. Linehan's name on the checks; and as to the Hallion endorsements on the other three checks, he thought that they were not written by the same person who wrote that name on the five checks or by the person who had signed Hallion's name on the City Treasurer's receipt book admitting as a standard of Hallion's handwrit-

ing), and was unable to say whether or not these three endorsements were written by the person who wrote the name F. J. Linehan on these checks.

"The expert called for the Commission said that he thought that the bid dated May 4, 1906, for the Common walk contract, purporting to be signed by William J. Hallion, referred to more particularly below, and the letter of March 16, 1907, accompanying a bid of William J. Hallion on the Deer Island wall contract, also referred to below, and purporting to be signed by William J. Hallion, were both in fact signed by the person who wrote Mr. Linehan's name on the checks. Mr. Linehan's expert said the signature on this bid and letter was not written by the person who had written Hallion's name on the treasurer's books.

"This witness declined to use the standards for Mr. Linehan's handwriting which the other expert had used, because they were written in pencil; and although he had asked Mr. Linehan for samples of his handwriting, none had been furnished him.

"He was therefore, unwilling to say whether the bid and letter in question were written by Mr. Linehan or not. He found many similarities between the pencil standards and the questioned writings, but was unwilling for the reasons noted to express an opinion.

"Mr. Linehan did not ask an opportunity to deny that he wrote the bid and letter in question.

"The Commission believes that Mr. Linehan himself signed the Hallion bid on the Common walks of May 4, 1906, wrote and signed the Hallion letter of March 16, 1907, relating to the Deer Island boundary wall contract, and wrote some of the indorsements 'William J. Hallion' on the checks in question.

"Mr. Linehan testified before the Commission that he was not financially or contractually interested in the contract for the railroad walk on the Common.

"The Commission entertains no doubt that Mr. Linehan was financially interested in this contract and in others, if not in all, of the 30 odd contracts given by the city to William J. Hallion, while he, Linehan, was either a member of the Common Council, the Board of Aldermen or the State Senate.

4. THE CONTRACTS FOR THE COMMON WALKS.

"The principal walks on the Common had been in need of repairs or reconstruction for some years, and the Superintendent of Public Grounds had recommended an appropriation for the purpose every year since 1899. In 1901, estimates were obtained by him for replacing the so-called railroad walk with a granolithic pavement from four of the best known contractors in the city.

"Nothing further was done in the matter until 1906, when the appropriation for this department was made large enough to cover this work. On April 9, the Committee on Appropriations reported to the Board of Aldermen the annual appropriation bill with an item for the Public Grounds Department of \$125,000.

"This bill was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements of which Alderman Linehan was a member, and was reported back on April 19, with several amendments, including one to increase the appropriation for the Public Grounds Department by \$10,000. The bill passed the Board of Aldermen in this

form on April 16, Mr. Linehan voting 'yea'; it passed the Common Council on April 26, and was approved by the Mayor on April 27.

"Alderman Linehan at once became active respecting plans, specifications and contracts. On the very day the appropriation bill was signed and before any plans or specifications had been prepared by the city engineer, he had certain specifications, the origin of which the committee has been unable to learn, copied by a public stenographer.

"He then approached the firm of Thomas J. Hind & Co., had a conversation with Mr. Hind, got a figure, wrote out a form of bid for \$8940, saw this draft copied out and signed by Hind's clerk, as a formal bid, and took the completed bid away with him. Wherefore the Commission, Mr. Linehan was asked whether the draft was in his handwriting. He replied:

"I am not a clairvoyant, or a mind reader; neither am I a handwriting expert. Then, asked if he would say that it was not his writing, he replied: "Oh, no, it ain't. * * * My answer is that I am not a clairvoyant, a mind reader, nor an expert in handwriting, and you can figure that out to suit yourselves."

"Upon the testimony of Mr. Hind and his clerk and other evidence, including many standards of comparison in the shape of indorsements on checks, entries on deposit slips, and questions which Mr. Linehan had written out for submission through the chairman to the various witnesses, the Commission is satisfied that the first draft of the bid was written by Mr. Linehan in Mr. Hind's office.

"This bid was dated May 5, and found its way to the Superintendent of Public Grounds, as also three other bids dated May 4. Owing to the fact that the then Superintendent is not living it is impossible to ascertain the circumstances under which these other bids were invited or received; but it is certain that there was no public advertisement of the work, and none of the responsible firms invited to bid in 1901 appear to have been requested to bid on this occasion except T. J. Hind & Co., under the circumstances already noted. The four proposals varied from the bid for \$8940 submitted by Mr. Hind at Mr. Linehan's dictation to a bid for \$530 purporting to be signed by William J. Hallion, but really signed, in the opinion of the Commission, by Frank J. Linehan.

"On May 21, the Superintendent wrote to the Mayor as follows:

"May 21, 1906.

"Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, City of Boston, City:

"Sir—I have received a great many bids for the construction of the railroad walk on Boston Common, but as they are not all figured from the same specifications, I would suggest that the City Engineer draw up new specifications and advertise for new bids. Very respectfully,

"Wm. Doogue."

"At or about this time the agent for Warren Bros., a large concern engaged in this kind of business, requested an opportunity to bid. He was told by the superintendent that he was probably too late, but he was furnished by some one in the City Engineer's office with a sketch of the proposed walk, and submitted a bid to the superintendent under date of June 4, which was transmitted to the Mayor on June 5. This bid was by the square foot, and according to the City Engineer was, after making the necessary corrections and additions, some \$200 lower than the Hallion bid.

"About the end of May the City En-

gineer received from the Mayor's office the three bids of May 4, the Hind bid of May 5, and a form of contract and seven pages of specifications, the contract and specifications being bound together in a cover which bore the imprint of the public stenographer who on April 27 had made for Mr. Linehan three copies of a document consisting of exactly seven pages.

"A plan was then prepared in the City Engineer's office, and is dated June 11. The specifications which had come down from the Mayor's office were regarded by the Assistant City Engineer as indefinite and unsatisfactory, and were amended or rewritten by him.

"No further bids were invited by advertisement or otherwise on these plans and specifications—the first which had ever been prepared by the City Engineer—and no attention was paid to the Warren bid."

But on July 12 the City Engineer wrote:

"Engineering Department,

"50 City Hall.

"Subject West St. mall, Boston Common, L. B. 28, page 454, granolithic walk, No. 11,459.

"June 12, 1906.

"Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor."

"Dear Sir:—In compliance with your request I have examined the bids for a walk on Boston Common, received by the Superintendent of Public Grounds on May 4, 1906, and we have revised the specifications for the work.

"The bids were as follows:

No.	Bidder.	Address.	Amount of bid.
1.	Wm. J. Hallion,	Boston, Mass...	\$353
2.	W. F. Kearns & Co.,	Boston, Mass.	8,625
3.	George W. Carr & Co.,	Boston, Mass.	8,760
4.	Thomas J. Hind,	Boston Mass...	8,940

and I recommend that the lowest bid be accepted.

"Yours respectfully,

"William Jackson,
"City Engineer.

"Approved:

"John F. Fitzgerald.

"Mayor of Boston, Mass."

On June 16 the Chief Clerk in the Mayor's office addressed to the Superintendent the following letter:

"Office of the Mayor,

"June 16, 1906.

"William Doogue, Esq., Superintendent of Public Grounds.

"Dear Sir:—If it is your desire to award the contract for building walk on the Common to the lowest bidder, a request should be sent to the Mayor in the following form:

"Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of Boston.

"Sir:—I have received the following bids for the construction of walk on Boston Common—known as "Railroad" walk—and for the reason that it is advisable to proceed with this work at once, I request your authority to award the contract for doing the work to the lowest bidder, without publicly advertising for proposals.

"Bidders. (Give list.)

"Yours very truly,

"William Doogue,

"Superintendent of Public Grounds."

"I return herewith the enclosures in the matter.

"Yours very truly,

"T. A. Butler, Chief Clerk."

"The suggestion contained in this letter, which does not appear to have been written by order of the Mayor, but by the chief clerk as a matter of routine was promptly acted on by the superintendent, who, in a letter dated June 18, requested permission to award the

contract to Hallion without advertisement. The mayor approved this award, and a contract, bearing the date July 7, for \$8530, was executed by the city and William J. Hallion, and approved by the Mayor.

"During the progress of the work, Alderman Linehan was present on the job directing the laborers practically every day.

"On July 30, some three weeks after the contract was signed and about 10 days before the first payment on it was made, a suit was brought in the municipal court against William J. Hallion and the city as trustee. On Aug. 2, Mr. Linehan protested to the attorney for the plaintiff that he had tied up his (Linehan's) money by this trustee process.

"There is no doubt in the minds of the commission that Alderman Linehan was the real contractor in this case, and that it was the intention of the City Government that he should get the contract without any genuine or effective competition. While a member of the Board of Aldermen, Mr. Linehan took a direct part in the appropriation for the work, in the making of the contract, and in the execution of the work; and he received the money paid for it by the city.

"The work included in this contract was a part of the railroad walk, so-called, and extended part way from the corner of Tremont and West streets to Park square. On Oct. 15, the contract was amended so as to include the westerly end of the walk for the further sum of \$3714. This new contract was awarded with the approval of the Mayor without competition of any kind.

"In the meantime, on Aug. 30, a contract for \$1507 was given to Hallion for the walk from the corner of Tremont and Boylston streets to the railroad walk, and another for \$136 for work on the Joy street mall. On Nov. 2 Hallion got a contract for \$1063 for the section between the Joy-street mall and the railroad walk; on March 29, 1907, an order for work at the Park square entrance, which amounted to \$430.24; and on April 15, 1907, a further contract for \$1875 for the section between the Joy street walk and Lafayette mall.

"These seven contracts amounted to \$17,255.44, and were for different sections of a connected piece of work which the city engineer says, was perfectly simple, and work which there was no reason for not awarding in the ordinary way in a single contract after a public advertised competition.

"He did not, however, consider it his duty to volunteer advice on this subject, and did not do so, and the work was in fact split up into seven contracts, six of which were awarded without any pretence of competition, and the other without any real competition, to 'William J. Hallion.'

"That the city lost money by doing the work in this way is apparent from the testimony of the city engineer, who says that if the work had been advertised in a single contract the city would have been better off. The exact amount of the loss has not been computed.

5. THE DEALINGS WITH THE "ATLAS CONSTRUCTION CO."

"Early in the present year Mr. Linehan, now a member of the state senate, entered into a partnership with Frank Conroy, who for some years had been in the employ of Thomas J. Hind & Co., and has done business under the style of the 'Atlas Construction Company.' Since April 1, 1907, some half-

dozen contracts or orders have been obtained from the various city departments to the aggregate amount of about \$60,000.

"Of these contracts only one—the last for about \$5000, on which nothing has yet been done—was obtained by public competition.

"Although the city officials considered that the real contractor was Mr. Linehan, and that the Atlas Construction Company was only a name adopted by him for business purposes, his own name does not appear on any of the contracts.

"The largest of these contracts was that for the Deer Island wall, entered into by the Penal Institutions Department under the authority of an order of the City Council, which passed the Board of Aldermen on June 7, 1906, Mr. Linehan voting 'yea'

6. THE DEER ISLAND WALL CONTRACT.

"This contract was for the erection of a reinforced concrete wall to separate the city's property on Deer Island from the land acquired by the United States Government under the order of the City Council last referred to.

"The cost of the work was estimated by the United States engineers at from \$36,000 to \$41,000, by the assistant City Engineer at \$36,500, and by the City Engineer himself at something in excess of \$40,000. A competent engineer employed by the Commission has estimated the fair cost of the wall at \$41,000.

"The work was a relatively simple job of re-enforced concrete involving no peculiar difficulties; it was well adapted for competitive bidding; and the City Engineer prepared a printed form of contract intended to secure lump sum bids, together with proposal blanks drawn in the usual way for sealed bids to be submitted in response to a public advertisement.

"The contract was, however, not advertised. The commissioner was induced to receive private bids from 'William J. Hallion' and the 'Atlas Construction Company,' and also made efforts to secure bids from two other contractors. One of these, although in the habit of bidding on work offered by the Metropolitan Water Board, the Boston Transit Commission and other public bodies, was unwilling to do business with the regular department of the City Government; but, yielding finally to repeated requests from the commissioner, put in a bid which was intentionally made so high as to make it certain that he should not obtain the contract.

"The other contractor invited by the commissioner to bid considered the specifications to involve very exact and expensive work, and in preparing his bid was influenced by his supposition that the work would have to be done under the supervision of the United States engineers.

"Besides these bids there was one by the 'Atlas Construction Company,' in which Mr. Linehan was a partner; and one by 'William J. Hallion,' which was accompanied by a letter purporting to be signed by Hallion, but really written and signed by Frank J. Linehan.

"The lowest figure obtained by this pretended competition was that of the 'Atlas Construction Company' for \$52,500. This bid was some \$10,000 in excess of the estimated cost of the work; it was regarded by the City Engineer as

excessive, and he advised against awarding the contract on the basis of this bid.

"The law (St. 1890, Ch. 418, Section 4) providing that in advertisements for contract work, the right shall be reserved to reject any or all bids, indicates what should generally be done when the lowest bid is regarded as too high. All the bids should be rejected and the work advertised again.

"A fortiori, should this course be followed when bids have been received privately from a small number of contractors and no opportunity has been given to the trade in general to compete for the work. There was no good reason in this case why the work should not at once have been thrown open to public competition, as originally intended by the City Engineer.

"Mr. Linehan denied that he had any conversation about this contract with any city official other than the commissioner and the city engineer; but the latter testified that at this stage of the proceedings he was invited by telephone messages from the Mayor's office to meet the Commissioner, Mr. Linehan and the Mayor, and did so, two conferences being held in a private room at Young's Hotel.

"The City Engineer testified at these conferences both he and the Commissioner tried to induce Mr. Linehan to lower his bid so as to bring it nearer to the estimates, but failed to do so. The City Engineer said that he supposed the hearing was for the purpose of giving Mr. Linehan a chance to convince the Commissioner that his bid was not too high, and that the Mayor inquired whether they had settled their differences.

"Mr. Linehan testified the City Engineer contended that the bid was \$10,000 too high, but that the engineer was very fair and accepted most of his (Linehan's) suggestions.

"It is clear to the Commission that these proceedings were interpreted by the Commissioner and the City Engineer as a direction to give the contract to Mr. Linehan on the best terms obtainable.

"The result was the drafting of an entirely new contract, framed to some extent on the 'actual cost, plus a fixed profit' plan with a provision that the cost to the city should not exceed \$51,500. The contractor's profit was fixed at \$5,000 plus 15 per cent. of the amount, if any, by which the actual cost of the work, exclusive of profit, should fall below the sum of \$45,000.

"The contract was otherwise modified in important particulars to the disadvantage of the city; the time limit was omitted; the authority of the engineer to settle disputes was struck out, and other useful clauses usually found in municipal contracts, and actually included in the draft upon which the bids had been secured, were omitted in the contract as signed.

"One serious defect in both the original form and the final contract was the absence of any provision that the work should be done to the satisfaction of the United States authorities. By the deed from the city to the United States, dated Oct. 15, 1906, the sum of \$50,000 was to be held back until the 'satisfactory performance' of the agreement by the city to build the wall. Notwithstanding this obligation on the part of the city to build the wall to the reasonable satisfaction of the grantee, no corresponding duty was imposed upon the contractor in the construction contract.

"This contract was an improvident one for the city to enter into, and an

improper one for any city official to sign.

"No bids were invited from other parties upon the new contract, and with the approval of the Mayor is was awarded on May 1, 1906, to the 'Atlas Construction Company' without further competition of any sort. There was no effective competition under the first specifications; there was none at all for the contract as actually signed.

"Mr. Linehan was regarded by the city authorities as the contractor; but the original bid, signed 'Atlas Construction Company, by Frank Conroy, manager,' recited that 'the only persons interested in this bid as principals are named herein,' and contained no mention of Mr. Linehan. This contract was signed by 'Frank Conroy, manager,' and the city had nothing in writing to show that Mr. Linehan was in any way interested in the contract or responsible for its execution.

"The original specifications and plans contemplated a coping of granite. The contract as signed left it optional with the Commissioner to exact either a coping of granite or one of concrete. On June 17 the War Department assented to the substitution of concrete for granite, and the coping was built of concrete.

"This change was a saving to the contractor, the amount of which is estimated by the Commissioner at about \$2500; but no corresponding reduction was made in either the maximum or minimum sum to be paid by the city.

"The contract provided that the contractor should receive the actual cost to him for labor as determined by the Commissioner of Penal Institutions according to a certain schedule of wages, materials and rentals incorporated in the contract, and the contractor agreed to pay his employees the rate of wages fixed by this schedule.

"The latter clause was apparently inserted by reason of the experience of the city in the so-called Fenway contracts, where the absence of such a provision had enabled the contractors to collect from the city the schedule rates, although they in fact had paid much less.

"To guard against the risk of paying more than the actual cost of the work the contract contained a provision that the contractor should furnish payrolls and such other data as the said Commissioner may require.

"Work was begun under this contract about the middle of July, 1907, and the job is now more than half completed.

"Three payments have been made on the contract by the city, one each in the months of August, September and October, the aggregate amount received by the contractor on these payments being \$23,995.05. These payments were made upon drafts, to each of which was annexed a certificate or estimate by the City Engineer setting forth the quantities, hours and unit prices upon which the draft was based.

"At the bottom of the draft is a receipt signed by the contractor, and the engineer's certificate is attached to the draft and receipt in such a way that before the contractor could sign the receipt his attention would necessarily be arrested by the certificate. The receipts were signed by Mr. Conroy.

"The City Auditor states positively that the certificate was, in each instance, attached to the draft before Mr. Conroy received the same and before he signed the receipt for it.

"Under the contract the city was simply to reimburse the contractors for the amounts paid out by them; but in some grades of labor the contractors

did not pay the wages specified in the contract and paid for by these drafts. To this extent the contractors have been overpaid by the city.

"For illustration, the contract provided that the contractor should pay \$40 a week for a foreman and \$2.50 a day for a sub-foreman, and should receive those prices from the city. The certificates signed by the City Engineer represented the amounts due to the contractor for the services of a foreman and sub-foreman at these respective figures; and the drafts were figured and the payments made upon the basis of these certificates.

"The contractors had in fact, however, been paying only \$30 a week for their foreman and \$2.50 a day for their sub-foreman. The result was that on these two items the contractors received from the city from the beginning of the work down to Oct. 15, 1907, \$10 a week for the foreman and \$1 a day more for the sub-foreman than they had themselves paid out and were entitled to under the contract.

"The total payments for labor, according to the contractors' time books, from the beginning of the work to Oct. 15, 1907, were \$3142.52, while the city paid \$3518.11.

"Employees from the city engineer's office acted as inspectors on the work and submitted daily reports of the number of men employed by the contractors. The inspectors and their superiors say they supposed that Mr. Conroy was foreman and was the person for whose wages the contractors were to be reimbursed under the certificates for payments.

"Mr. Conroy's relation to the undertaking was sufficiently disclosed by the fact that he signed the contract and collected and receipted for the money paid under it by the city; and if the contractors were not entitled under this contract to any compensation, beyond the agreed profit of \$6000, for the services of either member of the firm, that is if the contractors elected to superintend the work themselves and employed no foreman at \$40 a week, it would seem that this entire item should be eliminated from the payment.

"In the performance of this contract, therefore, not only did the city pay more for labor than the contract called for, and more than the contractors themselves had paid; but it is questionable whether the contractors are entitled to anything for the services of a 'foreman' during the period covered by the payments already made.

"As in the daily reports made up by the city inspectors, Mr. Conroy was counted as an employee, each report contained one employee too many. Copies of these reports were transmitted daily to the contractors, but the contractors did not call the attention of the city officials to the excessive number of employees on these reports.

"At no time from the beginning of the work to the end of October was any pay roll or statement of the wages paid by the contractors furnished by them to the city authorities, nor was any such statement requested by the City Engineer or the Commissioner of Penal Institutions, or by any of their employees until some time during the month of October.

"The contractors produced their weekly time books, but refused to produce their other books, including three which were seen at the office of the 'Atlas Construction Company,' and which contained entries relating to the Deer Island work. Copies of the entries in one of these books show that it contained a payroll for this job, in which the foreman was set down as re-

ceiving \$40 per week and the sub-foreman \$3.50 per day; and that the excess of the figures in this book over the corresponding figures in the time-book varied from \$16 to \$101 per week. The bookkeeper said that she was using this book to prepare a payroll or time sheet.

"The contract was a contract of reimbursement, in which a clause was purposely inserted to enable the city officials to protect the city from paying more than the contractor paid; but the city officials neglected to make any use whatever of this power; the contractors were overpaid upon all the payments down to the date of this investigation; and nobody discovered the fact until the inspection of the contractors' books disclosed it.

"The Commissioner claims that he supposed the City Engineer was attending to the duty of verifying the payrolls, and that he (the Commissioner) approved the payments only after the City Engineer had first certified to the accuracy of the amounts.

"The City Engineer contends that under the contract the entire responsibility for the performance of the same rested with the Commissioner. Neither the Commissioner nor the Engineer made any effort to ascertain how much the contractor was actually paying out for labor. Each claims to have assumed that the other was attending to the discharge of this duty. As a matter of fact neither performed it.

"It appears also that a large number of workmen employed on cement and concrete did not receive the schedule rate for their labor.

"The City Engineer considers that the work has been mismanaged by the contractors, that they have acted as if they were learning the business, and that there has been waste and inefficiency in the execution of the contract. He and the Commissioner have little hope that the city will not have to pay the maximum figure set by the contract, \$51,500.

"In the opinion of the Commission the Deer Island wall will cost the city at least \$10,000 more than if it had been awarded as it should have been to the lowest responsible bidder after a fair advertised public competition.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

"While the Commission is not yet ready to report generally on contract methods, it deems this an appropriate time to make the following recommendations:

"1. All contracts exceeding \$2000 in amount should be awarded after public advertisement and competition, unless some special exigency exists and the head of the department furnishes the Mayor with a written statement giving in detail good and sufficient reasons for not inviting bids by advertisement. Reasons merely formal and in routine phrase, made for the purpose of evading the statute, should not be tolerated.

"2. The duties of the City Engineer, under Chapter 16 of the Revised Ordinances, should not be interpreted—either by him, by the Mayor or by the heads of departments—so narrowly as is now the case. His advice should be solicited, and if not solicited should nevertheless be given, if the opportunity presents itself, concerning the entire business of the city 'which properly comes under the direction of a civil engineer.'

"3. Reputable firms of known responsibility should be encouraged by fair and business-like treatment to compete for city work.

"4. All contracts should be signed by the real parties in interest.

"5. No percentage contracts should be

entered into by any department of the city government, except in cases presenting features of peculiar difficulty, and only then after a statement in writing has been made by the City Engineer giving in detail his reasons for advising this course.

"6. In all work undertaken upon a percentage or actual cost plus a profit basis, the contract should provide that the city shall pay no more for labor or materials than the contractor himself pays, and that no money shall be paid until after the contractor has furnished a statement signed by him of all moneys paid to date for labor, services and materials. The other provisions found in the regular city contracts should, so far as applicable, be incorporated.

"7. No further payments should be made under the Deer Island wall contract until the payrolls recently furnished by the contractor have been examined and verified; all the bills for materials have been carefully scrutinized, and the opinion of the law department obtained upon all items in dispute.

"8. The charter amendments of 1885, Chapter 266, Section 12, should be strictly enforced. Members of the City Council should not solicit contracts for anyone, much less for themselves. Nor should they 'directly or indirectly take part in the . . . making of contracts.'

"9. The existing law, Revised Laws, Chapter 210, Section 9, should be strengthened and amended so as to apply to members of the state legislature who represent Boston districts; and the law should provide that any city contract obnoxious to its provisions shall be void, and that all moneys paid under it may be recovered back.

"10. The heads of departments should be protected by the Mayor from the demands of members of the city council and state legislature that contracts be awarded to them or their friends. Neither the heads of departments nor the Mayor should permit themselves to be intimidated into awarding contracts in response to such demands.

"The evidence heard by the Commission will be submitted to the District Attorney for such action as he may see fit to take, and his attention will be particularly directed to the conduct of Mr. Woods and Mr. Linehan, while members of the City Council with reference to city contracts, to the testimony of Mr. Woods that he had no interest in the Eastern Clay Goods Company, and to the testimony of Mr. Linehan that he had no financial interest in the Hallion contracts."

"Respectfully submitted,

"The Finance Commission,
"By N. Matthews, Chairman."

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

MATTER OF CITY DEBT.

The following was received:

Boston, November 29, 1907.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—The order of the City Council, under which the Finance Commission was appointed, prescribed that the Commission should "examine into all matters pertaining to the finances of the city, including debt;" should inquire "whether under the present practice of the city its objects of expenditure are rightly divided between those which may properly be provided for by loan and those which should be met by taxation, and whether its loans are now issued for proper periods"; and should

consider whether the debt of the city is "excessive, and, if so, in what manner the same can be reduced."

In compliance with these instructions the Commission has endeavored to ascertain the present real indebtedness of the city, and has also considered some of the loans authorized, but not yet issued; and begs to report thereon, in part:

I. PRESENT INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY.

The real indebtedness of the city is not easy to ascertain. No statements of it are published, except the accounts of the direct city and county debt which are contained in the annual and monthly reports of the city auditor. These figures are entirely misleading.

A considerable part of the city water debt was nominally transferred to the state under the provisions of the Metropolitan Water Act, an is now represented by that part of the Metropolitan water debt which the city must repay in annual instalments; besides which other loans have been issued by the State for water supply, parks, boulevards, and other "metropolitan" purposes. A certain proportion of the annual interest and sinking fund requirements on all these metropolitan debts is directly assessed upon the City of Boston; but the city's share at any given time of the entire metropolitan debt is nowhere computed or published, and must be figured out whenever occasion arises.

In addition to the direct burden of the so-called city and county debt and the indirect burden of the metropolitan debt, there is a general state debt, the annual cost of which for interest and sinking fund requirements is included in the state tax for the year, and over one-third of it paid by the city of Boston. This indirect share of the general state debt is not published, and must be computed when required.

The Commission has procured from the Statistics Department an official statement of the real indebtedness of the city on Jan. 31, 1907, including the direct city and county debt, the city's share of the metropolitan debt, and the city's proportion of the general state debt. These computations, together with similar figures for each census year from 1885 to 1905, and statistics for the same dates relating to population, valuation and taxation, are annexed to this report as Appendix A. The rate by which population, valuation and indebtedness have increased during this period is set forth in Appendix B, also prepared by the Statistics Department.

The year 1885 was selected for the commencement of the period included in these computations because it was in that year that the present city charter (chapter 266) was adopted, the amount that could be raised by taxation exclusive of the state tax and of the debt requirements was limited (by chapter 178) to nine dollars on the thousand of the average valuation for the preceding five years, and the limit of indebtedness was reduced from 2½ per cent. to 2 per cent. of this average valuation.

The attention of the city government should be seriously concentrated upon these figures. They show in brief:

1. That the real net debt of the city of Boston on Jan. 31, 1907, was not the \$68,321,359.41 which figures in the auditor's report, but \$111,843,735.06. About \$3,000,000 of this amount is for subways leased upon terms which will enable the city to meet the debt requirements until the leases expire.
2. That this debt amounted to 8½ per cent. of the assessors' valuation of prop-

erty subject to taxation and to \$183 per capita of the estimated population for the year. The common impression that the debt of Boston is effectually limited by law to 2 or 2½ per cent. of the valuation is a misapprehension. So much money has been borrowed outside the limit, and the basis of valuation is so high, that there is in reality an underlying lien on every piece of real estate in the city amounting to practically 10 per cent. of its market value. This lien is equivalent to a first mortgage on unencumbered real estate, and makes every first mortgage on realty a second mortgage. Every dollar represented by this underlying lien has been spent in the past, and in part for the sole benefit of preceding generations.

3. That this alarming condition is almost entirely due to the financial operations of the past 12 years.

Between 1885 and 1895 the population increased 27 per cent., the valuation 39 per cent. and the debt 39½ per cent. On Jan. 31, 1885, the debt was 4.39 per cent. of the valuation and \$77.13 per capita; on Jan. 31, 1895, it was 4.52 per cent. of the valuation and \$84.57 per capita.

Between 1895 and 1907 the population increased 22½ per cent., the valuation 38 per cent. and the debt 166 per cent.; and on Jan. 31, 1907, the debt amounted to 8.51 per cent. of the valuation and to \$183.43 per capita.

No community can thrive under the load of a debt which is piling up four times as fast as its wealth, and seven and a half times as fast as its population.

The responsibility for the conditions does not rest wholly with the city government; but the greater part of it does. The increase in the net city and county debt between 1895 and 1907 as stated in the auditor's report was \$31,689,933.68; but this figure is based upon a cancellation of debt in 1900 and 1901 amounting to \$12,330,356.70, being moneys paid by the state for the city's water sources taken in 1898. As this transaction amounted, as to about 80 per cent. of the purchase money, to a mere change in the form of debt, there should be added about \$10,000,000 to the present nominal city and county debt in order to determine by how much the same has been increased since 1895 through the action of the city government. It thus appears that of the total increase of \$69,822,786.96 about \$41,500,000 should be considered as the increase in the net city and county debt. The net city and county debt in 1895 was \$37,131,423.73; so that the increase in this debt in 12 years amounts to about 111 per cent.

Some of the loans which have contributed to this result were forced upon the city by the Legislature, but by far the greater part have been deliberately voted by the City Council and approved by the Mayor for the time being in office.

It is not the purpose of the commission in this report to attempt any further apportionment between the Legislature and the City Government of the responsibility for the enormous increase of debt which has taken place in recent years, nor to consider the objections to the individual loans by which the debt has been swollen to its present size. At this time the commission desires to direct attention to some of the general causes which have led to this reckless use of the city's credit, to illustrate these causes by reference to the loan bill for \$1,564,500 approved July 26, 1907, most of which has not yet been issued, and to recommend the immediate repeal of a large part of this bill.

II. CAUSES OF INCREASE.

Among the more important causes of the great increase in the debt, the following may be noted:

There seems to be no intelligent co-operation between the City Council and the heads of the departments with reference to loans. Sometimes the heads of departments are not consulted at all; sometimes their opinion is received, but ignored; and in some cases loans are voted for purposes which, in the opinion of the department, are distinctly objectionable.

The miscellaneous loan bills passed each year are made up with less regard to the interests of the city as a whole than to the needs or desires of particular sections. These bills are practically logrolled through the City Council, and many of the items would not on their own merits command the necessary two-thirds vote.

In many cases the amounts provided are insufficient for the work, and known to be inadequate.

To get a sufficient number of votes to pass the bill these local and less important items are permitted to eat up the borrowing capacity of the city, to the prejudice of really necessary work.

No regard seems to be paid to the alarming state of the city debt, but the borrowing power of the city is exercised to the full extent allowed by law. On Oct. 31, 1907, there were nearly \$4,000,000 of bonds authorized but not issued merely because of the temporary inability of the city to market 4 per cent. bonds; and the borrowing capacity of the city was only \$86,157.17.

There is an evident disregard on the part of the City Government of the obligations imposed by the responsibility for spending money which is to be repaid by other people in future years.

Much of the money borrowed during the recent past has been raised for repairs, maintenance or other current expenditures which ought to be defrayed from the tax levy.

The law (St. 1891, Ch. 206) prohibiting the issue of a loan, unless the Mayor shall first certify in writing upon the order authorizing the loan that the amount intended to be borrowed is not in his opinion to meet a current expense, or that public necessity requires the borrowing of the same, has not been consistently observed. The power given by this law to the Mayor is absolute and not subject to revision by the City Council. It was given to him for the purpose of enabling him to prevent the borrowing of money for current purposes, and it imposed upon him the duty of seeing that money was not borrowed for such purposes unless some emergency existed. Yet loans have been certified as not intended to meet a current expense when very little investigation should have satisfied the mayor that the money was to be used for just such purposes.

By St. 1900, Ch. 399, the tax limit fixed by the Act of 1885 was raised from \$9 to \$10.50 on the thousand of the average valuation for the preceding three years. When this act was before the Legislature its advocates promised that many expenditures, on the border line between the permanent and the temporary, would, if the tax rate were increased, be defrayed in the future from taxes and not from loans. This promise has not been kept; and expenditures of this class are still being defrayed from the proceeds of borrowed money.

The power given to the Mayor and City Treasurer by St. 1898, Ch. 471, and St. 1902, Ch. 522, to fix the term of city bonds has not been exercised with sufficient care to prevent the issue of

bonds having a longer time to run than the life of the work to pay for which they are issued. A step in the right direction has been taken by the present administration in reducing the term of street improvement bonds from 20 to 15 years; but even 15 years is, in the opinion of the commission, too long for paving loans, and the terms of city bonds are still, in general, longer than sound financial methods would suggest.

III. THE LOAN BILL ORDER OF JULY 26, 1907.

As illustrations of the reckless manner in which money is borrowed by the City Government the commission calls attention to the several items in the order for a loan of \$1,564,500, approved July 26, 1907, of which \$335,000 has been issued to date:

BATH DEPARTMENT.

1. Bathhouse, Tenean Beach.....	\$5,000
2. Bathhouse, Charlestown	30,000
3. Bathing establishment, Wd. 15, completion of	25,000
4. Bathhouse, Dewey Beach	2,000
	\$62,000

The policy of the trustees of the Bath Department is to establish summer bathing establishments and bathing establishments open the entire year in such locations as will serve the greatest number of persons in all sections of the city and accordingly it has sought to establish one large plant in each section of the city, rather than many small ones. There is no doubt that this policy is better calculated to serve the interests of the whole public at less cost than any policy framed for political purposes under sectional pressure. Not only was the policy of the trustees not carried out in this loan bill, but the very policy it disapproved was adopted. The trustees do not approve any of the above items; they were not consulted by the City Council or by any city official, and the chairman stated that if the trustees had been consulted they would have protested against every item. The trustees stated to this Commission that the immediate necessities of the department are as follows:

"First—The gymnasium building on Paris street, East Boston, should be rebuilt at once. This is an old wooden structure which serves a wide section of the city and is largely used.

"Second—A sufficient amount should be appropriated to properly complete the bath-house and gymnasium now being erected on North Bennett street.

"Third—Each year a new floating bath-house should be built, as the present houses are so old that it is expensive and almost impossible to keep them in repair."

The objections of the trustees to the several items are as follows:

1. Bathhouse, Tenean Beach, \$5000.

Such a small bathing place is not consistent with the general scheme of the department. The cost of maintenance, estimated at \$2000 per year, will not secure as good results as would the same amount of money expended in the larger establishments.

2. Bathhouse, Charlestown, \$30,000.

The amount is insufficient to supply the needs of this district. A bathhouse, to be open the entire year similar to those in Roxbury and on Dover St., should be established in Charlestown, but the amount required would be \$120,000, and the city's experience in the cases of the Wd. 15 bathing establishment and the North Bennet St. bath

house should serve as a warning against undertaking such works upon appropriations insufficient to insure their completion.

3. Bathing establishment, Wd. 15, \$25,000.

The amount is not sufficient, for \$80,000 would be required to complete the establishment. In 1898 there was appropriated \$12,500, of which \$11,652 has been expended. For this the land has been acquired, the excavation made and foundations laid. The firm of architects which drew the plans collected a fee of 5 per cent. for all services, including a percentage for construction, but no construction work has been done and the firm has since gone out of existence. No work has been done upon this establishment since 1899, and the chairman of the board of trustees states that the sum of \$6915 which was spent in excavation and foundations has been practically wasted, as the work will have to be done all over again.

Two loans have since been authorized, one of \$20,000 in 1902, and one for \$5000 in 1905, but no bonds were issued in either case. If the entire amount now available were to be spent without the certain knowledge that sufficient additional money would be appropriated to complete the undertaking there would be danger of a repetition of the waste already suffered.

The situation at the North Bennet Street Bathhouse at the North End, now in progress of construction, furnishes another illustration of the evil of starting the erection of any public building without appropriating sufficient money to carry the work to completion. The general contract for this building was let without provision being made for electric wiring, plumbing, and heating. The trustees state that they have just enough money for the plumbing, but no money for the wiring and heating. Unless money is appropriated soon for the wiring and heating, the general contractor will complete his work and when the wiring and heating apparatus is put in later, it will be excessively costly, as it will be necessary to tear out a great deal of the work previously done.

A loan bill, which is now pending in the City Council, for the completion of the North Bennet Street Bathhouse should be passed promptly and the contracts for the remaining work should be prepared at once.

Four—Bathhouse, Dewey Beach, \$2000. The chairman of this board of trustees stated that he did not know what this item was for and that the money could only add a few lockers and clean up the beach, which objects should be provided for, if at all, out of the maintenance fund and not by loans. The trustees recommend that the money be devoted to some other purpose.

The Finance Commission believes that none of the money appropriated for the Bath Department by the loan bill of July 26, 1907, should be expended at the present time. It is apparent that the money was appropriated without any careful consideration of the financial condition of the city or the needs of the department, in fact without consultation with those in charge of the department.

Since Aug. 27 last when the Commission sent an official communication to the Mayor and City Council on the subject of this loan bill, \$5000 of bonds have been issued on the Tenean Beach item, of which \$3000 has been spent, and \$2000 has been raised on the Dewey Beach item, of which nothing has been spent.

The Commission recommends that no bonds be issued for the bathhouse at

Charlestown or the bathing establishment in Wd. 15, and that the money available for the Tenean Beach and Dewey Beach items be devoted to other objects. After the immediate necessities of the Bath Department as above stated are provided for and as soon as the financial condition of the city warrants the appropriation of sufficient money to complete the bathing establishments in Charlestown and Wd. 15, these works should be undertaken.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

Mount Hope Cemetery, enlargement.....	\$40,000
Evergreen Cemetery, enlargement.....	40,000
Dorchester North Burying Ground, stone wall and fence.....	6,000
	\$86,000

The Commission, on Sept. 12 last, sent to the mayor an official communication in which it protested against the purchase of any land for the enlargement of Evergreen Cemetery and against the purchase of land for the enlargement of Mount Hope Cemetery at the price asked by the owners.

The Commission renews the recommendations contained in that communication.

As to the remaining item of \$6000 for a stone wall and fence at Dorchester North Burying Ground, the Commission thinks the work should be paid for from the tax levy and not from money raised by the loan.

BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

Mt. Washington Ave. Bridge, Reconstruction, \$20,000.

This bridge, which formerly crossed Fort Point Channel opposite the present South Terminal Station, has been closed for five years, and for a long period prior to its closing it was in bad condition owing to the failure to make necessary repairs. The superintendent of bridges was not consulted by the Finance Committee of the City Council or by any city official as to the advisability of reconstructing it, and he is opposed to the undertaking. The city engineer thinks the \$60,000 appropriated in the loan bill would be insufficient to rebuild it properly, and that from \$30,000 to \$40,000 additional would be required to put it in a satisfactory condition. It would seem better to abolish this bridge now than to allow it to remain as it is with the idea of rebuilding it at some future time, but at all events, the Commission is strongly of the opinion that it should not be rebuilt until certain other bridges now in use are put in a safe condition for the immense traffic they bear. The city engineer states that a number of bridges now in use are dangerous, which should be put in safe condition for travel before any money is spent to reopen the Mt. Washington Ave. bridge. He says the Boylston St. bridge over the Boston & Albany railroad is the one which should receive immediate attention. Its condition was so bad as to require it to be closed recently, to the great inconvenience of many people, and although the street railway cars pass over it now, it is closed to all other vehicles, and will practically so remain until a special appropriation is made to reopen it. To put this bridge in good condition, \$60,000 will be required, and as Boylston St. is one of our main thoroughfares there is no doubt that this project should have precedence over the Mt. Washington Ave. bridge, which at most would serve a very small number of citizens.

CONSUMPTIVES' HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

The Consumptives' Hospital, Buildings and Equipment, \$140,000.

The Commission heard the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, who had previously explained to the Finance Committee of the City Council the necessity for this appropriation. He explained to the Commission in detail the plans and estimates of cost of this work in an entirely satisfactory manner, and the Commission recommends the expenditure of the amount appropriated.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

1. Landing for fireboat and quarters for men.....	\$10,000
2. New fireboat.....	75,000
3. Ladder 1 house, rebuilding.....	8,000
4. Engine 6 house, addition.....	6,000
5. Engine 7 house, addition.....	2,000
6. Engine 29, ladder 11 house, alterations.....	4,000
7. House and apparatus, Parker Hill.....	15,000
8. House, land and apparatus, Forest Hills.....	30,000
9. House, land and apparatus, Orient Heights.....	15,000
	\$165,000

Of these nine items, seven were recommended by the Fire Commissioner to the Mayor and City Council, and two, viz., the Parker Hill and Orient Heights items, were not recommended.

The Commission concurs in the recommendations of the Fire Commissioner as to items one, two, three and four, believing that they are works of immediate necessity and of a character appropriate for loans. The fire boat should be provided as quickly as possible, in order to give the city's water front the protection it requires. The Commission believes that the work contemplated in items five and six, although necessary, is more in the nature of alteration and repairs than construction, and consequently should not be provided for by loan.

Item number seven, house and apparatus at Parker Hill, the Fire Commissioner did not recommend to the Mayor or the City Council, and does not approve, as he believes the top of a hill is not a good place for an engine house. He approves an alternative plan of putting in the high-service water system on the hill which would give adequate fire protection, and though more costly in the first instance, would be more economical in the end, for there would be no cost of maintenance as in the case of an engine house. The Commissioner's opinion was given at a time when he believed that the engine house, if installed, would be built on land owned by the city, and his original condemnation is now made stronger by reason of the fact that the cost is to be increased by the purchase of land for this purpose.

Acting under directions from the Mayor, he has recently advertised for proposals for the purchase of land under specifications drawn by a real estate agent appointed by the Mayor, and 11 offers have been made by owners of lots varying in size at prices ranging from \$1468 to \$6778. Because of the purchase of land the amount appropriated will not be sufficient to provide an engine house and apparatus such as were first contemplated. The loan is for "house and apparatus," and not for land, and consequently it would appear to be illegal to expend any of the money for land. The Fire Commissioner has evidently made a careful study of this subject, and the Commis-

sion concurs in his opinion that a high service water system is the best solution of this problem, and that the installation of an engine house and apparatus would be extravagant.

Item No. 8, house, land and apparatus at Forest Hills, was recommended to the Mayor and the City Council, and the Commission believes the neighborhood of Forest Hills should have better fire protection than is afforded at present. The Fire Commissioner in an official communication to the Mayor, dated Aug. 7, 1907, expressed the opinion that the price asked by the owner of the lot at the junction of Walk Hill St. and Hyde Park Ave., \$1.25 per foot, seemed to be too much, although he favored the location, and the Commission concurs in the opinion that the price is too high. The first negotiation with the owner of this lot occurred after the passage of the loan bill, and since then the owner has informed the Commission that he would prefer to have the land taken by right of eminent domain to selling it by private treaty. The Commission believes it better to wait until the necessary legislative authority is procured to take the land by eminent domain, or to buy other and cheaper land in the vicinity.

Item No. 9, house, land and apparatus at Orient Heights, was not recommended by the Fire Commissioner, and he does not approve it. He advises instead that another chemical engine be purchased and placed in the house of Engine 11, which would require an outlay of only \$6000. This addition to the existing facilities would furnish sufficient protection for the present and the immediate future.

INSANE HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

Boston Insane Hospital. Land and Buildings, \$125,000.

The trustees asked the City Council for \$175,000 for additional land and buildings, and \$125,000 was voted. The lot which the trustees proposed to purchase contains 1,286,384 square feet and is assessed for \$19,300, which is at the rate of 1½ cents per foot. The trustees say that the owner asks 10 cents per foot, which would amount to \$128,638.40. An expert employed by Mayor Collins in 1902 estimated the value to be between 3 and 3½ cents per foot, and an expert employed by the hospital trustees appraised it in March, 1907, at between 6 and 7 cents per foot. There is no evidence that this land or land in its vicinity has appreciated in value since 1902, and in the opinion of the Commission its value now is substantially what it was at that period. A piece of land immediately adjoining the lot in question, containing 470,442 square feet, was sold on the 12th day of December, 1906, for \$7056.63, which is at the rate of 1½ cents per foot. It was assessed for \$8000 or at the rate of 1 7-10 cents per foot, but at public auction it brought about 12 per cent. below its assessed value, notwithstanding the fact that the sale was advertised in one weekly and five daily papers, and also by circulars and posters. If there were a necessity for the acquisition of any land its purchase at a price nearly seven times its assessed value could not be justified; but in this case there is not only no apparent necessity for the purchase, but on the contrary its expediency is extremely doubtful. The project should be at least postponed, if not finally dismissed.

A study of the receipts and expenditures of the institution makes it apparent that if the city should issue bonds in this case it would be simply borrowing money for the privilege of maintaining this institution at a loss.

Under chapter 451 of the acts of 1900

all local institutions for the care of the insane were placed under the jurisdiction of the state. The hospitals established or to be established and maintained in the city of Boston and all insane persons who have a settlement in Boston were excepted from the operation of the act. The act provided that the state should allow the city of Boston \$3.25 per week for each free patient treated in the Boston Insane Hospital. There are about 1800 insane persons who are entitled to be cared for in this hospital, of whom about 700 on the average are so taken care of, the rest being provided for in the various state institutions. The only reason of any importance which was suggested in defence of the proposed extension was that it would give the people of Boston a better opportunity to visit their friends and relatives at this institution than would be afforded if the increased number of patients expected in the future were to be confined in the various state institutions. It is apparent, however, that the number of persons who could exercise this privilege would be relatively small, for the superintendent of the Boston Insane Hospital testified that it was never contemplated by the trustees that the city would ever increase its accommodations sufficiently to take care of all its insane, but that the state would always be obliged to provide for a large excess in its own institutions.

The cost to the city of Boston for the maintenance of its insane hospital is at the rate of \$4.40 per week per patient, which, deducting the \$3.25 allowed by the state, leaves a loss of \$1.15 per week per patient. This estimate of \$4.40 per week does not include any charge for capital account, or interest, or depreciation of plant. The interest alone on the debt outstanding for the construction of the hospital is \$28,502 per year. This charge adds a cost of 77 cents per week per patient, which would bring the total loss per patient up to \$4.92 per week, or about \$70.00 a year.

In view of all the circumstances of the case the Commission believes the city would not be warranted in purchasing any additional land for this purpose until the question of transferring the care of its insane to the state is decided in the negative, and then not until the city's financial condition will justify the expenditure. If at such later time it is considered expedient to make the proposed enlargement the land should be acquired by private treaty at a cost not exceeding 25 per cent. of its assessed value, or taken by right of eminent domain.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

1. Charlestown Playground, gymnastic apparatus.....	\$3,000
2. Charlesbank, addition to building and shower baths.....	5,000
3. Playgrounds, Ward 13.....	25,000
4. First Street Playground, lockers and gymnastic apparatus	4,500
5. Playground, Ward 17.....	80,000
6. Playground, Parker Hill.....	60,000
7. Savin Hill Park.....	35,000
8. Savin Hill Playground, grading and improving.....	5,000
9. Franklin Field, locker buildings.....	25,000
10. Rogers Park, enlargement of..	30,000
11. Removal of wall. Seaver street side of Franklin Park.....	5,000
12. Marcella Street Playground, gymnastic apparatus and shower baths.....	4,500
13. Cottage Street Playground, gymnastic apparatus, lockers and improving grounds..	5,000

\$287,000

The chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners stated that they had not recommended that money be borrowed for any one of the thirteen items in the loan bill. In view of the financial condition of the city, they believed that they were not warranted in asking money for any new projects.

Their position as to the several items is as follows:

They approve items 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 12; they oppose item 2, believing the addition to be unnecessary; they oppose item 3, on the ground that other parts of the city need playgrounds more than this section; they oppose item 6, believing that a playground on a hill is not sufficiently accessible, but they have advertised for land for this purpose at the Mayor's direction; they oppose item 13, as they do not approve spending the money for the purposes enumerated in the item. Items 10 and 11 were vetoed by the Mayor.

The Finance Commission concurs in the opinion of the Park Commissioners as to items 2, 3, 8 and 13, and recommends that they be rejected.

The Commission believes that the objects provided for in items 1, 4, 12 and 13, though approved by the Park Commissioners, are temporary and perishable in their nature and should be provided for, if at all, from taxes and not by loans. It is unwise to borrow money on twenty-year bonds for apparatus which will undoubtedly disappear in use long before the maturity of the loan.

The Commission sees no objection to items 5, 7, 8 and 9. If the Park Commissioners find the price of land for items 5 and 7 too high they have power to take it by eminent domain.

PUBLIC GROUNDS DEPARTMENT.

Independence Sq., new walks....	\$10,000
Boston Common, parade ground, grading and lockers.....	12,000
Franklin Sq., sand gardens and gymnastic apparatus	2,500
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	\$24,500

City Council by the Superintendent of the Public Grounds Department for any of these items and the Commission believes that none of these objects should be provided for by loans. The superintendent stated that if granolithic walks are placed around Independence Square that will be enough for the present, as the gravel cross walks are in sufficiently good repair. This will cost, he says, about \$5500. He would like the \$12,000 for regrading on the Common along lines suggested by him and approved by Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. He thinks \$500 sufficient for a sand garden at Franklin Sq. He states that he has asked for substantially these amounts for these objects to be paid for out of the maintenance fund and that if an appropriation of \$18,000 is made from the tax levy it will answer department needs in these particulars.

STREET DEPARTMENT, \$400,000.

This item is to provide for paving and other street work, necessary in itself, but more properly chargeable, in great part at least, to the annual tax levy.

The Superintendent of Streets informed the Commission that in his opinion at least one-third of the work which this loan was being used for was for current repairs. The Mayor has, however, certified, under Statute 1891, Chapter 206, that the loan is not for a current expense.

Three hundred thousand dollars of this item has already been issued. The Commission believes that the remaining \$100,000 should not be issued, and that this sum can be secured from the tax levy for the current year by the introduction of economies throughout the departments.

The Commission believes, upon the basis of figures furnished by the Superintendent, that the average life of a street pavement in this city is not much above 10 years. It, therefore, recommends that if any bonds for this purpose are hereafter issued they should run for 10 years at the longest.

STREET LAYING-OUT DEPARTMENT.

Highways, Making of, \$250,000.

The chairman of the Board of Street Commissioners explained that the greater part of this amount is required for the payment of executions, the cost of carrying out certain orders of court, and for land damages awarded, or to be awarded, and that only about \$33,600 will be available for the construction of new streets.

The Commission sees no objection to the appropriation

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Commission recommends:

1. That all future loans for pavements and street construction be limited to ten years.

2. That, as suggested in the Commission's report of Aug. 27, 1907, no land be acquired by private treaty at more than 25 per cent. in excess of the assessors' valuation, and that the Legislature be asked to authorize the city, under proper restrictions, to acquire land by eminent domain for any public use.

3. That before any loan bill is passed by the City Council the opinion in writing of the head of each department interested be obtained.

4. The immediate repeal of the items in the loan bill of July 26, 1907, obnoxious to the foregoing criticisms. These items, so far as they have not been issued, amount to \$536,000.

Respectfully submitted,
The Finance Commission,
By Nathan Matthews,
Chairman.

APPENDIX A—GENERAL STATISTICS.

Year.	Popu- lation.	*Valuation for the year	The annual Warrant.	T'x's Rate.
1885..	390,393	\$685,592,472	\$8,909,648.13	\$12.80
1890..	448,477	\$2,431,800	11,187,692.44	13.20
1895..	496,920	951,738,728	12,459,772.38	12.80
1900..	560,892	1,129,787,032	16,928,136.83	14.70
1905..	595,380	1,260,908,081	20,532,081.38	16.00
1907..	609,761	†1,313,470,556	‡21,254,223.84	15.90

*Including supplementary assessments.
†Original.
‡Approximately.

Net Debt at Beginning of Fiscal Year.

	Net City and County Debt.	City's share of Metro- politan Debt.	Total.
1885..	\$24,753,949.34	.....	\$24,753,949.34
1890..	30,120,655.33	.....	30,648,750.54
1895..	37,131,423.73	2,286,842.47	39,418,266.20
1900..	53,838,337.59	21,687,573.18	80,020,910.77
1905..	62,427,219.12	38,096,539.24	100,523,758.36
1907..	68,821,359.41	37,967,986.92	106,789,346.33

The General State Debt.

	Amount.	*City's PerCent.	City's Share.
1885	\$13,900,075.20	38.537	\$5,356,671.98
1890	6,509,716.27	36.901	2,402,150.40
1895	7,258,077.76	35.928	2,607,681.90
1900	16,472,399.72	35.778	5,893,462.36
1905	15,047,441.85	36.005	5,417,831.13
1907	14,415,445.37	35.097	5,059,388.73

*Based on city's share of state tax for the year.

Boston's Total Net Debt.
City, County, Metropolitan and State.

	Amount.	Per Capita.	Per Cent of Valuation.
1885	\$30,110,621.31	\$77.13	4.30
1890	33,050,909.94	73.70	4.02
1895	42,025,948.10	84.57	4.42
1900	85,914,373.13	153.17	7.60
1905	105,941,589.49	177.94	8.40
1907	111,848,735.06	183.43	8.51

APPENDIX B--PER CENT. OF IN-
CREASE.

	1885-1895.	1895-1907.
Population	27.29	22.71
Valuation	38.82	38.61
Valuation	38.82	38.61
Net debt—		
Actual	39.57	166.14
Per capita	9.65	116.90
Per cent of valuation	0.63	92.53

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

MATTER OF COAL.

Boston, November 23, 1907.

To the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—Certain city departments having recently invited bids for coal by public advertisement under novel specifications, and having failed to receive satisfactory bids, the conclusion has been drawn that this result is due to faulty specifications submitted to and approved by the Finance Commission.

The fact is that these specifications were not submitted to the Commission and have not received its approval.

It should be said for the chemist who drew the specifications and the City Engineer who approved them, that the season in which the experiment of buying coal under heat unit specifications has been tried, has been the worst period of the year. It may be said of the attempt which has been made that it has already attained good results as to quality.

No form of contract, however perfect, can change the seasons or substitute the low freight rates and plentiful supply of spring and summer for the high rates and scant supply of fall and winter.

The city's improvidence has left it with empty coal bins at the approach of winter. The evils of this situation could not be remedied by simply drawing new specifications for bids. The true solution is to tide over the present exigency and to buy coal as economically as possible of reputable dealers until, with the coming spring, coal is again abundant. Then, under new and well-considered specifications, contracts may be made for supplies for the whole year with provisions for deliveries at stated periods.

Public service and other large corporations in the city buy great quantities of coal about the first of April under specifications which protect them as to price, quality and quantity, and though the city should have profited by their example, it has not done so.

The Commission will inquire carefully and will later report upon the following problems:

(1) Whether the office of a single coal purchasing agent should be created.

(2) Whether the city should add to its present number of coal pockets.

(3) What methods of purchase have been found effective by other large purchasers.

Respectfully submitted,
Boston Finance Commission,
By Nathan Matthews, Chairman.
Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. DRAPER in the chair.

A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a question of personal privilege.

The CHAIR—The Alderman will state his question of personal privilege.

Ald. BERWIN—My question of privilege is the publication by the Good Government Association of certain reflections upon my standing as a member of this honorable Board. On Nov. 27 of this year, I addressed the following letter to Mr. Laurence Minot, the president of the Good Government Association:

"Laurence Minot, Esq., President Good Government Association.

"In your circular of last year to voters, and again in the circular issued by you before the recent municipal caucuses, I am referred to as a bad influence in the Board of Aldermen.

"I am a candidate for re-election, and desire to have my character and record placed fairly before the voters.

"I presume that your organization is not seeking to injure the character and standing of any citizen unjustly, merely because he may be a candidate for the Board of Aldermen, by the circulation of vague insinuations. I am not aware of any grounds for it being said that I have been a bad influence in the Board, and I, therefore, feel at liberty to call upon you for the facts that, in your opinion, support this charge made against me.

"Before availing myself of the privilege of making some remarks on this subject in the Board, where you would not have an opportunity to reply, I desire to afford you an opportunity of justifying the language used against me by your association.

"Respectfully yours.

"William Berwin."

This morning I received this reply from Mr. Minot:

"Laurence Minot.

"18 Tremont St., Boston,

"Nov. 30, 1907.

"Hon. William Berwin, Chairman Board of Aldermen, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

"Dear Sir:—Your letter of Nov. 27 was delayed in reaching me owing to my absence from Boston over Thanksgiving. I thank you for your courtesy in advising me of your intention to make a statement in the Board of Aldermen in regard to the attitude of the Good Government Association toward your candidacy. You are quite right in saying that our organization is not seeking to injure the character and standing of any citizen unjustly merely because he may be a candidate for the Board of Aldermen.

"You ask me to inform you what are the facts on which the association bases the opinion of your fitness for the position of Alderman which it expressed prior to the recent primary elections.

"In reply I beg to say that these facts are found in your public record as a member of the Board of Aldermen, and in your well-known attitude towards measures which have been acted on by the Board while you were

a member. Since receiving your letter I have taken occasion to go over these facts carefully, and I feel that they fully warrant the opinion which we expressed with regard to your candidacy.

"Respectfully yours,
"Laurence Minot,
"Chairman Executive Committee."

I want to say this in defense of the Good Government Association. That association is made up of some of the most respectable men and representative citizens in our community. They are lending their moral and financial support to the organization, believing that it is established for the very purposes indicated in its title. There are men, members of that organization, whose hearts are honest and whose minds are pure, and who lend their support to the organization for pure and honorable purposes. But in that organization, as in many of the great financial corporations of the country, scheming individuals have obtained control and have prostituted the real purposes for which the organization and these institutions have been established. The Good Government Association assails my record as a member of this Board, and in reply to my questions asking them to specify what they mean by calling me a bad influence in the government, they refer to my public record while I have been a candidate for public office. In 1905 I was a candidate for the Board of Aldermen. I received a number of communications from the Good Government Association, and, after conferences with friends of mine I was advised to go to their headquarters and find out what they wanted. I went there and was subjected to an examination by members of that organization; and all that they could find against my public career that they thought was worthy of any criticism was the fact that during my residence in Boston I had lived in various sections of the city. I plead guilty to that charge, because in my times of prosperity I have lived at some of the good hotels in Boston, and in times of adversity I have lived in more humble quarters. But, whether in public hotel or in private home, I have always conducted myself as a gentleman and have always paid my room rent; and I don't believe there is a respectable citizen of Boston who cares where or how I live, so long as in the discharge of my public duty I render a good account to the public, by my public acts. They criticised at one time, both in the press and otherwise, my vote in this Board last year upon the passage of the sewer loan. There were two items pending before the Board of Aldermen—one for a separate system of sewerage, carrying with it a loan of half a million dollars, the other for the general system of sewerage, calling for an expenditure of one million dollars. I did not vote for the passage of the half million dollar loan, but I did, in conference with my associates, agree upon a compromise loan of \$750,000, and I voted for it. I was condemned for that stand at that time. But, yet, what do we find in 1907? The very thing that I and other members of this Board were criticised for doing in 1906 was ratified in 1907, by passing substantially the same character of loan. It was undoubtedly as the result of a subterranean connection with the Republican City Committee that a conference was called of the Republican members of the City Council, who agreed to come in and support a loan order practically the same as the one I was condemned for voting for in 1906; and I cannot conceive for a mo-

ment, and I don't believe any respectable, self-respecting, intelligent citizen can conceive for one moment, why it should be a crime for me in 1906 to vote for a sewer loan, after a thorough investigation of the subject on my part, and a virtue to do it in 1907. As an evidence of my honesty of purpose when I voted for the compromise sewer loan in 1906, I made the statement upon the floor of this chamber that I would be willing to contribute a portion of my salary, as a member of this Board, to a fund for sewer construction in this city, and I stated that, if they found any wrongdoing on the part of any man engaged in the work, if they brought it to my attention I was willing to publicly call attention to whoever might be engaged in the wrongdoing. From that time to this I have not heard a word from them. I contributed my money to their coffers, but they have not made an accounting to this date. They criticize me for voting for James H. Doyle for Superintendent of Streets. Well, I did vote for Mr. Doyle as Superintendent of Streets. Mr. Doyle is living, and so am I. When the question of his confirmation was before this Board, Mr. Doyle came to me and asked me to vote for him. I have known Mr. Doyle almost since boyhood, and personally have always liked him, but I said to Mr. Doyle, "I cannot and will not vote for you." He told me that he had the support of my party associates in the Board. I told Mr. Doyle that we were to have a conference and that if, after a conference, it was determined that they would support him or vote for his confirmation, as a loyal party man I should yield to the judgment of the party and would not oppose his confirmation. We had a conference, and every member of the party agreed to support Mr. Doyle, and, yielding to their judgment I voted for him. But, sir, had it not been for the contemptible politics played by the Good Government Association in their attempt to organize this Board in 1906, James H. Doyle and a number of other appointments by Mr. Fitzgerald, the present Mayor of Boston, perhaps would not have been confirmed. They are responsible, as an adjunct under cover of the present Mayor of Boston. I did vote for Mr. Doyle in 1907—and why did I do it? Every intelligent member around this Board, every one of you gentlemen sitting here, every newspaper man knows that, whether I voted for him or not, or if every member of this government had voted against his confirmation, he would still have held the office, and I did not propose to make a fool of myself. I did not propose to deceive the public of Boston or to delude myself, and for that reason I voted for James H. Doyle. But when I voted for Mr. Doyle's confirmation, I say it was no endorsement of his policy. I am prepared in an honorable and manly way to criticize the acts of the administration, but I do not propose to immerse myself in the contemptible politics indulged in by some people—dragging in the mire a man's good name and invading the sanctity of his home in order to destroy his public career. They criticize me for voting for the general loan bill in 1907. I did vote for the general loan bill in 1907. That bill carried with it, I believe, 33 items—and, by the way, as Chairman of this Board I made up the committees of the Board. I made up the Committee on Finance without consultation with a soul. I appointed upon the Committee on Finance, so far as I could, the representatives, so-

called, of the Good Government Association in this body. I am not a member of the Committee on Finance. They made up the bill. They reported it to this Board, and as Chairman of this body I referred it to the Committee on Public Improvements. That bill was considered in the Committee on Public Improvements, item by item. Of the 33 items in the bill, 32 met with the endorsement of every member of the Board. We differed on only one item—namely, that for the Street Department. And how did we differ on that? We were willing, every member of the Board was willing, in the early part of the session to vote the department a half million dollars, recognizing the demands of the people for better streets, demands which had to be met, and we were willing to give them half a million dollars if it was taken out of the tax levy. But a majority of the members of the Board differed upon that question of finance, and, after considering the subject, we finally agreed upon a reduced item. And, by the way, I claim the credit of having reduced the only item in the loan bill that was reduced, because the committee reported \$450,000 as the item and I advocated the reduction of the item to \$400,000. Then followed a conference with the Mayor, in which I told him that I was opposed to the policy of borrowing money where we could possibly avoid it; but when he told me that he was willing, under the circumstances, to take the responsibility for raising money in that way, I felt, as a member of the Board, that I had a perfect right and that it was but just that I should do so, to yield to the judgment of the majority and hold the Mayor responsible, not only for the policy of raising money in that way, but to a strict responsibility for the way in which the money was to be spent. Because, after all, what the people in Boston expect are results, and it is not a question so much of how we raise the money as how we spend it. So I say that every member of this Board is as much responsible for the situation that confronts us as I am, today. I think I may be pardoned if I quote at this time from the words of Cardinal Gibbons, who, in commenting upon men in public life who are prospective candidates for the presidential seat, says:

"In Washington a few months ago I had the honor of conversing separately with six distinguished statesmen, all of whom are available candidates for the Presidency. I found them all in a receptive mood, and any one of them, in my judgment, would fill the office with credit to himself and with honor to his country. All the candidates will be compelled to stand on the pillory, to be lashed with the scourge of vituperation. And if the record is not dark enough it will be blackened by the brush of calumny."

That, sir, is what I feel that I have to contend with, because in my judgment I have seen fit once again to offer myself as a candidate for public office in Boston. I am willing to stand upon my public record. I have asked Mr. Laurence Minot to specify in what particular I am a bad influence in this Honorable Board. I do not believe that while I have been a member of this body I have solicited the vote of any member upon any question that has ever been pending in the body, save as I have advocated my cause upon the floor of this chamber. The Good Government Association, as I said in the very beginning, like a great many other institutions and organizations, through

the scheming of some designing men, has fallen into the hands of and is controlled by a few. I want to say this to you about Mr. Laurence Minot. I have wondered time and time again why he should prostitute that organization, organized for an honorable purpose, to persecute men. As I think of it, I will say that some few years ago a young man, a college man, whose name I do not call to mind, was delegated by that association to dog my footsteps about this city. He came to my office one day and said to me: "Mr. Berwin, I am ashamed of the work I am engaged in. I am perfectly willing, as a young man, to learn something of the doings of men in public life, but I never should have allowed myself to be used in the manner that I have been, in following you as I have about the city. I am convinced that you are a gentleman, and I am ashamed of the work that I am engaged in." Laurence Minot poses as the incarnation of virtue and attempts to pass upon the character and judgment of you and others in this honorable body and in the public life of Boston. In looking over some of my old documents I found—I think in the year 1888—that an office with which I was connected bought from the office with which Mr. Minot was associated a piece of property belonging to one of his clients. The consideration was incorporated in the deed. That property was bought in the legitimate course of business, through an honorable broker in the city of Boston. Within a few months of the time that that property was bought from the office of Mr. Minot it was put up at auction through one of the most reputable auctioneers in Boston and sold at a price far in advance of that paid through Mr. Minot's office to his client. Mr. Minot from that day has never forgiven my office for having made the purchase, nor has he ever forgiven me for having made the sale. He, as a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, in 1899, as will be seen on page 215 of the report, in the City Clerk's office, voted, as a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment—and I will be generous and say that he did so under the hypnotic influence of the then Mayor of Boston, Josiah Quincy—in favor of the purchase of land bordering the very land that the Finance Commission now criticises the purchase of, in an item of the Loan Bill. It was taxed at a cent and a half a foot and he voted to pay 15 cents a foot for it. And yet he undertakes to denounce or criticise us for exercising our judgment, when he, after his long years of experience in and knowledge of real estate took such action as that, when he ought to have known better. Without intending to reflect at all upon the honesty of Mr. Minot, I want to say this, that his judgment, as displayed in the disposition of property privately, and his action in regard to real estate in a public capacity, stamp him as a man who is, in my opinion, grossly unfit to pass upon the judgment of honorable members of this government and of this community. Another shining light in that organization, interested in one of the well-known office buildings of this city, has had for years under his roof, and has derived a revenue from it in the shape of rentals, one of the most infamous kinds of business that has ever blotted the fair name of Boston. If it had been carried on in any other section of this country, in the mining camps of the West or in a jumble quarter of the South, the people engaged in it would have been tarred and feathered and driven out of the place. These are the types of men who undertake to denounce and to

criticise us, who undertake to give the best that in us lies to the service of the community. They say that I am a bad influence in this government. Well, I have never posed as a saint in this community, but I have tried to shoulder my burdens, both as a public official and as a private citizen. The Good Government Association has searched my record, almost from the cradle to the hour when my name was placed on the official ballot. When I went to their office in 1905, at which time they sent for me, I had no desire to be a candidate, and I told them this. I said, "I am a candidate because I believe my running will help to elect Louis A. Frothingham as mayor of Boston, but if you have in mind any other man in the district whose candidacy will contribute any more to the success of the party, I am perfectly willing and ready to step down and out. You can have the nomination for anybody you please." But they did not accept that offer. Now, what I am driving at is this. They have said that I am a bad influence in the government. They searched my record for years and years and found only this to say about me, that I had moved about the city. That was the phrase they used in 1905. In 1906 I voted differently from the way in which they desired I should vote. And, while I think of it, let me say this: The Good Government Association, at the time when the half million dollar loan was under consideration, and when it was a mooted question whether the money should be raised out of the tax levy or by loan, had a personal postal card canvas made among many of the citizens of Boston, and received numerous replies. The great majority of the replies were against the borrowing of money, but there was a respectable minority who believed that the money should be raised by loan. Why don't they ostracise those men? Do they condemn those men because they honestly differed with them on a question that even today is not fairly determined? The views of many of our intelligent citizens are not at all in accord upon the matter. You take the Finance Commission—they recommend that if money must be borrowed for this kind of work, it should not be borrowed for a longer time than the life of the work that is done under it. But I want to go a step farther. This is a Democratic administration, and, whether we raise the money by taxation or by loan, if they are going to steal the money they will steal it any way. I claim it is only fair and just that we should give them a chance to see what they can do, and it is for the people of Boston to condemn the policy of the administration and not for this organization to single out you or me, because, in the honesty of our judgment, we have done certain things. In conclusion let me say this: I have tried to do my fair share for the citizens of Boston, both in my public capacity and in my private life. They have persecuted me for years, and they have yet been unable to find anything against my character or standing either as a member of the government or a citizen of the community. While they were digging out my record, as I said before, from the cradle to the hour when my name was to appear on the ballot, why did they not publish to the world, when a certain charitable organization of this city was about to be turned out of its home because it could not meet the interest on its mortgage, who the citizen of Boston was who came forward and paid the debt of that institution, in order that it might be able to continue its good work? Why did they not publish to the world, when the

streets of Boston were deep in snow, and when misfortune and poverty stalked through the city, who it was who lent his mite to bring a ray of sunshine into the homes of the poor of the community? Why did they not go to the police records of the city of Boston and find out, in the case of a poor little fellow who was out of work and who went away on a freight train, in search of employment, who fell off the car and whose body was maimed almost beyond recognition, who it was that paid the bills and had that body brought back to Boston and given a decent burial in Holy Cross Cemetery? Those people have none of the milk of human kindness in their make-up. Their purpose is to persecute. They have not at heart the welfare of this community. As I said at the outset, their purpose is to drag into the mire those against whom they have personal grudges. Their policy is to invade the sanctity and privacy of a man's home and to break down the fair name of citizens of this community, dragging it in the mire. I want to say now that I am ready and willing at any time and place in Boston to meet Laurence M. Not or any one of that coterie, and discuss not only my public record, but my private life, with either one of those men and compare it with theirs. In conclusion, let me say this to you, my associates. I know not what the outcome of this contest of mine is to be, but I trust to the honorable judgment of the honest, intelligent, fair-minded people of Boston. As regards Mr. Minot and that coterie that he has associated himself with, however, for the purpose of persecuting me, I have made up my mind that—

"From this moment on no joy shall be tasted,
The harp shall be silent, the maiden unwed,
Our halls shall be mute and our fields shall lie wasted,
Till vengeance is wreaked upon Minot's head.

"Yes, monarch, though sweet are our home recollections,
Though sweet are the tears that from tenderness fall,
Though sweet are our friendships, our hopes, our affections,
Revenge on this bigot is sweetest of all."

(Applause.)
The CHAIR—The audience will kindly refrain from expressions of sentiment.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Chair called up Nos. 6 and 7, unfinished business, viz.:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor:

6. Roy C. McIntire, to be a Weigher of Coal.

7. Amos S. Hubbard, to be an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw and a Measurer of Grain; both for the term ending April 30, 1908.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald Curley and Finigan. Whole number of ballots cast 10, yes 10, and the several appointments were confirmed.

PAYMENT FOR LOSS OF FOWLS.

Ald. BANGS, for the Committee on Police (Ald.), submitted a report on petition referred today, recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to John Ross the sum of nine dol-

lars and sixty cents (\$9.60) in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs Nov. 19, 1907; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Report accepted; order passed.

LICENSES.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 10 news-boys.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for permits for children under 15 years of age to appear at various places of amusement—that permits be granted, viz.:

Mrs. G. W. Morgan, for children to appear at Parker Memorial Building on Nov. 29.

Armenian Young Men's Club, for Zaruhi Der Garabedian, to appear at the Dudley Street Opera House on the evening of Nov. 30.

Hotel & Railroad News Company Benefit Association, for John Gobron et al. to appear at the Dudley Street Opera House for week ending Nov. 30, 1907.

Reports severally accepted; permits granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on petition of Copley Sq. Garage Company (referred today), for license to store and keep for sale gasoline at Copley Sq. garage, in basement on Harcourt St. side, Wd. 10—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

PROJECTIONS, ETC.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petition of Henry Hunt (referred Nov. 25), for leave to project five Welsbach gas arc lamps at 1126-30 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19—that leave be granted on the usual conditions.

Report accepted; leave granted on usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for leave to project signs, etc.—that leave be granted, viz.:

Jack Antainan, three barber poles, 533 Main St., Wd. 4.

L. H. Sullivan & Co., illuminated sign, 52 School St., Wd. 7.

Eli Yorge, electric sign, 15 Spring Lane, Wd. 6.

Swedish Vice Consul, to project the Swedish consular flag at 26 India Sq. (instead of at 50 New Custom House St., where it now is).

Abram Shneider, sign, 18 Broadway Extension, Wd. 7.

Barney Krovitz, sign, 1 Rochester St., Wd. 9.

Spring Water Carbonating Co., corner sign, 87 Albany St., corner Harvard St., Wd. 7.

Karop D. Senior, sign, 42 Howard St., Wd. 6.

Nicholas Indingaro, illuminated sign, 6 Maverick Sq., Wd. 2.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports on petitions for leave to project marquees from various buildings—that leave be granted (said marquees to be suspended from the building and not supported by posts, and the plans to be approved by and the construction to be under the supervision of the Building Commission), viz.:

Celia Urofsky, marquee, at hotel Imperial, 402-4 Market st., Wd. 25.

William F. Hall et al., trustees, marquee at 132 Tremont st., Wd. 7.

Houghton & Dutton, 2 marquees, one at 55 Tremont st., and one at north corner Tremont and Beacon sts., Wd. 6.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the above conditions.

(4) Reports on petitions—that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz.:

C. E. Richardson (referred Sept. 25), to project one bay window from building No. 33-7 West st., Wd. 7.

A. M. Bridges, to project an iron rail to protect plate glass window at 340 Washington st., Wd. 7.

Accepted.

(5) Reports on petitions—that no further action is necessary, viz.:

Drake Brothers Co., to project a marquee at 83-5 Savin st., Wd. 21.

Henry Paul, complaining that a sign erected by leave from the Board of Aldermen by Morris Maybush at 30 Parmenter st., obstructed the view from his premises at 28 on said st.

Accepted.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted the following:

Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for use of Faneuil Hall—that leave be granted, viz.:

Knights of Equity of Boston, evening of Dec. 22.

Louis M. Clark, 11 A. M. to 2 P. M., on Monday, Dec. 2.

Democratic City Committee, 11.30 A. M. to 2 P. M., on Nov. 30.

William Peel, 7 to 11 P. M. on Dec. 5.

The Rev. Pietro Maschi, evening of Jan. 19, 1908.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. CURLEY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:

(1) Report on petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, referred Nov. 25), for leave to attach fixtures and wires to three poles of the Boston Consolidated Gas Company on Sherburne St., between Bay State Rd. and Commonwealth Ave., Wd. 11—that an order of notice be passed for a hearing thereon, on Monday, Dec. 16, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear, and be heard.

Report accepted, order of notice passed.

(2) Report of petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts (recommitted Nov. 25), for leave to erect three poles on Spencer St., Wd. 20—that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

PAYMENT OF ELECTION OFFICERS.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the City Treasurer be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to make the necessary arrangements for the payment of election officers before Dec. 24, 1907.

Passed. Sent down.

COASTING ON STREETS.

Ald. BANGS offered an order—That coasting be allowed during the present winter, under such restrictions as the Police Commissioner may deem proper to impose, in the following named streets:

Division 1. (North End).

Hull street between Snow Hill and Salem streets, Charter street between

Salem and Unity streets, Snow Hill street between Hull and Prince streets, Margaret street entire length.

Division 3. (West End).

Branch, Allen, Brighton, Spring, Poplar, North Grove, Billerica, Pitts and Norman streets, and Chambers street between Poplar and Spring streets.

Division 5. (South End.)

Albany St. between Way and Dover Sts.

Division 6. (South Boston.)

West Fifth St. between Dorchester and E Sts., West Sixth St. between Dorchester and E Sts., Dorchester St. between West Third St. and waterfront, Silver St. between Dorchester and C Sts.

Division 7. (East Boston.)

Sumner St. from McCormick Sq. to Jeffries Point, Lamson St. from Sumner St. to Maverick St., Brooks St. from Lexington St. to Saratoga St., Putnam St. from Lexington St. to Saratoga St., Glendon, Homer, Horace, Pope and Breed Sts.

Division 9. (Roxbury and Dorchester.)

Ambrose, Laurel, Belden, Fountain, Marshfield, Dewey, Hazelwood, Wyoming, Fairland and Holborn Sts., Moreland St. east of Blue Hill Ave., Frc-st St. between Vine St. and Mt. Pleasant Ave., Whiting St. between Warren and Winthrop Sts., Devon St. easterly from Blue Hill Ave., West Cottage St. between Elm Hill Ave. and Dudley St.

Division 10. (Roxbury.)

Haskins, Hillside, Minden, Norfolk, and Phillips Sts., Highland St. between Fort Ave. and Cedar St. and Chestnut Ave.

Division 11. (Dorchester.)

Pope's Hill, Richfield, Train, Maxwell, Morton, Dix, Sumner, Trull, Bellevue, Ashmont, Wales and Denny Sts, Woodland Ave. and Grampian Way.

Division 12. (South Boston.)

East Third St. between N and P Sts., East Fifth St. between I and K Sts., East Fifth St. between P and Q Sts., East Seventh St. between G and H Sts., East Broadway between N and O Sts., M St. between East Third and East First Sts., Dorchester St. between East Third St. and the water front.

Division 13. (West Roxbury.)

Adelaide, Cornwall, Eggleston, Florence, Newbern, Ridge, Rockwood and Walter Sts., Boylston St. from Washington St. to Amory St., Chestnut Ave. from Chestnut Sq. to Boylston St., Spring Park Ave. between Enfield St. and Chestnut Ave. and Belmore Ter.

Division 14. (Brighton.)

Newton, Union, Foster, Everett, Hobart, Saunders, Murdock, Pomeroy, Parsons, Mansfield, Brooks, Dustin and Ridgmont Sts. and Bigelow St. at easterly end.

Division 15. (Charlestown.)

Mead St.
Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

EXTRA MEAL TIME FOR FIREMEN.

Ald. DRAPER offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this Board to allow an additional 15 minutes to the time allowed the members of the Fire Department for the morning and evening meals.
Passed.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. CLARK offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to cause the removal of five trees now standing in the sidewalk on the northerly side of Ashmont St., at the corner of Neponset Ave.; the same being an obstruction to public travel and a hindrance to street improvements by the Street Department.
Passed.

CLOSING OF BRUCE ST.

Ald. CLARK offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Bruce St., between Dracut and Wrentham Sts., Wd. 24, to public travel during the time necessary for the completion of street improvements now in progress by the Street Department.
Passed.

INFORMATION AS TO MR. SUGHRUE.

Ald CLARK called up No. 15, reconsideration, viz.:

15. Ald. Clark has given notice of his intention to move a reconsideration at this meeting of the order passed Nov. 25, requesting the County Auditor "to furnish this Board at its next meeting an itemized statement of all sums of money paid to Michael J. Sughrue by the County of Suffolk."

The question came on reconsideration of the vote whereby the order was passed.

Ald. CLARK—Mr. Chairman, my object in moving to reconsider this vote is that it appears to me from the remarks of the Alderman from Brighton (Ald. Woods), that he was laboring under the mistake of thinking that Mr. Sughrue was a member of the Finance Commission. I think that in the course of his remarks he stated that once or twice. Mr. Sughrue is simply the paid attorney of the Finance Commission. I understand that these figures are wanted so an attack may be made on Mr. Sughrue for performing his duty. It seems to me that the members of this Board have something better to do than to listen to an attack on the attorney of the Finance Commission. Of course, if a majority of the Board thinks differently, I suppose I shall have to listen to it, but I shall do so under protest.

The vote whereby the order was passed was reconsidered.

Ald. Woods doubted the vote, and asked for the yeas and nays, and the vote whereby the order was passed was reconsidered, yeas 6, nays 5, as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Bangs, Bell, Clark, Draper, Finigan—6.

Nays—Ald. Battis, Curley, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—5.

The question came on the passage of the order, and the same was declared rejected, yeas 5, nays 6.

Ald. Woods doubted the vote and the order was rejected, yeas 5, nays 6, as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Battis, Curley, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—5.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Bangs, Bell, Clark, Draper Finigan—6.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, at 4:01 P. M., on motion of Ald. BALDWIN, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The members of the Board re-assembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by Ald. DRAPER at 4:45 P. M.

RAILROADS.

Ald. DRAPER, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following:

(1) Report on petition of West End Street Railway Company (referred to-day), for extension of time in which to complete work—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the time allowed the West End Street Railway Company in which to complete the work of locating double curved tracks at the north-west corner of Dorchester Ave. and West Fourth St., under the order passed by the Board of Aldermen Jan. 5, 1907 (262d location), be and the same hereby is extended to Dec. 1, 1908.

Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Report on petition of Boston Elevated Railway Company (referred Oct. 21), for approval of changes in stations at Northampton St., Beach St., South Station, State St., Battery St., City Sq. and Thompson Sq. that the plans for said changes were approved by the Railroad Commissioners Oct. 1, 1907, as to form and method of construction, and by the Mayor Oct. 4, 1907, as to architectural appearance and obstruction to light and air—and recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the changes, alterations and additions proposed by the Boston Elevated Railway Company in its elevated structure, platforms and stations and approaches thereto, as shown on plans numbered as follows and deposited in the office of the City Clerk, be, and the same hereby are approved, so far as they may be upon public ways or places, viz.:

Northampton St. station, Plan No. 28,500.

Beach St. station, Plan No. 28,252.

South station, Plan No. 27,721.

State St. station, Plan No. 27,791.

Battery St. station, Plan No. 27,824.

City Sq. station, Plans No. 27,629 and 27,630.

Thompson Sq. station, Plan No. 27,653.

The report was accepted, and the question came on giving the order a second reading.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, I object to the second reading of the order at this time.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, for information I would like to ask what the order is.

The CHAIR—The Chair would inform the Alderman that the order is one providing for changes, alterations and additions at the elevated stations now in use, omitting Dudley St.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, at this time I would move the suspension of the rules that the order may be placed upon its passage. As a result of overcrowding at elevated stations—

The CHAIR—Will the Alderman suspend for one moment? The Chair should also have said that the question comes practically on the approval of the plans previously approved by the Railroad Commissioners and by the Mayor.

Ald. CURLEY—At the elevated stations and at the subway stations during the past few years, as a result of overcrowding or as a result of lack of guard rails, or of carelessness at any rate, one cause or another, any or all of the causes being traceable to an overcrowded condition on the elevated and subway platforms, the lives of several persons have been sacrificed, and many others have received injuries that, in all probability, they will carry until they reach their graves. As I understand this proposition, it is to provide additional platform space so that, if possible, the overcrowding that now exists may be either eliminated entirely or may be considerably reduced. As I understand

it, further, our power in the premises is extremely limited. The approval of an order of this character by the Railroad Commission practically takes from our hands the right to place a veto upon its passage. In other words, if this Board should refuse to do this, the Railroad Commission still has the right to grant it and, if that is the case, I cannot conceive what is to be gained by further delay in the matter. I believe the serious obligation we owe to the public should be considered in connection with this proposition. We should have in mind the safety of the general public. Our rapid transit system in Boston is as good as it has been possible for us to make it during the past ten years, but every one admits that it is not what it should be. Every one realizes that the old platforms now in use never were intended to accommodate the tremendous throngs of people who are crowded there in the busy hours of the day—in the early morning, at the noon hour, and between 5 and 7 o'clock in the evening; and, if the public can be safeguarded or in any way protected by the enlargement of those platforms I sincerely trust that this Board will act in a way which will have that end in view, today.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, I realize full well that the Committee on Railroads had a meeting today. I am a little bit surprised that the gentleman on my right, when the order was read, did not seem to apprehend the purport of the order or of the report. Nevertheless, I understand—and I think I am right when I say it—that this matter has been before the Committee on Railroads since Oct. 21, and today we get a report from the committee asking us to take immediate action on this matter. It seems to me that, if the Committee on Railroads were so anxious to have this matter attended to and passed, the least they might have done was to present this to the Board a long while ago. Still, I feel, as a humble member of the Board, not being acquainted with the facts in the matter, that the least I can do is to ask for assignment, so that I may become acquainted with the conditions. I am a little surprised that the member of the Committee on Railroads should rise in this body and ask for information on a matter that the committee has just acted on, as I understand it, and for that reason I trust that this matter will not go on its passage today, but will be assigned, so that the other members of the Board, at least, will have some time to look into the matter.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, it was not as to the purport of the order that I asked information. I was busily engaged at the time the order was being read in ministering to the wants of my many thousands of constituents in Boston, and, Mr. Chairman, it was with a desire to know just what particular proposition we were acting upon that I asked the question. I am one of those few members of this Board, perhaps, who like to have an intelligent idea of what matter is under consideration when I cast my vote; and if a person is to be criticised for displaying a desire to vote intelligently, I am perfectly willing to be criticised for that. I want to say, as regards the general proposition itself, that it is not a new one in any sense of the word—or, at least, it should not be new to a member of the city government. If there is any class in the community that should have an interest in progressive legislation, that kind of legislation that affects the well being of the entire community, certainly it is the members of the city government. This

is a question of providing proper protection for the general public who are obliged to make use of our rapid transit system. The question of their protection is not a matter of Oct. 21st, or of Oct. 31st. It is not a matter really of 1907; but it is a matter that has been constantly agitated for the last two or three years. I suppose last year's statistics, in the police department, and in the registrar's office, will show that there were at least three deaths as a result of persons being crowded off the platforms erected in the subway and being ground to pieces by the elevated trains. There is a serious obligation that we owe to the traveling public, and that obligation is, if possible, to provide certain means of protection—and the means of protection suggested by the Railroad Commission are in the line of a progressive policy that is for the well being of the entire public. It is not with any desire to make haste that I move a suspension of the rule today, but it is with a desire that I and every other member of the Board will be afforded an opportunity of fulfilling a duty that we owe to the general public.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, my contention is this—that if this proposition is of so much import to the citizens and to the welfare of the citizens of Boston, the Committee on Railroads should have taken some action on the proposition before this. It seems to me that at this late day it is a peculiar time—just prior to election—for the Committee on Railroads to see fit to report this matter. If it is of such import to the citizens and to the welfare of the citizens of Boston, why did not the Committee on Railroads see fit to report the matter before? I do not say today that I am opposed to this proposition, but I feel that at least each and every member of the Board of Aldermen who is not a member of the Committee on Railroads should be given some time to look into the matter, to see whether or not it is a good proposition. If it is, I dare say every member of the Board is perfectly willing to be placed on record in favor of it. I feel that this is an important matter, one that every member of the Board should understand properly, and, for that reason, this being a matter of so much importance and being reported today by the Committee on Railroads, I trust that it will be assigned to the next meeting of the Board. I argue that every member of the Board is entitled to the same consideration that each member of the Committee on Railroads is entitled to.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I should like to ask the gentleman if he is honestly, in his opinion, representing the wishes of the public of Boston, or representing his own opinion and his own wishes in this matter, in asking a continuance?

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to answer the gentleman on my right in this way, that I do not stand here and assume the right of representing the wishes of the citizens of Boston. Some other member of the Board may assume that right, but I do not.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I accept the statement. My election took place in 25 wards of the city of Boston, and I am elected to try to represent in part the people of 25 wards of Boston. I believe I am doing that

when I favor such legislation as will safeguard the well being of the traveling public.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, my record as a member of the Board of Aldermen will justify me in saying that my record is as good as that of any other member of this Board of Aldermen.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I don't believe there is anybody who will dispute that—even Mr. Whalen, of the Printing Plant.

The rule was declared suspended. Ald. BALDWIN doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The rule was suspended, yeas 8, nays 4:

Yeas—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Curley, Draper, Finigan, Woods—8.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Battis, Flanagan, Leary—4.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. BALDWIN moved that the matter be assigned to the next meeting. Declared lost.

Ald. BALDWIN doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The motion to assign to the next meeting was lost, yeas 3, nays 8:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Battis, Flanagan—3.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Curley, Draper, Finigan, Woods—8.

The order was passed.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Chairman BERWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on petition of William L. Drohan (referred today), for leave to set off fireworks on Dec. 4 in vicinity of Municipal building on Columbia Rd.—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on order (referred today), that coasting be allowed on various streets under such restrictions as the Police Commissioner may see fit to impose—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

IMPROVEMENT OF VETERANS' LOT.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the sum of \$3000 be set aside for the enlargement, development and putting in order for perpetual care the lot of the Spanish War Veterans in Mt. Hope Cemetery; the said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Cemetery Department.

Passed. Sent down.

NEXT MEETING.

Ald. DRAPER offered an order—That when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Monday, Dec. 16, 1907, at 3 o'clock P. M., and that hearings under orders of notice assigned to a prior day be assigned accordingly.

Passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. BERWIN moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 5:05 P. M., on motion of Ald. FLANAGAN, to meet on Monday, Dec. 16, at 3 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, December 5, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Common Council in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 P. M.

In the absence of President Barrett, Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15, senior member, called the council to order.

On motion of Mr. DUCEY of Wd. 4, the clerk cast one ballot for Timothy J. Sullivan of Wd. 15, as president pro tem, and Mr. Sullivan was declared elected.

PROTEST AGAINST CASTLE ISLAND
DETENTION STATION.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15, from the chair, offered the following:

Resolved: That the City Council of Boston hereby enters its protest against the contemplated establishment of a detention station at Castle Island in Boston Harbor, for the reason that said island is one of the most important features of the city's system of public parks and one upon which vast sums of the tax payers' money have been expended for improving, beautifying and connecting it by an expensive bridge with City Point.

Said island is a pleasure resort for a vast number of our citizens, and to be deprived of its privileges would be a hardship not only to the people of South Boston, but likewise to the multitudes who flock to it from every part of Boston.

Ever since the island has been in charge of the Park Department it has been the expectation of said depart-

ment that the United States Government would eventually place it in the permanent control of the city of Boston, and this is the desire which the City Council wishes to see realized.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the War Department of the United States with the urgent request of the City Council of Boston that said department will emphatically refuse to allow the use of Castle Island for the purposes of a detention station.

Resolutions were passed unanimously. Sent up.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 offered an order, which was sent to the Chair. Before the order was read Mr. COSTELLO of Wd. 16 said:

Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that there is not a quorum present.

The PRESIDENT—The members present will rise—

Mr. DUCEY of Wd. 4—Mr. President, before that motion is put I desire to say that I have a resolution to present.

The PRESIDENT—It is not in order.

Mr. DUCEY—It is in regard to a parent of one of our members who has just died, and I would request Mr. Costello to kindly withdraw his point of order so that I can present this resolution.

Mr. COSTELLO—Mr. President, I withdraw my point for that purpose.

RESOLUTIONS ON DEATH OF MRS.
HATTON.

Mr. DUCEY offered the following:

Resolved, that the sympathy of the members of the Common Council be hereby expressed to Councilman James A. Hatton on account of the death of his beloved mother.

Passed by a unanimous rising vote.

Mr. McCORMACK of Wd. 3 moved, as a further mark of respect, that the Council do now adjourn.

The motion was carried, and the Council stood adjourned to meet on Thursday, Dec. 13, at 7:45 o'clock P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, Dec. 12, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P. M., President BARRETT in the chair.

There being no objection, the President received the following orders out of the regular order of business.

ANNUAL DINNER.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2 offered an order—That a special committee of five members be appointed to make arrangements for the annual dinner of the Council.

Passed.

EXPENSE OF HEARING.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the expense incurred by the Committee on Ordinances for advertising hearings relative to smoke nuisance be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed. Sent up.

PAYMENT OF ELECTION OFFICERS.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2 called up No. 9, paper from the Board of Aldermen, viz.:

9. Ordered, That the City Treasurer be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to make the necessary arrangements for the payment of election officers before Dec. 24, 1907.

Passed in concurrence.

PAYMENT OF INCOME.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2 called up No. 19, past assignment, viz.:

19. Ordered, That the City Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to pay over to the Overseers of the Poor the annual income received from the investment of the fund received under the will of the late George L. Thorndike, and the said Overseers of the Poor are hereby authorized to expend said income in accordance with the provisions of the said will.

Passed in concurrence.

RINK—NORTH BRIGHTON PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Dec. 12, 1907.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in answer to your order requesting the removal from the present site of skating rink on the North Brighton playground.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Park Department.

Boston, Nov. 5, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, City Hall.

Dear Sir:—We have received and duly considered the order of the Common Council, requesting us to remove from the present site the skating rink on the North Brighton Playground and make the necessary provisions by building dikes, etc., for a new and permanent location on the north side of the Sanitary and Locker building.

It would not be well to remove the skating rink to the place suggested, as the ground is not of a suitable nature. Moreover, we have no funds with which to pay for the proposed work.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

Placed on file.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2 in the Chair.

FLOAT—PLEASURE BAY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Dec. 12, 1907

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Park Department, in answer to your order requesting information in regard to public float in Pleasure Bay.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Park Department.

Boston, Nov. 22, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, City Hall.

Dear Sir:—The Board has received the enclosed request of the Common Council that we explain to that body, through Your Honor, the reason for the absence of the public float at Iron Pier, Pleasure Bay, during last summer.

Owing to the lateness of the season at which the contract was awarded for Park boat service at Marine Park, the one receiving the contract was unable to obtain spars suitable for building the raft.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

BEACH—MARINE PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Dec. 12, 1907

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Park Department in answer to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of sanding and putting in condition for swimming the beach surrounding the Headhouse at Marine Park.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Park Department.

Boston, Nov. 5, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, City Hall.

Dear Sir:—We have received and duly considered the enclosed order of the Common Council, requesting us to give them an estimate as to the cost of sanding and putting in condition for swimming and general bathing for women and children the beach surrounding the Head House at Marine Park.

We estimate the cost of sanding the beach on both sides of the Head House at \$7250, or on one side, which will be sufficient for all needs, at \$3500.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

Placed on file.

EXPENSE OF FINANCE COMMISSION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Dec. 12, 1907.
To the Common Council:—
I transmit herewith a communication from the City Auditor in answer to your order requesting an itemized statement of expenditures made by the Finance Commission.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston
Auditing Department.
City Hall, Nov. 27, 1907.
Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of the City of Boston.

Sir:—In reply to the order of the Common Council of Oct. 31, 1907, requesting an itemized statement of all expenditures of the Finance Commission I submit the following, giving the payments to Nov. 1, 1907:

Secretary, J. Wells Farley.....	\$625.00
Counsel, Michael J. Sughrue.....	1041.68
Clerk hire	453.97
Expert accountants	1288.82
Engineering experts	1639.98
Stenographic work	1224.77
Stationery and office expenses....	1072.96
Legal assistants	567.83
Traveling expenses	340.86
Constable services and witness fees.....	261.99
Rent of offices.....	175.95
Telephone service	44.68
Printing.....	28.62

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Respectfully submitted,
J. Alfred Mitchell, City Auditor.
Placed on file.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Mayor's message notifying the City Council of the appointment of Randall G. Morris on the Finance Commission as the representative of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, in place of Samuel Carr, resigned.

Placed on file.

2. Mayor's message (communications from City Auditor enclosed) relative to deficit in the appropriation for "Brandon St. and Belgrade Ave," on account of execution of court.

The following order accompanies said message:

Ordered, That the sum of four thousand four hundred dollars (\$4,400) be appropriated to meet a deficit in the appropriation for "Brandon St. and Belgrade Ave," caused by an execution of court; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The message was placed on file and the order was assigned to the next meeting.

3. Mayor's message transmitting several communications from the Consumptives' Hospital Department in regard to securing an appropriation for the construction and equipment of buildings for immediate use. The passage of the following order is urged in said message:

Ordered, That the sum of seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Consumptives' Hospital Trustees for erecting buildings on the property which has been acquired by the said Trustees in Mattapan, and for equipping the same; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer

be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount.

The message was placed on file and the order was assigned to the next meeting.

4. Report of Committee on Printing, that the following order, referred to said committee Oct. 7, ought to pass:

Ordered, That the Clerk of Committees, under the direction of the Com for City Council, Incidental Committee on Printing, be authorized to prepare and publish an edition of fifteen hundred copies of a memorial volume containing an account of the exercises at the celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the Incorporation of Brighton; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Report accepted; order passed in concurrence.

5. Report of same committee, recommending the passage of the following new draft of the orders, referred March 21, relative to printing an edition of the List of Streets:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Printing, be authorized to prepare and publish a revised edition of fifteen hundred copies of the volume entitled "Boston's Streets"; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Report accepted; order passed in concurrence.

6. Ordered, That the sum of \$3000 be set aside for the enlargement, development and putting in for perpetual care of the lot of the Spanish War Veterans in Mt. Hope Cemetery; the said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Cemetery Department.

Mr. KENNEDY of Wd. 7 offered the following amendment, viz.:

Ordered, That the sum of \$3000 be set aside for the enlargement, development and putting in perpetual care the lot of the Spanish War Veterans in Mt. Hope Cemetery; the said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Cemetery Department.

The amendment was adopted and the order as amended passed. Sent up.

7. Ordered, That the Clerk of Committees be authorized to prepare and publish an edition of 1500 copies of a volume containing a list of the members of the City Council and department heads from 1830 to the present year; the expense incurred to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed in concurrence.

REPAIR OF JUDSON ST.

Mr. COSTELLO of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested through His Honor the Mayor to re-surface and place in proper condition Judson St., from Brookford St. to Julian St., Wd. 16.

Referred to the Mayor.

EXTENSION OF SIDNEY ST.

Mr. KELLY of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to extend Sidney St. from Crescent Ave. to Mt. Vernon St., Wd. 16.

Passed. Sent up.

RENAMING OF NORTH SQUARE.

Mr. PURCELL of Wd. 6 offered an order—That the square known as "North Square" be hereafter known as "Scigliano Square."

Passed. Sent up.

SEWERS, WD. 23.

Mr. CARRUTH of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Sewers, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to construct surface sewers in the following named streets in Wd. 23:

Sycamore St., from Wright St. to Poplar St., and in
Poplar St., from Heathcote St. to Sycamore St., and in
Poplar St., from Heathcote to Hill-born St.

Also that he be requested to improve the Dent St. brook from Vermont St. to Pleasant St.

Also the necessary catch basins.
Referred to the Mayor.

FIRE ALARM, WD. 23.

Mr. CARRUTH of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a fire alarm box on Bradford Terrace opposite or near Edgemont St., Wd. 23.

Referred to the Mayor.

LAMP, WD. 9.

Mr. DRISCOLL of Wd. 9 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place an electric light at the corner of Emerald and Compton Sts.

Referred to the Mayor.

LIGHTING—CHARLESTOWN PLAYGROUND.

Mr. HATTON of Wd. 4 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause the playground at Sullivan Sq., Charlestown, to be lighted for the safety and convenience of skaters.

Referred to Mayor.

LAMP, WARD 21.

Mr. HACKETT of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps through His Honor the Mayor be requested to place a gas lamp opposite 16 St. James St., Wd. 21.

Referred to the Mayor.

BOYLE O'REILLY SQ.

Chair, called up No. 20, past assignment, viz.:

20. Ordered—That the open space in Wd. 25, now known as and called Barry's corner, be hereafter known as and called Stadium square.

The question came on Mr. Doherty's amendment to substitute "Boyle O'Reilly" for "Stadium."

Mr. LILL of Wd. 8 moved indefinite postponement of the order, but immediately withdrew his motion

Mr. Doherty's amendment was

adopted, and the question came on the passage of the order as amended.

At the request of Mr. McLENNAN of Wd. 12, the Clerk read the order as amended.

The order as amended was passed. Mr. McCARTHY of Wd. 8 moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

The Chair—The Chair would state at this time that there are many orders on the calendar which should be called up by various members here and disposed of. You may not have another meeting of the Council until your final meeting, and it would not do to have too much on the calendar at that time. I would, therefore, suggest to the members present that they call up the various numbers they are interested in and clear up the calendar.

CONSTRUCTION OF STATE HIGHWAY.

Mr. DAVIDSON of Wd. 23 called up the following, among papers from the Board of Aldermen:

8. Ordered—That Chapter 574 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1907, entitled "An Act to Provide for the Laying Out and Construction as a State Highway of Washington St. in the West Roxbury District of the City of Boston," be, and the same hereby is, accepted by the City Council of the City of Boston.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. Sheenan, of Wd. 17.

Mr. FERGUSON of Wd. 21—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that there is not a quorum present.

At direction of the Chair, the members rose in their places and remained standing until counted, and it appeared that 35 members were present.

The CHAIR—Thirty-five members, or less than a quorum, being present, the meeting is adjourned until—

Mr. McCARTHY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I ask for a roll call.

The CHAIR—If there is no objection, the clerk will call the roll.

The clerk called the roll, with the following result:

Present—Carruth, Clark (20), Costello, Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Driscoll, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), George, Hackett, Hanrahan, Hatton, Kelly, Kennedy, Leonard, Lill, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McLennan, Mealey, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (5), Pendergast, Penschorn, Purcell, Roberts, Rosenberg, Sheenan, Spellman, Sullivan (15), Wentworth—34.

Absent—Anderson, Bagley, Barrett, Bramhall, Brown, Buckley, Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Doyle, Ducey, Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Green, Harding, Hayes, Joyce, Kohler, Madden, McCullough, McGivern, McGregor, Montague, Morgan, Noyes, O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pierce, Rachkowsky, Sacks, Santosuosso, Sorenson, Sullivan (5), Troy, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside, Zetterman—41.

The CHAIR—Thirty-four members, or less than a quorum, being present, the meeting stands adjourned till next Thursday evening at 7.45 o'clock.

Adjourned at 8.34 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Dec. 16, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Ald. BALDWIN in the chair. Absent—Ald. BERWIN and WHELTON.

The Board voted on, motion of Ald. BANGS, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Dec. 16, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:

Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint John R. Murphy (18 Heath Ave., Wd. 19) a constable of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1908.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

REMOVAL OF CONSTABLE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Dec. 16, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:

I hereby inform you that for the good of the service I have this day removed John J. Kenney (14 Noanet St., Wd. 7), from the office of Constable of the city of Boston.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Dec. 16, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed Agnes C. Bulger (312 Meridian St.), an Insane Hospital Trustee, under Stat. 1897, Chap. 395, as amended by Stat. 1897, Chap. 451, for the unexpired term ending April 30, 1909, in place of Catherine Marion, resigned.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Department (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Colonial Importing Co., an electric sign, at 33 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Wm. Filene Sons Co., an illuminated sign, at 6 Winter St., Wd. 7.

H. C. Benjamin, a watch sign, at 434A Main St., Wd. 4.

Aaron Leonard, an illuminated sign, at 149 W. Broadway, Wd. 13.

Thomas Byrnes, a sign, at 146 Broadway, Wd. 13.

A. G. McKinnon, an unlettered gas arc lamp, at 67 Broad St., Wd. 7.

E. W. Clark, a plain gas arc lamp, at 672 Centre St., Wd. 22.

Geo. M. Briggs, a sign, at 127 W. Canton St., Wd. 12.

National Cloak and Suit Mfg. Co., an electric sign, at 15-17 Avon St., Wd. 7.

Howard L. Rich, an electric sign, at 14 Somerset St., Wd. 6.

Salvatore Savasto, a sign, at 934 Saratoga St., Wd. 1.

Hyman White, an illuminated sign, at 179 Tremont St., Wd. 18.

John Crisafi, two barber poles, at 708 Dudley St., Wd. 16.

Carl Winther, a clock sign, at 21 Bromfield St., Wd. 7.

T. L. Goodman, an electric sign, at 30 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Thomas H. Hanley, an electric sign, at 144 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Old South Theatre Co., two electric signs, at 329 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Knipe Bros. (Inc.), a drum sign, at 144 Essex St., Wd. 7.

Callahan & Valloire, an electric sign, at 326 Broadway, Wd. 13.

Harry Aronson, two signs—one at 202-208 Dorchester Ave., and one at 8 A St., Wd. 13.

Andreas Blume, Trustee, an illuminated sign, at Hotel Baltic, 15 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

Wm. B. Bradstreet, three arc lights, two over Berkeley St. and one over Warren Ave., Wd. 10.

Electric Wires.

Charlestown Gas and Electric Company, for leave to erect poles, viz.,

One in front of 44-46 High St., Wd. 5.

Three on Beach St., Wd. 4.

Fire Commissioner, for leave to locate a post for a fire alarm box at the northeast corner of Washington and State Sts., Wd. 6.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, viz.:

For leave to erect one pole on North Ave., from Dudley St., Wd. 17.

For leave to erect one pole on Albion St., from Dudley St., Wd. 17.

For leave to erect and to remove three poles on Bennington St., between Bremen St. and the B. & A. R. R., Wd. 1.

For leave to erect and to remove one pole on Cheney St., near Segal St., Wd. 21.

Faneuil Hall, etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

Democratic City Committee, on Dec. 5, at noon.

Independence League City Committee, on Dec. 6, from 11:30 A. M. to 2 P. M.

Boston Equal Suffrage League, on the evening of Jan. 1, 1908.

Licenses.

Petitions for permits for children under 15 years of age to appear in public places of amusement, viz.:

Winthrop Ames, for Joseph Alford and others, at the Castle Square Theatre during the week beginning Dec. 5.

Tuesday Evening Club, for Raymond Sweeney and others, at the Dudley St. Opera House, on the evening of Dec. 11.

Special Committee on Memorial Day.

Report of Edward W. Kinsley Post 113, G. A. R., of Memorial Day expenses.

Claims.

Annie Mordell, for compensation for damages to estate 36 Geneva Av., by the bursting of a water main.

Carl G. M. Carlson, for compensation for damages to estate 14 Tesla St., by blasting.

Isabella M. Lee, for compensation for personal injuries Dec. 14, 1906, from an alleged defect in East Newton St.

W. B. MacDonald, for compensation for damage to his horse and damage to personal property to tenant at 1 Harvest St., by water and sewage.

Willard Welsh, offering to surrender an alleged invalid tax deed of estate on Bennington St., East Boston.

John William Black, to be paid for damage to overcoat by the dropping of paint from the Albany St. bridge.

Delia M. Smith, for compensation for damages to estate 89 Old Harbor St., by the backing up of a sewer.

Public Improvements.

Remonstrance of Nathan H. Hayford, et ux., against allowing coasting on Eggleston and Boylston Sts., Wd. 22.

John H. Lee, for leave to discharge fireworks in front of Warren Hall, Washington St., Wd. 25, on the evening of Dec. 6.

William Crane (two), for leave to erect one guy post on St. Paul St., and two on Falmouth St., Wd. 10; and guy posts on Dalton and Scotia Sts., Wd. 10.

Arthur C. Whitney, for leave to erect three guy posts opposite 129-140 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Estate of J. R. Brewer, for leave to maintain a sidewalk area at 144 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Estate of John Shea, for leave to maintain a sidewalk area at 60-62 Eliot St., Wd. 7.

John Cavanagh & Son B. M. Co., for leave to move a wooden building from L St., near First St., to land of Edison Electric Ill. Co., on First St., Wd. 14.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for leave to attack fixtures and wires to three poles of the Boston Consolidated Gas Company on Sherborn St., Wd. 11.

No objections. Recommitted to the Committee on Electric Wires.

2. On petition of Amos H. Whipple for leave to project two marquises at Copley Square Hotel, Wd. 10; one at 49 Huntington Ave., and one at the ladies' entrance on Exeter St.

No objection. Referred to the Committee on Public Department (Ald.)

On petition for licenses to store and keep gasoline, viz.:

3. Boston Protective Department, in rear of 159-161 Roxbury St., Wd. 18.

4. Boston Elevated Railway Company, at its car house, Eagle St., Wd. 1, and at other locations.

5. Peerless Motor Car Company of New England, at 36 Ferdinand St., Wd. 10.

6. Miller & Walcott, at 81 Chestnut St., Wd. 11.

7. Harry E. Oakes, in rear of 572 Columbia Rd., Wd. 16.

No objection. Severally referred to the Committee on Licenses.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

8. Ordered, That the expense incurred by the Committee on Ordinances for advertising hearings relative to smoke nuisance be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed in concurrence.

9. Ordered, That the square known as "North Sq." be hereafter known as Scigliano Sq.

Ald. CLARK presented the remonstrance of the Massachusetts Society, S. A. R., against changing the name of North Sq., and moved that No. 9 be indefinitely postponed.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I am rather pleased that my brother on the left has made that motion. I feel that all the persons originally interested in this project of changing the name of North Square have realized that their action was somewhat hasty and entirely unwarranted. The historical memories that have clustered around old North Square since the earliest times are such as appeal to all the people of this city—historical associations with which it would be foolish, and perhaps dangerous, to interfere. I have here, Mr. Chairman, a copy of a book known as "Boston Illustrated," published more than fifty years ago and now almost out of print. In Section 2 of this book, referring to the North End, it says:

"Just inside the square (North Square) was the home of Paul Revere during the stirring times preceding the Revolution, in the house still standing, numbered 19 and 21. It is one of the few examples of houses with the projecting second story remaining in the town—all of them in this quarter. At its upper windows, Revere's illuminated pictures of the Boston Massacre, with allegorical designs which struck the spectators with solemn silence, were displayed on the night of the first anniversary of that tragic event. On Garden Court, from the other side of the square, was the grand mansion house of Hutchinson, which was sacked by the mob during the Stamp Act excitement in 1765; and next it, marking the corner of the court and Prince St., was the grander one of Sir Charles Henry Frankland, the lover of fair Agnes Surriage, where, as Lady Agnes—as he afterwards made her when she had so heroically saved his life in the Lisbon earthquake—she lived for a while after his death and her return to America. The Hutchinson house was built by the elder Hutchinson in 1719, and its beautiful gardens extended back to the present Hanover and Fleet Sts."

Mr. Chairman, this book is but one of many treating historically of points of interest connected with the early history of Boston and of old North Sq. I had the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with the late George Scigliano. I served with him in the Legislature, and realize that possibly Scigliano was as great a character for the advancement of his people as was Boyle O'Reilly or Gen. Collins for the advancement of the Irish people. But I feel, Mr. Chairman, that this is a dangerous precedent to establish. As well think of changing the name of the Old State House, changing the name of the Old South Meeting House, changing the name of any of the other great historical landmarks that are loved, revered and respected for their connection with the early history of our city and of our country. I believe that George Scigliano merits a reward at the hands of his people in Boston, and were a movement on foot to name the North End Park in George Scigliano's memory no man would more stoutly advocate the project than I. Were a movement on foot to raise money to erect a monument to the memory of George Scigliano, even in North Sq., I would contribute to it as liberally as my means might permit. I believe he is deserving of reward at the hands of his people; but I believe had his people, or the persons who were responsible for this project, given the matter due consideration, they would not have acted with what all the citizens of Boston, or a majority of them at the present time, feel was unseemly haste. I believe that the Italian colony in Boston should honor

the memory of George Scigliano for what he has done for the Italian race, and I am willing to go as far in honoring his memory as any man, because I believe he earned it and that he deserves it. I am satisfied that he is entitled to it. But I believe that honoring him by the obliteration of one of Boston's historical treasures is a step in the wrong direction and a step of which George Scigliano himself, if he were afforded an opportunity to pass upon the matter, would be one of the first to disapprove.

The order was indefinitely postponed. Notice sent down.

10. Ordered, That the open space in Wd. 25 known as and called Barry's Corner, be hereafter known as and called Boyle O'Reilly square.

In connection with the order Ald. CLARK presented the petition of Patrick A. Carley and others, that Barry's Corner be given the name "Stadium Square."

The petition was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

On motion of Ald. WOODS, No. 10 on the calendar was indefinitely postponed. Notice sent down.

11. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to extend Sidney St. from Crescent Ave. to Mt. Vernon St., Wd. 16.

12. Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby enters its protest against the contemplated establishment of a detention station at Castle Island in Boston Harbor, for the reason that said Island is one of the most important features of the city's system of public parks, and one upon which vast sums of the tax payers' money have been expended for improving, beautifying and connecting it by an expensive bridge with City Point.

Said island is a pleasure resort for a vast number of our citizens, and to be deprived of its privileges, would be a hardship not only to the people of South Boston, but likewise to the multitudes who flock to it from every part of Boston.

Ever since the island has been in the charge of the Park Department, it has been the expectation of said department that the United States Government would eventually place it in the permanent control of the City of Boston, and this is the desire which the City Council wishes to see realized.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the War Department of the United States, with the urgent request of the City Council of Boston that said department will emphatically refuse to allow the use of Castle Island for the purpose of a detention station.

Severally passed in concurrence.

13. The following order passed by the Board of Aldermen, Dec. 2, viz.: "Ordered, That the sum of \$3000 be set aside for the enlargement, development and putting in order for (A) perpetual care of (B) the lot of the Spanish War Veterans in Mt. Hope Cemetery; the said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Cemetery Department," comes up concurred with these amendments: At (A) strike out the words "order for" and at (B) strike out the word "of."

The amendment was adopted, and the order passed as amended, in concurrence.

ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions for projections—orders of notice were passed for hearing thereon on Monday, Dec. 30, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:

Crescenzo Merola, 3 bay windows, 80 Cottage St., Wd. 2.

Andreas Blume, trustee, marquise, 15 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The City Treasurer, after having duly approved of the same, submitted the Constables' bonds of Morris F. Lewenberg and William F. Swain.

Approved by the Board.

COAL AND COKE LICENSES.

A list of coal and coke licenses granted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth was received.

Placed on file.

APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF LOCATION.

Notice was received from the Railroad Commissioners of approval of seventh location of Boston & Revere Electric Street Railway Company.

Notice was received from the Boston & Revere Electric Street Railway Company of acceptance of seventh location of tracks in Bennington and Walley Sts.

Severally placed on file.

CLERK HIRE.

W. T. A. Fitzgerald, Register of Deeds, in accordance with the provisions of Section 33, Chapter 22 of the Revised Law, submitted a statement that certain persons have been employed in his office from Nov. 18 to Dec. 16, 1907, and that work has been performed to the amount of \$3444.88.

Approved by the Board.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted reports on petitions (severally referred today) for use of hall—that leave be granted, viz.:

Democratic City Committee, noon of Dec. 5.

Boston Equal Suffrage Association for Good Government, evening of Jan. 1, 1908.

Independence League, City Committee, from 11:30 A. M. to 2 P. M. on Dec. 6.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on petition of William Peel (referred Nov. 25), for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of Dec. 5—that no further action is necessary.

Accepted.

CLAIMS.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Claims, submitted reports on petitions (severally referred Dec. 2), offering to surrender alleged invalid tax deeds of estates on Bailey St.—that the petitioner have leave to withdraw, viz.:

Harlow H. Rogers, 54 Bailey St.

Harlow H. Rogers, 52-4 Bailey St.

Accepted. Sent down.

FOWLS KILLED BY DOGS.

Ald. BANGS, for the Committee on Police (Ald.), submitted a report on the petition of Katherine T. Gilman (referred Dec. 2), to be paid for loss of fowls killed by dogs—that no further action is necessary.

Accepted.

PROJECTIONS.

Ald. BANGS, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted reports on petitions referred today recommending that leave be granted to make projections, as follows:

- Knipe Brothers (Inc.), a drum sign at 144 Essex St.
 Callahan & Valleire, an electric sign at 326 Broadway, Wd. 13.
 Old South Theatre Company, an electric sign at 329 Washington St., Wd. 7.
 Old South Theatre Company, an electric sign at 329 Washington St., Wd. 7.
 Thomas H. Hanley, an electric sign at 144 Tremont St., Wd. 7.
 Carl Winther, a clock sign at 21 Bromfield St., Wd. 7.
 F. L. Goodman, an electric sign at 30 Hanover St., Wd. 6.
 John Crisafi, two barber poles at 708 Dudley St., Wd. 16.
 Salvatore Savasto, a sign at 984 Saratoga St., Wd. 1.
 Hyman White, an illuminated sign at 1278 Tremont St., Wd. 18.
 Howard L. Rich, an electric sign at 14 Somerset St., Wd. 6.
 National Cloak & Suit Mfg. Co., an electric sign at 15-17 Avon St., Wd. 7.
 George M. Briggs, a sign at 127 West Canton St., Wd. 12.
 E. W. Clark, a plain gas arc lamp at 622 Centre St., Wd. 22.
 A. G. McKinnon, an unlettered gas arc lamp at 67 Broad St., Wd. 7.
 Aaron Leonard, an illuminated sign at 149 West Broadway, Wd. 13.
 Thomas Byrnes, a sign at 146 Broadway, Wd. 13.
 E. C. Benjamin, a watch sign at 434A Main St., Wd. 4.
 Wm. Filene Sons Co., an illuminated sign at 6 Winter St., Wd. 7.
 Henry Aronson, 2 signs, one at 202-208 Dorchester Ave. and one at 8A St., Wd. 13.
 Colonial Importing Co., an electric sign at 33 Washington St., Wd. 6.
 Wm. B. Bradstreet, 3 arc lights over Berkeley St. and one over Warren Ave., Wd. 10.
 Reports accepted. Leave granted on usual conditions.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Ald. BELL, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order for the payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the city of Boston for the month of December, 1907.

Report accepted; order passed.

LICENSES.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

- (1) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for permits for children under 15 years of age to appear at various places of amusement—that permits be granted, viz.:
 Winthrop Ames, for James Alford et al., Castle Square Theatre, during the week beginning Dec. 5.
 Tuesday evening Club of Roslindale, Raymond Sweeney et al., Dudley Street Opera House, evening of Dec. 11.
 Reports severally accepted; permits granted on the usual conditions.
 (2) Reports on petitions for use of gasoline at various places—that licenses be granted, viz.:
 Boston Protective Department (referred today), to store gasoline at rear 159-61 Roxbury St., Wd. 18.
 New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts (re-

ferred Dec. 2), to store and keep for use gasoline at premises on Allerton St., Wd. 17.

Jamaica Plain Automobile Company (Inc.), (referred Dec. 2), to store and keep for sale gasoline at 403 South Huntington Ave. and Barbara St., Wd. 22.

George H. Gleason et al. (referred Dec. 2), to store and keep gasoline at 47 Dakota St., Wd. 20.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. CURLEY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for leave to locate poles in various streets—recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon on Monday, Dec. 23, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:

Charlestown Gas and Electric Co., one pole in front of 44-6 High St., Wd. 5.

The same company, three poles in Beach St., Wd. 4.

Fire Commissioner, post for fire alarm box at N. E. corner Washington and State Sts., Wd. 6.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice passed.

(2) Report on petition of Earl Marshall (referred Oct. 14), for leave to stretch wire from 28 Bowman St.—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to Earl Marshall to stretch a wire across Plain St., from building No. 28 Bowman St. to building No. 51 Chickatawbut St., Ward 24, in such manner as may be approved by the Wire Commissioner.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Reports on petitions of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts as follows:

May 6—To remove two poles on Porter St., Wd. 2.

Oct. 28—To remove one pole on Townsend St., Wd. 21.

Oct. 28—To remove two poles on Market St., Wd. 25.

Sept. 9—To remove one pole on New Heath St., Wd. 22.

Sept. 9—To remove one pole on Commonwealth Ave., Wd. 25. Having considered the subject, respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove poles from the following-named streets, said poles being shown on plans deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets dated as herein specified, viz.:

Porter St., Wd. 2, between Bremen and Chelsea Sts., two poles, plan dated April 26, 1907.

Townsend St., Wd. 21, at Humboldt Ave., one pole, plan dated Oct. 21, 1907.

Market St., Wd. 25, between Washington and Surrey Sts., two poles, plan dated Oct. 19, 1907.

New Heath St., Wd. 22, at railroad tracks, one pole, plan dated Aug. 29, 1907.

Commonwealth Ave., Wd. 25, near Strathmore Road, one pole, plan dated Aug. 24, 1907.

All the work of removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed.

EARLY PAYMENT OF SALARIES.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the salaries of all city and county employees on monthly pay rolls be allowed and paid on or before Dec. 24, in anticipation of the January draft, and the heads of departments are hereby requested to submit pay rolls to the City Auditor in season to have this order carried into effect.

Passed. Sent down.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

Ald. BALDWIN called up No. 14, unfinished business, viz.:

14. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz.:

Thomas Alphonsus Nolan, to be a Constable, for the term ending April 30, 1908. The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Curley and Battis. Whole number of ballots cast 11, yes 11, and the appointment was confirmed.

RECESS.

On motion of Ald. FINIGAN, the Board voted to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, at 3:47 P. M.

The members reassembled in the aldermanic chamber and were called to order by Ald. BALDWIN at 4:29 P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. BANGS, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions referred today recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work to be completed on or before July 1, 1908, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:

William Crane, to erect, maintain and use guy posts with ropes attached in and over the following streets: one opposite 74 Dalton St.; one opposite Scotia St. on Dalton St.; one opposite schoolhouse on Dalton St.; one opposite 23 Scotia St., Wd. 10, for use during the construction of the High school.

Arthur C. Whitney, to erect, maintain and use guy posts with ropes attached, in and over Tremont St., Wd. 7, as follows: one in front of 129, one in front of 136, one in front of 140, to be placed in the sidewalk near the edgestone for use during the erection of a building on said Tremont St.

Estate of John R. Brewer, to construct, maintain and use an area with patent sidewalk light covers under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 144 Tremont St., Wd. 7, as shown on a plan dated Dec. 14, 1907, on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department.

Estate of John Shea, to construct, maintain and use an area or bulkhead opening, with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 60 and 62 Eliot St., Wd. 7, as shown on a plan dated Dec. 14, 1907, on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department.

William Crane, to erect, maintain and use guy posts, with ropes attached in and over the following streets: One opposite 3 St. Paul St., one opposite 117 Falmouth St., one opposite the main entrance to the Christian Science Church, Falmouth St., Wd. 10, for use during the construction of a building corner St. Paul & Falmouth Sts. (the work to be completed on or before Jan. 4, 1908).

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

Report on petition referred today recommending the passage of an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Cavanagh & Son, Building Moving Company, to move a wooden building, pitch roof, 30 feet in length by 20 feet in width by 15 feet in height from L St., near the corner of East First St., along said L and First Sts. to a lot owned by the Edison Electric Ill. Company, Wd. 14, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Report recommending the passage of an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along both sides of Dorchester St. from West 1st St. about 240 feet northerly, Wd. 14, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalks to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of gravel with granite edgestones, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Report on remonstrance of Nathan H. Hartford and wife against allowing coasting on Eggleston and Boylston Sts., Wd. 22—recommending reference of the same to the Police Commissioner.

(5) Report on order (referred Nov. 25.) Report accepted; said reference ordered.

granting permission to the Austin Biscuit Company to construct, maintain and use between the hours of 12 midnight and 6 A. M., a single track railway for private use in the transportation of freight by steam power upon and across Beverly St., Wd. 6, from tracks of the Boston & Maine railroad to a private way running into said Beverly St., recommending passage of the order.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(6) John H. Lee (referred today), for leave to discharge fireworks in front of Warren Hall, Washington St., Wd. 25, on the evening of Dec. 6—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

STATION AT FOREST HILLS SQUARE.

Ald. DRAPER, for the Committee on Railroads submitted a report on the petition of the Boston Elevated Railway Company (referred Dec. 2) for approval of location for station, etc., at Forest Hills Square—that the plans for said station, etc., were approved by the Railroad Commissioners Nov. 27, 1907, and by His Honor the Mayor as to architectural appearance and obstruction to light and air on Nov. 8, 1907, and the committee respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered, That the proposed location by the Boston Elevated Railway Company of a station for its elevated railway, together with surface platforms and suitable exits and approaches thereto, in the public way or place at the intersection of Washington St. and Hyde Park Ave. known as Forest Hills Square, in that part of Boston formerly West Roxbury, all as shown on plans numbered 26,564, 26,866 and 26,863 and deposited in the office of the City Clerk, be and the same hereby is approved.

Report accepted; said order passed.

REMOVAL OF TREES, WD. 22.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Supt. of Public Grounds be request-

ed to remove the dead trees in front of the estate of Bessie Siskind, No. 3312 Washington St. and No. 7 Woodside Ave., Wd. 22; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Dept.
Passed.

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GAS LAMP, LEEDSVILLE ST.

Ald. CLARK presented the petition of John F. Baker and others, residents and taxpayers on Leedsville St., Dorchester, that a gas light be erected between Nos. 5-9 Leedsville St.

In connection with the petition Ald. CLARK offered the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain a gas lamp on Leedsville St., Dorchester, between Nos 5 and 9 on said street; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

The order was passed.

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GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. Finigan the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. Bangs, at 4:35 P. M., to meet on Monday, Dec. 23, at 3 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, Dec. 19, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock, P. M., President BARRETT in the Chair.

THANKS FROM MRS. CHESWELL

The following was received:

To His Honor the Mayor, John F. Fitzgerald, Officers and Members of the City Council, and Board of Aldermen.

Gentlemen:—Mrs. Cheswell and family beg to thank you for the copy of the resolutions adopted and sent to them, and are grateful to you for your kind recognition of the services and faithfulness of the late chief, William T. Cheswell.

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. William T. Cheswell.

Dec. 16, 1907.
Sent up.

CARE OF KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, Dec. 19, 1907.

To the Common Council:

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in answer to your order requesting a competent person to be assigned to each kindergarten, whose duty it shall be to guard the children from accident on the streets after the close of each session.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
In School Committee,

Dec. 16, 1907.

The following communication was received:

Boston Public Schools,
Superintendent's Office, Mason St.
Dec. 13, 1907.

To the School Committee:

At the meeting of the School Committee, held on April 8, 1907, the following communication from the Common Council of the city of Boston was referred to me for consideration and report:

"Ordered, That the School Committee be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause a competent person to be assigned to each kindergarten whose duty it shall be to guard the children from accident on the streets after the close of each session."

In relation thereto I desire to make the following report.

In each kindergarten there are from one to three teachers. There are also in many of them special assistants and Normal School students, who are there for purposes of training. These teachers and attendants give such attention to the children, at the time of their leaving school, as can be done under the conditions. The protection afforded to such children at the time of dismissal is adequate; and to furnish attendance sufficient to accompany each of them to their homes would be im-

possible. It is, therefore, in my opinion, inexpedient to furnish additional attendance in the kindergartens.

Yours very respectfully,

Stratton D. Brooks,

Superintendent of Public Schools.

Placed on file, and the Secretary directed to transmit a copy thereof to the Common Council.

A true copy.

Attest:

Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary.

Placed on file.

BELLS FOR NO SCHOOL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Dec. 19, 1907.

To the Common Council:

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in answer to your order requesting that the bells in the Charlestown Dist. be rung on occasions when there is to be no session of school on account of storm, etc.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald,

Mayor.

City of Boston

In School Committee, Dec. 16, 1907.

The following communication was received:

Boston Public Schools,
Superintendent's Office, Mason St.
December 16, 1907.

To the School Committee: In answer to your reference to me on Nov. 4, 1907, of the order of the Common Council:

"Ordered—That the School Committee be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause the bells in the Charlestown District to be rung on occasions when there is to be no session of school on account of storm."

I desire to report:

The feasibility of this action has been considered by Mr. Benjamin W. Wells, Fire Commissioner, who states that it is not possible for the Fire Department to reconstruct its circuits for the purpose desired.

The present arrangement for spreading notice of no session of school on stormy days is as follows:

First—A notification to the telephone exchanges, and all telephone exchanges will, on request, give the information to inquirers.

Second—Notice to the Fire Department, which gives the signal on its bells at 7:45 A. M. and places in its engine room windows a sign that there is to be no school on that day.

Third—Many factories throughout the city are notified by telephone, and each of them sounds a whistle at 7:45 o'clock A. M. In Charlestown, this service is performed by the Davidson Rubber Company.

Yours very respectfully,

Stratton D. Brooks,

Superintendent of Public Schools.

Placed on file, and the Secretary directed to transmit a copy thereof to the Common Council.

A true copy.

Attest:—

Thornton D. Apollonio,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

LOAN IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Dec. 19, 1907.

To the City Council:

I transmit herewith order drawn by the Corporation Counsel, at the suggestion of the City Treasurer, requesting authority to borrow in anticipation of

the taxes of the current year the sum of not exceeding two million dollars.

The fact that many of the large business concerns of the city have not paid their taxes up to the present time makes it imperative that the City Treasurer be given this authority.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Ordered, That to provide temporarily money to meet the appropriations for the current financial year, the City Treasurer issue and sell, at such times and in such amounts as he may deem best, notes or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston, in an amount not exceeding two million dollars, in anticipation of the taxes of the current municipal year, said notes or certificates to be made payable from said taxes, said loans to be made payable within one year after the date of their incurrence and to bear interest from their date until the same are made payable at such rate as said treasurer shall deem proper.

The communication was ordered sent up.

Mr. McCullough of Wd. 13 moved a suspension of the rules that the order might take its second reading at this time.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11.—Mr. President, I would like to read it over.

The PRESIDENT—It is a very brief communication.

Mr. NOYES—I would like action postponed until 8:30.

The communication and order were again read by the Clerk, and Mr. Noyes personally examined them.

Mr. McCullough's motion to suspend the rules was carried; the order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Mr. McLENNAN of Wd. 12.—Mr. President, the order is a rather peculiar one, and it seems to me that some explanation of it might be made here. It seems to be rather an unusual order to introduce at this time of the year, and I would like to listen to an explanation. I am not necessarily opposed to it, but I would like to know what I am voting for, before I vote.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13.—Mr. President, while the message of His Honor, the Mayor, accompanying the order has been read twice, I move that it be read for the third time, for the benefit of the gentleman from Wd. 12.

Mr. McLENNAN.—The message is sufficiently clear, but the necessity of it is not clear to me. If the gentleman in the same division understands it fully he will confer a favor on me and possibly on some other members by explaining the necessity of it.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3.—Mr. President, it appears to me that the matter is very simple and clear. Some time ago we passed an appropriation bill for the various departments. That appropriation bill was passed in anticipation of the taxes, the tax levy was based on that appropriation, and the taxes have not been paid; and the money which we have appropriated has been spent, a large part of it, and has got to be met by the city treasury. In order to do that they have either got to get the taxes within a very short time or borrow this money. It is impossible to get the taxes, therefore, this order authorizing us to borrow the money in anticipation of the taxes is introduced, and when the taxes are paid they will be appropriated to the payment of this loan.

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24.—Do I understand that the date is the 19th of December. It is 12 days from the first of the year, and although it is but 12 days, we are asked to pass this order. I see no reason why we

have to borrow two million dollars for 12 days time. I don't see any earthly use of us voting on this matter this evening, for the simple reason that our fiscal year ends the first day of February, if I am correctly informed, and I think Mr. George A. Hibbard can take care of the matter at that time.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15.—Mr. President, I understand that the state law permits all cities and towns to borrow by special loan, in anticipation of taxes, within the year. As I understand there is about \$5,000,000 of the taxes that haven't been paid in as yet. They have collected about a million and a half less at this season of the year than they have in any past year. Therefore I can't see how it is going to affect the taxpayers or encumber the city in any way, because this loan may not be touched at all. The taxes may be in a day or two, probably a week or so, and there will be no occasion for touching this loan. This is a special loan, and it is nothing new. It comes up pretty nearly every year in all cities and towns, as I understand. I know it is nothing new to me; it has come up in my day year after year, and it has to be paid back within 12 months, inside of 12 months. That is, if they have not sufficient money in the treasury to meet that demand, it has got to be paid back by bonds or whatever security the city gives. There is no question but the city treasury today is depleted. They haven't got a cent there; they will have to shut down the shop if you don't pass this loan tonight.

Mr. WILLCUTT.—Mr. President, I hardly think City Hall will shut down if this order is not passed. With all due respect to Mr. Sullivan, I don't see why, with only 12 days to the end of the year, they can't string it out 12 days more. It is absolutely useless and it is absolutely unnecessary to pass a two million dollar loan 12 days before a new Mayor comes into office.

The order was passed, yeas 45, nays 11:

Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Barrett, Caruth, Clark (20), Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Harrahan, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, Murphy, Noonan, Noyes, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), Purrell, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Rosenberg, Santosuosso, Sheenan, Spellman, Sullivan (15), Troy—45.

Nays—Harding, McCabe, McCarthy, McGregor, McLennan, O'Brien (14), Peshorn, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Zetterman—11.

Absent or not voting—Bramhall, Brown, Buckley, Clark (24), Colpoys, Ducey, George, Green, Hackett, Hatton, Hayes, Montague, Morgan, Pengast, Pierce, Sacks, Sorenson, Sullivan (5), Woodside—19.

Mr. McCULLOUGH moved to reconsider, lost. Sent up.

PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Notice of indefinite postponement of order of December 12, that the open space in Wd. 25, now known as and called Barry's Corner, be hereafter known as and called Boyle O'Reilly Sq. Placed on file.

2. Notice of indefinite postponement of order of December 12, that the square known as North Sq. be hereafter known as Scighiano Sq. Placed on file.

3. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of Harlow H. Rogers, referred

Dec. 2, 1907, offering to surrender an alleged invalid tax deed of estate 52-54 Bailey St.—leave to withdraw.

Accepted in concurrence.

4. Report of same committee, on petition of Harlow H. Rogers, referred Dec. 2, 1907, offering to surrender an alleged invalid tax deed of estate 54 Bailey St.—leave to withdraw.

Accepted in concurrence.

5. Ordered, That the salaries of all city and county employees on monthly pay rolls be allowed and paid on or before Dec. 24, in anticipation of the January draft, and the heads of departments are hereby requested to submit pay rolls to the City Auditor in season to have this order carried into effect.

Passed in concurrence.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT.

The President announced the appointment of the Committee for Common Council Dinner as follows: Messrs. Fitzgerald of Wd. 3, Pierce of Wd. 11, Murphy of Wd. 19, Clark of Wd. 24, Mealey of Wd. 15.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Council proceeded to take up the following papers, unfinished business, viz.:

6. Ordered—That there be erected in South Boston an armory of the first class sufficient in size to accommodate at least four companies of the Naval Brigade and battalion headquarters, and the Army Commissioners of the Commonwealth be, and are hereby requested, to construct said armory at an expense not to exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, as provided in Chapter 405 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1905, and Section 9, Chapter 504 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1906.

Mr. ANDERSON of Wd. 7—Mr. President, I introduced this order at the request of the Naval Brigade, and they were very desirous that the order be passed before Dec. 2, when the new law governing the erection of armories went into effect. That date having passed, there is no further necessity for the passage of this order, and, therefore, I move that it be indefinitely postponed.

The order was indefinitely postponed.

7. Ordered, That the sum of seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000) additional be appropriated, to be expended by the Bath Commissioners for the construction and furnishing of an all-the-year-round bath-house at the North End; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, while I dislike very much to object to the passage of this order, as it concerns the district contiguous to East Boston, I cannot understand why they should need any more money for a bath-house in the North end section of this city in addition to that which has been given up to the present time. I am not opposed to bath-houses, playgrounds or public parks. I am a great believer in bath-houses and open and indoor gymnasiums; but I would call your attention, Mr. President and gentlemen, to the fact that early in the year, when we had the \$200,000 from the sale of Deer Island, an appropriation was made of \$30,000 for the completion of the North end bath-house. Prior to that

time there had been \$90,000 appropriated, making \$120,000 in all. At that time we were led to believe that the \$30,000 that was requested would prove ample to finish the bath-house in that section of the city; now we have a request for the \$17,000. I don't know where it is going to end, but it certainly ought to be a magnificent monument and structure if it is going to cost in the neighborhood of \$137,000. I believe that is a great deal more than has been spent for a bath-house or indoor gymnasium in any other section of Boston.

I am in favor of a bath-house in the North end section; I am in favor of any improvement that can come to that or any other section. But I want to know where it is going to end, and I want to have some definite information as to what this bath-house will ultimately cost. I do not know at the present time. As I said before, at the first part of the year there was \$30,000 transferred from the Deer Island fund for this purpose, and now we have before us an order for \$17,000 more. I think that section of Boston has been very well treated in the matter under consideration. I recall that when I got \$50,000 through here for a bath-house in East Boston—which was the pioneer of the free indoor gymnasium and bath-house system of the country, and which did not cost the City of Boston one cent—that order was vetoed by His Honor, the Mayor. In view of that fact, I don't see why we should appropriate \$17,000 more here tonight for the North end bath-house. They have at the present time \$120,000; \$120,000 is a sufficient sum, in my estimation to build a bath-house of such capacity as will accommodate any number of the citizens of this city in that section; and I believe, with all due respect to that section of the City of Boston, that they have all they are entitled to in the line of appropriations for this purpose. I sincerely trust, Mr. President, unless some good reasons are offered to us here tonight by some representative from that section of the city in favor of granting this \$17,000 more for the completion of this bath-house, that the order will not pass.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 in the chair.

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I can answer Mr. Doherty, I think, very easily, as to just why they require \$17,000 more to complete the bath house in the North End. It is simply due to the manner and system of letting contracts.

The question came on the passage of the order, and the Clerk called the roll.

The Council refused to pass the order, yeas 29, nays 28:

Yeas—Barrett, Buckley, Colpoys, Daly (17), Daly (12), Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Hanrahan, Kelly, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, Murphy, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Purcell, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Santosuoso, Troy—29.

Nays—Anderson, Bagley, Bramhall, Carruth, Clark (20), Cose, Costello, Cronin, Davidson, Doherty, Ferguson, Foley, Harding, Kennedy, Madden, McCabe, McGregor, McLennan, Noonan, Noyes, Peshorn, Roberts, Sheenan, Sullivan (15), Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Zetterman—28.

Absent or not voting—Brown, Clark (20), Ducey, George, Green, Hackett, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Montague, Morgan, Federigast, Pierce, Sacks, Sampson, Spellman, Sullivan (15), Woodside—18.

Mr. PURCELL of Wd. 6 moved reconsideration, and assignment of reconsid-

eration to the next meeting of the Council; declared carried. Mr. Purcell doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote. The Council stood divided, and the motion to assign to the next meeting was carried, 34 members in favor, 16 against.

8. Ordered, That the sum of sixteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$16,500) be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Pauper Institutions Trustees for building a wharf at Long Island; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24 moved reference to the next City Government.

The motion was lost and the order was passed in concurrence, yeas 52, nays 6:

Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Barrett, Bramhall, Buckley, Carruth, Clark (20), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hanrahan, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McGregor, McLennan, Mealey, Murphy, Noonan, Noyes, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Purcell, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Rosenberg, Santosuosso, Sheenan, Spellman, Sullivan (15), Troy, Wharton—52.

Nays—Davidson, Harding, Penschorn, Wentworth, Willcutt, Zetterman—6.

Absent or not voting—Brown, Clark (24), Ducey, George, Green, Hackett, Hatton, Hayes, Madden, Montague, Morgan, Pendergast, Pierce, Sacks, Sorenson, Sullivan (5), Woodside—17.

Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17 moved to reconsider; lost.

9. Ordered, That the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2000) be appropriated to be expended by the Bath Commissioners for the rebuilding of Dewey Beach, Wd. 4; and that to meet such appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. WILLCUTT—Mr. President, I move that this order be referred to the next City Council.

Mr. McCORMACK of Wd. 3—Mr. President, none of the members from Wd. 14 being present, I move you, sir, as an amendment, that the order be placed upon its passage.

Motion to refer to the next City Council was lost.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 5—Mr. President, I ask as a matter of courtesy to the members from Wd. 4, that the order be assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

The order was assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

LOAN FOR CONSUMPTIVES' HOSPITAL.

The President called up No. 15, assignment, viz.:

15. Ordered, That the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Consumptives' Hospital Trustees for erecting buildings on the property which has been acquired by the said Trustees in Mattapan, and for equipping the same; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount.

Passed in concurrence, yeas 55, nays 4.

Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Barrett, Bramhall, Buckley, Carruth, Clark (20), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hanrahan, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McGregor, McLennan, Mealey, Murphy, Noonan, Noyes, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Purcell, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Rosenberg, Santosuosso, Sheenan, Spellman, Sullivan (15), Troy, Wharton, Zetterman—55.

Nays—Harding, Penschorn, Wentworth, Willcutt—4.

Absent or not voting—Brown, Clark (24), Ducey, George, Green, Hackett, Hatton, Hayes, Montague, Morgan, Pendergast, Pierce, Sacks, Sorenson, Sullivan (5), Woodside—16.

Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17 moved to reconsider; lost.

MUNICIPAL LIGHTING.

The President called up No. 19, past assignment, viz.:

19. Ordered, That the City of Boston be, and hereby is, authorized, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 34 of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts, to construct, purchase or lease and maintain within its limits one or more plants for the manufacture or distribution of gas and electricity for furnishing light for municipal use, and light, heat and power, except for the operation of electric cars, for the use of its inhabitants.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Mr. NOYES—Mr. President, we are not going to open old graves, but it is perfectly silly to bring up this order tonight. First of all, it is unfair to have it appear on the calendar as it does appear. As I remember it, that order was introduced last spring and was then assigned for some time in the summer—August, I think my friend Doherty says. Then it suddenly disappeared from the calendar. I did not know what had become of it, but I thought that was perhaps a good way of disposing of it, and all was well and good. Now, after the primaries are over, and after election is over, this thing comes up. There is nothing more to be said in favor of the acceptance of that act than there was last year, and the year before that, and the year before that. It is perhaps in here under false pretences. The scheme is absolutely impossible. The city, if it has ever been in a position to purchase a lighting plant, is in no condition to do so at present, and I certainly move that the whole matter be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24—Mr. President, when the city of Boston can demonstrate to its taxpayers that it can run the different departments it has at the present time on a paying basis it will then be time enough to come forward and present such orders departments that it has under its control as the one before us. Until the city can demonstrate that the different departments that it has under its control can be run on a paying basis, it had better let alone such measures as this.

Mr. McCORMACK of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I don't care to go into this matter of the primaries or elections. I will simply say that it sometimes matters but little to some people, after primaries and elections have taken place, that the action they favor taking is against the benefit of the common people. This is a serious question.

It has been debated here for a number of years, has been seriously gone into, and there has been much investigation as to the facts in connection with it. I am against any postponement of this order, and will vote that way. I believe that such a thing as is proposed in this order should be made possible for the city of Boston.

The motion to indefinitely postpone was lost, and the question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, without taking up too much of the time of the Council in connection with this matter, I want to say to the members who were not here two years ago, that this subject was discussed in a very lengthy manner at that time, and was finally killed in a very surreptitious manner by someone in authority. Now, if we are to embark on municipal ownership with respect to lighting under the present law, the order in favor of doing so has to be passed by two-thirds majority in both branches of the City Council for two successive years. The order was killed last year. I, at that time, was a very honest and strenuous advocate of this matter, but as I grow older in my legislative experience, I feel that I have also become a little bit wiser, and I have changed my opinion in regard to this order, and especially my opinion of the man who was responsible for its introduction here in Massachusetts. This order originally came, not from the brain of any man in Massachusetts, but from the paid hirelings of that strenuous advocate of municipal ownership, William Traitor Hearst. Let us look into the character of the man who is behind this order in this State and other States. We know what Hearst has done to the men of my party in the various cities where he has taken an active stand in politics. We know what became of his candidate for Mayor in San Francisco. That man today, is serving time for robbing the people of San Francisco—and he was Mr. Hearst's personal Mayor! What did he do in Chicago? He defeated that very able man, that sincere Mayor, Mayor Dunne. Mayor Dunne was a recognized, intelligent and honest advocate of municipal ownership, and he was defeated by the Hearst influences in Chicago. What did he do in New York? Why, Mr. President and members of the Council, in New York he formed a fusion in the last election with the Republican party for the purpose of defeating Tammany Hall. Any person who is conversant with the affairs of New York City, will tell you that Tammany Hall has done more good for the poor people and for all mankind in the City of New York than any organization of a similar nature in this country. But, still, Mr. Hearst, when he could not control Tammany Hall, and the Democratic party in New York City, adopted his "rule or ruin" policy and formed a fusion with the Republican party. But the people of New York had got on to the situation that existed there, and they rose up and repudiated Hearstism and his scheme of municipal ownership, which he advocated for the purpose of blinding the people of that city. They repudiated Mr. Hearst and his fusion with the Republican party by an overwhelming majority of over 50,000 votes. We lately had an example here in this city of Mr. Hearst's influence and its effects on the Democratic party—

The CHAIR—The gentleman will be in order. The gentleman will confine himself to the question before the house, which is whether or not No. 19 on the calendar should pass. This is not a discussion as to Mr. Hearst

or Mr. Hearst's personal or public or private record.

Mr. DOHERTY—Mr. President, I merely use Mr. Hearst for the purpose of illustrating my argument against the proposition which is before us. As I have said, I was a recognized advocate of this proposition when it came before us two years ago. I was a sincere advocate—not a paid advocate, like many of those in the employ of Mr. Hearst, who are advocating this matter and this subject before the people of this Commonwealth and of other communities. I just want to show you, my friends, that this is not a Democratic measure, and I want to call to your attention the fact that the man behind this is not interested, and has not been interested, in the success and welfare of the Democratic party, excepting a desire to control it himself. Now, Mr. President, just one word in conclusion. There is no good reason why I should go into what has recently happened in this city. You and I know what has happened, and we know the cause of it as well as any man in the city knows it—and we know the result of it. That result has come from the same source as this order which is before us this evening. I am a believer in municipal ownership when it is regulated by proper safeguards, so that it can be controlled by the people. I believe first, Mr. President, that Boston should own and operate its street lighting system, and some system for lighting its public buildings. When they have demonstrated that the public can do that intelligently and economically, then it is time for the city to branch out into this wholesale system of manufacturing, distributing and selling electricity and gas in this city. Moreover, Mr. President, I believe that this order is not here tonight in its proper form. It was introduced some time in the early part of the year, and was assigned to some definite date in August. Therefore, Mr. President, I now rise to a point of order, that the order is not properly before us at the present time—that the order was assigned for a certain definite date in August, and that, not having been brought up at that date, it is not properly before us at this time.

THE CHAIR—The Chair will state that the point of order is not well taken. The question is on the passage of the order.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I do not desire to open up a protracted discussion of this matter. I agree with my colleague in the second division (Mr. McCormack) when he says that this proposition is a very serious one; and the very fact that it is a very serious proposition seems to me to be a sufficient reason why the members of the Council who were not members last year should not be asked to vote upon the passage of the order tonight. When the matter was before the body last year, we had various discussions of the question pro and con. At that time I took a stand against the proposition, and assigned what seemed to me at that time to be sufficient reasons. Those reasons still exist in my mind and, so far as I am concerned, I trust that the order will not go upon its passage tonight. If it is in order, Mr. President, I move, as an amendment to the motion now before the Council, that the matter be assigned until the next meeting.

The CHAIR—The question is on Mr. Donovan's motion, that the matter be assigned until the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. McCORMACK of Wd. 3—Mr. Pres-

ident, I do not claim that I understand this question thoroughly, but since I believe that this would be a great benefit to the citizens of the city of Boston, I feel compelled in all honesty to speak against any motion to postpone, even when it comes from one of the best friends I have in Charlestown, Councilman Donovan. I feel, Mr. President, that this is a thing that can be accomplished in a great city like this, and I still stick to my belief that the order should be passed, and will stick to it if I am defeated 1000 to one. I will stand up here for what I believe is right, or in any other place. I am willing at all times, Mr. President, to agree to anything reasonable; but when a question comes before this body which has been so well discussed as this one has, and when against all reasonable understanding some of the members of this body claim they cannot know how to vote on the measure, then I sincerely trust that the entire thing will be dropped.

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24.—Mr. President, I voted against that order when I was first a member of the Council, and I at that time had the privilege of having my photograph sent all over the New England states with the brand of "traitor" upon my forehead. Before my vote was cast at that time. I was duly notified by a representative of the Boston American that just what happened to me after I voted would be done to me. Now, a paper which will resort to that method in order to get through a measure of this kind thereby shows that it is not advocating a measure which the American people should consider favorably. You have not since my experience as a member of the City Council shown me that you were able under this present administration to administer your different departments upon a paying basis. You cannot prove to me at the present time that your method of letter contracts, or of sub-letting contracts—

The CHAIR—The question is on assignment to the next meeting of the Council. The Chair will state that the gentleman is not in order.

Mr. WILLCUTT—Mr. President, I was trying to show—if you will bear with me a minute—that the present method of conducting city business does not transact it on a businesslike basis. That is to say, the city of Boston does not employ its own men and pay them in the Paving Department to do the work of constructing streets and reconstructing streets. The city does not do that in the Sewer Department, or in other departments. What assurance have we that if we vote in favor of municipal ownership they would not sub-let the work in connection with it, the same as they do at the present time in the case of the things I have mentioned. Why do not they demonstrate to your taxpayers and to your citizens that the departments which we have at the present time can be run on a business basis. When they do that, then I say you have a right to ask us to take up municipal ownership; but until you do that, I do not see any reason why we should be asked to pass this order.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I do not intend to take up a great deal of the Council's time on this question. I took part in the debate upon this question when it came up before the Council before. At that time, I favored the passage of the order. I favor it at the present time. There was a very long discussion of the matter at that time. The experience in municipal ownership in various cities of this country was gone over thoroughly by both sides, both claiming that the experience of other cities would or

would not warrant this city in undertaking municipal lighting. The chief reason which was urged at that time against the passage of this order was that the act of the Legislature authorizing the city to undertake this enterprise was entirely unfavorable, and was surrounded with conditions and hedged in with restrictions which made it undesirable, in the minds of those who opposed the order, for the city to undertake municipal ownership. My position at that time was that, in spite of those restrictions and those adverse conditions, the order should be passed. I said at that time that the fact that the Legislature had not before then passed any more favorable legislation was good ground for thinking that it would not subsequently pass any more favorable legislation. The truth of that statement, I believe, has been proven by the fact that the Legislature has been in session a full term since then, and nothing has been done. There was something attempted. A bill was introduced in the Legislature last year for the purpose of making the conditions of this act more favorable to municipal ownership. I do not understand that it made any headway at all. I believe that it was reported upon adversely by the committee, and that the adverse report of the committee was accepted by the House. So, Mr. President, the situation is, as I said it would be at that time, that we must either adopt municipal ownership under that act, or not have it at all. Further than that, Mr. President, the conditions which called for municipal ownership at that time exist today. They have not been bettered. There has been no marked decrease in the prices charged for gas and electricity. In spite of the fact that it was shown that they were exorbitant at that time, they are still exorbitant now. For those reasons, I favor the passage of this order. And I am against the assignment of the order, for the reason that this is probably as large an attendance as we will have this year. There may possibly be another meeting before the final meeting of the year, but the chance of getting an attendance equal to that of tonight is very small; so, if the order is placed upon its passage tonight and we should fail to get a two-thirds vote, we can get a reconsideration of the matter, and that reconsideration can be brought up at probably the only other meeting that we shall have this year.

Mr. COLPOYS of Wd. 15 moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered.

The roll was called on the passage of the order, with the following result:

Yeas—Buckley, Colpoys, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (2), Doyle, Driscoll, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hanrahan, Joyce, Kelly, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (11), Pendergast, Purcell, Rachkosky, Rosenberg, Sheehan, Spellman, Sullivan (15), Troy, Wharton, Zetterman—39.

Nays—Anderson, Bagley, Barrett, Bramhall, Carruth, Clark (20), Cose, Davidson, Donerty, Donovan, Ferguson, Harding, Kennedy, McGregor, McLennan, Noyes, Penschorn, Roberts, Wentworth, Willcutt—20.

Absent or not voting—Brown, Clark (24), Ducey, George, Green, Hackett, Hatton, Hayes, Montague, Morgan, Pierce, Sacks, Santosuosso, Sorenson, Sullivan (5), Woods—16.

The CHAIR—Less than the required two-thirds having voted in favor of the passage of the order it is not a vote and the order is rejected.

Mr. DOYLE of Wd. 13 moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the order was rejected, and moved that consideration of the motion to reconsider be assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

The motion to assign was declared passed.

Several members addressed the Chair, and Mr. Doyle of Wd. 13 was recognized and called up Nos. 20 and 21, past assignments.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I arise to a point of order.

The CHAIR—The gentleman from Wd. 11 will state his point of order.

Mr. NOYES—Immediately after it was announced by the Chair that No. 19 had failed to pass, another motion was introduced proposing reconsideration and the assignment of it to the next meeting. The Chair announced that reconsideration prevailed on a voice vote and following the usual custom of the Council, several members arose and stated that they doubted the vote. Ordinary courtesy would demand that the roll be called. Ordinary courtesy would demand your recognizing some of the gentlemen who arose and doubted that vote. I here file my protest, and hereby request a vote on the question of the assignment of the reconsideration to the next meeting of the Council.

The CHAIR—The Chair will state that the gentleman's point of order is not well taken, in view of the fact that the Chair did not recognize the gentleman from Wd. 11 nor did the Chair hear any doubt of any vote before other business intervened.

Mr. NOYES—Mr. President, Mr. President—

The CHAIR—The Council will be in order. The question is on the indefinite postponement of Nos. 20 and 21.

LOANS FOR SEWER PURPOSES.

Nos. 20 and 21, past assignments, called up by Mr. Doyle of Wd. 13, were as follows:

20. Ordered, That the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) be appropriated for the construction of sewerage works under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, and acts in amendment of or in addition thereto, to be expended by the Superintendent of Sewers; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

21. Ordered, That in addition to the amount heretofore appropriated for separate systems of drainage under the provisions of chapter 333 of the Acts of 1903 there be appropriated the further sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), to be expended by the Superintendent of Sewers for said purposes; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. Doyle.

Mr. DOYLE moved to reconsider; lost.

Mr. DAVIDSON of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I rise to also voice my protest against the manner in which action was taken on No. 19 on the calendar.

COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING BUILDINGS.

Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17 called up Nos. 24, 25, 26, past assignments, viz.:

24. Communication from the Clerk of

Committees, in response to order of April 25, relative to petitions referred to the Committee on Building Department and not granted, etc.

25. Communication from the Corporation Counsel, in response to order of April 25, relative to violations of the ordinances concerning buildings outside the building limits.

26. Communication from the Corporation Counsel, relative to the granting of permits by the Board of Aldermen for the construction of tunnels and bridges between buildings.

Referred to the Finance Commission, on motion of Mr. JOYCE of Wd. 17.

Mr. JOYCE moved to reconsider; lost.

SCIGLIANO PARK.

Mr. PURCELL of Wd. 6, offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to change the name of the North End Park to Scigliano Park.

Mr. WILLCUTT moved to amend the order by striking out the last two words "Scigliano Park," and inserting in place thereof the words "Paul Revere Park."

Mr. WILLCUTT—Mr. President, the reason that I have submitted that amendment is that I believe that from that point or park, Paul Revere embarked for his ride to Lexington and Concord; and, I believe, that if the name of that park is to be changed, it should be changed to "Paul Revere Park." That is the only reason why I have introduced the amendment.

Mr. PURCELL of Wd. 6—Mr. President, I would like to correct Mr. Willcutt and say that Paul Revere embarked from Constitution wharf, and not from North End Park.

Mr. WILLCUTT'S amendment was rejected, and the order as originally introduced was declared passed.

Mr. WILLCUTT doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and the order failed of passage, 16 members voting in the affirmative and 22 in the negative.

Mr. SANTOSUOSSO of Wd. 6 moved to reconsider the vote whereby the order was rejected, and moved assignment of reconsideration to the next meeting of the Council.

The motion to assign was declared lost. Mr. SANTOSUOSSO doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote, and the motion to assign was carried, 24 members voting in the affirmative and 14 in the negative.

COASTING, JULIAN ST.

Mr. COSTELLO of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to permit coasting during the present winter season on Julian St., Wd. 16, from Howard Ave. Passed. Sent up.

SKATING, MYSTIC PLAYGROUND.

Mr. McCORMACK of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to cause the Mystic Playground, in Wd. 3, to be flooded at appropriate times for the purpose of skating.

Mr. McCORMACK—Mr. President, my remarks will be but very few. I want that thing, if possible, to be attended to. This order has been introduced here each year for the last three years. This park is as available for the people in my section as any park in any place in Boston. I want to have

that place flooded, so that they can have a chance to skate; and I ask the earnest attention of the Park Commissioners, and hope they will take care of this playground as well as they do other playgrounds in the outside sections of the city.

The order was referred to the Mayor.

SIGNS ON CITY BUILDING.

Mr. McCARTHY of Wd. 8 offered an order—That the Board of Health, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place signs on the Morgue and Supt. of Pedlers' office in the Board of Health building on North Grove St., Wd. 8.

Referred to the Mayor.

SHELTER, ADAMS SQ.

Mr. DALY of Wd. 17 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide proper shelter in Adams Sq. or for the use of Subway station, after 12 P. M.

Referred to the Mayor.

MUNICIPAL LIGHTING.

Messrs. Noyes and Harding both addressed the Chair.

Mr. NOYES—Mr. President, I was on my feet before Mr. Harding. (The Chair recognized Mr. Noyes.)

Mr. NOYES—First, Mr. President—

The CHAIR—For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. NOYES—To offer a motion, Mr. President. I move that the Council rescind the vote whereby it voted to assign to the next meeting of the Council reconsideration of No. 19. The presiding officer of this body, Mr. President, was extreme, arrogant, injudicious, unfair and impossible in his action in reference to that matter; and now, Mr. President, I demand ordinary decent treatment in this. If I am going to be defeated on my motion, all well and good; but we want to be given a fair show.

The CHAIR—The Chair will state that the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Noyes) in his very suave way should not misrepresent the attitude of the gentleman who has presided over the body, by his language. The gentleman has been treated fairly. The Chair will now put the gentleman's motion and will give to the gentleman, no matter who he is or from what section he comes, the same courtesy that is given to every other member of the body. The question is on rescinding the vote.

The motion to rescind was declared lost.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11 doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the motion to rescind was lost, yeas 20, nays 29:

Yeas—Anderson, Bagley, Bramhall, Carruth, Clark (20), Cose, Cronin, Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Ferguson, Harding, Kennedy, McGregor, McLennan, Noyes, Pensorh, Troy, Wentworth, Willcutt—20.

Nays—Colpoys, Costello, Daly (17), Driscoll, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Joyce, Kelly, Kohler, Lill, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormick, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Purcell, Rosenberg, Sheehan, Spellman, Sullivan (15), Wharton, Zetterman—29.

Absent or not voting—Barrett, Brown, Buckley, Clark (24), Daly (12), Doyle, Ducey, Foley, George, Green, Hackett,

Hanrahan, Hatton, Hayes, Leonard, Madden, Montague, Morgan, Pierce, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Sacks, Santososso, Sorenson, Sullivan (5), Woodside—26.

CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAY, WEST ROXBURY.

Mr. DAVIDSON of Wd. 23 called up No. 16, assignment, viz.:

16. Ordered, That Chapter 574 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1907, entitled "An Act to Provide for the Laying Out and Construction as a State Highway of Washington St. in the West Roxbury District of the city of Boston," be, and the same hereby is, accepted by the City Council of the city of Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Legislative Matters.

MARKET REPORT.

Mr. McGIVERN of Wd. 16, offered an order—That the Committee on Market Department on the part of the Council inform this body what action has been taken in regard to the leases or rentals of the markets in the control of the City of Boston.

THE CHAIR—The order will be referred to the Committee on Market Department.

Mr. McGIVERN of Wd. 16—Mr. President, I hope the chair will withdraw the reference.

THE CHAIR—The Chair will withdraw the reference.

Mr. McGIVERN—Mr. President, my reason for offering the order is this: I want to call the attention of the Council to the Revised Ordinances, Chapter 25, Section 2, which says, in part:

"Said Superintendent shall, on the expiration of any term of the leases of stalls in Faneuil Hall market, lease them for another term of five years—"

THE CHAIR—Will the gentleman suspend? The Chair desires to state, as a member of the Committee on Markets, that the Committee on Markets met today and adopted its final report, which will be submitted to the Board of Aldermen on Monday next.

Mr. McGIVERN—That is satisfactory to me, Mr. President. I will withdraw the order.

SKATING, COLUMBUS AVE. PLAYGROUND.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to flood and place in a proper condition for skating the Columbus Ave. Playground in Wd. 18. Referred to the Mayor.

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

Mr. DRISCOLL of Wd. 9 moved to adjourn; lost.

SKATING, WARD 12.

Mr. DALY of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide skating facilities for the children of Wd. 12.

Referred to the Mayor.

DOCK IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be and he is hereby requested to support

the petitioners for dock improvements on the northern shore of the channel in our harbor as well as on its southern shore, at the public hearing to be held before the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners—for the best interests of the whole city.

(Annexed was a copy of the petition referred to. Signed by Frank C. Wood, president Columbia Trust Company, et al.)

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1—In reference to that order I would like to say just one word to those who are perhaps not familiar with the order as introduced. The Legislature appropriated some eleven years ago, through the endeavors of our East Boston foremost citizen, ex-Gov. Bates, a million dollars for the construction of Commonwealth docks to go along a part of the shore of South Boston and also a section of East Boston, commonly called Jeffries' Point. There has been nothing whatever done in regard to that appropriation. It is simply held in abeyance, and the petition submitted with this order is simply a request to the Harbor and Land Commissioners to give the citizens of East Boston a hearing in order to find out, if possible, why the work cannot be started and to see if it cannot be started this coming spring. The resolution, as it reads, means the employment of hundreds, perhaps thousands of men. It means more business for Boston and its merchants; it means the placing of Boston where it belongs, as the leading seaport town of this country. I trust that the order will be referred to His Honor the Mayor and that he will bring his best influence to bear on the Harbor and Land Commissioners.

The order, with the accompanying petition, was referred to the Mayor.

SKATING, CHARLESBANK.

Mr. ROSENBERG of Wd. offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested to flood Charlesbank Gymnasium and keep same in good skating condition during the winter season.

Referred to the Mayor.

WD. 15 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. MEALEY of Wd. 15, offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to remove two trees in front of 98 and 100 F St., Wd. 15.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. MEALEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to repave the gutters on East Sixth St., between H and I Sts., Wd. 15.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. COLPOYS of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Park Department, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to flood McNary Park so that it will be available for skating purposes.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. COLPOYS offered an order—That the Park Department, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place additional electric lights on McNary Park during the coming skating season.

Referred to the Mayor.

POINT OF ORDER.

Mr. DAVIDSON of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. I think there is not a quorum present, and I move that the Council be now adjourned.

The CHAIR—The Clerk will call the roll to ascertain the attendance.

The Clerk called the roll, with the following result:

Present—Bagley, Bramhall, Carruth, Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Hackett, Hanrahan, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Leonard, Lill, Madien, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McLennan, Mealey, Murphy, Noonan, Noyes, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Penschorn, Purcell, Rosenberg, Santosuosso, Sheenan, Spellman, Sullivan (15), Troy, Wentworth, Wharton, Zetterman—45.

Absent—Anderson, Barrett, Brown, Buckley, Clark (20), Clark (24), Daly (12), Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Ferguson, Foley, George, Green, Harding, Hatton, Hayes, Kohler, McGivern, McGregor, Montague, Morgan, Pierce, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Sacks, Sorenson, Sullivan (5), Willcutt, Woodside—30.

The CHAIR—Forty-five members, or more than a quorum being present, point of order is not well taken.

DORCHESTER DAY MEMORIAL.

Mr. BRAMHALL of Wd. 20 offered an order—That a second edition, consisting of one thousand copies of the proceedings of Dorchester Day, June 8, 1907, be printed, the expense of same to be charged to the appropriation for Printing Department; such documents to be distributed under the direction of the Joint Committee on Printing.

Referred to the Committee on Printing.

WD. 20 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. HARDING of Wd. 20 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to remove the tree in front of No. 8 Ditson St., Wd. 20.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. HARDING offered an order—That the Street Department, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to repair the surface of Park St., Wd. 20, at the junction of Upland Ave.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. HARDING offered an order—That the Street Department, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a flagstone crosswalk at Pilgrim Pl. and Richfield St., Wd. 20.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. HARDING offered an order—That the School Committee be requested to establish an evening high school in the Dorchester District.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. HARDING offered an order—That the Street Department be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to grade the sidewalk on Park St., Wd. 20, north side, between the railroad and Vinson St.

Referred to the Mayor.

TRAIN ACCOMMODATIONS, SHAWMUT BRANCH.

Mr. HARDING of Wd. 20 offered the following:

Whereas, The accommodation afforded by the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. to its patrons on the Shawmut branch are inadequate, that there are not sufficient cars on various trains to seat passengers and that such conditions are dangerous to the safety and comfort of passengers and citizens of Boston, be it

Ordered, That the Board of Railroad Commissioners be requested to take such measures as will insure proper ac-

commodations to patrons and that said Railroad Commissioners be requested to advise this body what action may be taken by them.

Ordered, That a copy of aforesaid order be sent to the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.
Passed.

IMPROVEMENTS AT ROXBURY CROSSING.

Mr. MADDEN of Wd. 19, offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to make it a little more convenient for the public at Roxbury Crossing.

Mr. MADDEN, of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I would like to say a few words in behalf of that order. At Roxbury Crossing there is a car stable, and the condition of affairs there is such as to cause great inconvenience to the public, the people traveling on foot and driving teams at any time. In changing about the cars, people are held up sometimes from five to ten minutes. They cover up the crosswalks and cause a bad condition of affairs, and I think there should be something done in the matter.

The order was referred to the Mayor.

SKATING, M ST. PLAYGROUND.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to have M St. Playground flooded at appropriate times for skating purposes.

Referred to the Mayor.

INVESTIGATION OF PENAL INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

The PRESIDENT called up No. 23, past assignment, viz.:

23. Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of seven members of the Common Council, together with such Aldermen as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to investigate the conduct of affairs of the Penal Institutions Department; that it submit its report within three months from this date with such recommendation as it may deem proper, and that the expense incurred by said committee be charged to the "City Council, Incidental Expenses."

Indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. HARDING of Wd. 20.

COASTING, WDS. 19 AND 22.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to permit coasting during the present winter season on Parker and Phillips Sts., in Wd. 19.

Passed. Sent up.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to permit coasting during the present winter season on Walden St., Wd. 22.
Passed. Sent up.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS, WD. 13.

Mr. NOONAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place an electric arc light on First St., at the corner of the alley adjoining the yard of the Metropolitan Coal Company.

Referred to the Mayor.

LIGHTS ON SHELTERS.

Mr. NOONAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place electric cluster lights in all shelters on bridges.

Referred to the Mayor.

REPORT REQUESTED.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Clerk of the Common Council obtain for this body the report of the Commission on Combustibles of New York city and what recommendation as to legislation has been made on said subject.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that there is not a quorum present.

The CHAIR—The gentleman from Wd. 25 raises the point of order that a quorum is not present. The Clerk will call the roll to ascertain the attendance.

The Clerk called the roll, with the following result:

Present—Bagley, Carruth, Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Hanrahan, Kelly, Leonard, Lill, Madden, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McLennan, Mealey, Noonan, Pendergast, Rosenberg, Sheehan, Spellman, Wentworth, Wharton, Zetterman—26.

Absent—Anderson, Bartlett, Bramhall, Brown, Buckley, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Doyle, Driscoll, Ducey, Ferguson, Foley, George, Green, Hackett, Harding, Hatton, Hayes, Joyce, Kennedy, Köhler, McCabe, McGivern, McGregor, Montague, Morgan, Noyes, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Penshorn, Pierce, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Roberts, Sacks, Santosuosso, Sorenson, Sullivan (6), Sullivan (15), Troy, Willcutt, Woodside—49.

It appearing from the rollcall that a quorum was not present, the Chair, at 10:15 P. M., declared the Council adjourned to Thursday, Dec. 26, at 7:45 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Dec. 23, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Ald. BALDWIN in the Chair. Absent—Ald. Whelton.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. BELL, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 514, Acts of 1894, viz.:

Twenty-two grand jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear Jan. 6, 1908, viz.:

John J. Mooney, Wd. 5; Andrew Peterson, Wd. 20; Daniel W. Daly, wd. 15; Hugh A. McArthur, Wd. 25; John P. Brady, Wd. 12; Patrick T. Cronin, Wd. 2; Albion D. Wilde, Wd. 23; Francis J. Barry, Wd. 11; Theodore G. Strater, Jr., Wd. 21; John A. Power, Wd. 9; William G. Turrill, Wd. 17; Arthur W. Sherman, Wd. 20; Charles D. W. Marcy, Wd. 24; August D. Plett, Wd. 15; Robert Howley, Wd. 25; Cornelius P. Flynn, Wd. 24; Silas Peavy, Wd. 21; Edward J. Melten, Wd. 4; Thomas McCarthy, Wd. 14; Gerald M. Morrison, Wd. 23; William B. Quigley, Wd. 25; Joseph W. Murphy, Wd. 17.

Forty-one traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, to appear Jan. 13, 1908, viz.:

John A. Seaverns, Wd. 22; William H. Nowlan, Wd. 5; John H. Haugh, Wd. 2; John F. Mooney, Wd. 24; James W. McKenney, Wd. 25; Henry H. Woodworth, Wd. 17; Frank J. Bonnelle, Wd. 21; Henry D. Shattuck, Wd. 12; William K. Greeley, Wd. 24; George L. Bond, Wd. 1; Martin M. Tobin, Wd. 15; John F. O'Brien, Wd. 7; Andrew P. Lane, Wd. 16; Christopher Donegan, Wd. 2; Joseph A. Linehan, Wd. 2; Frederick L. Andrew, Wd. 21; Edward L. Leonard, Wd. 17; James T. Powers, Wd. 14; Peter A. McDonald, Wd. 4; Christopher Shannon, Wd. 19; George Walters, Wd. 1; Bernard J. McCairn, Wd. 4; John W. McGarry, Wd. 19; John McIntire, Wd. 8; Lucian C. Creber, Wd. 23; Michael J. McGrath, Wd. 20; Joseph J. Wall, Wd. 20; Thomas J. Dwyer, Wd. 17; Michael J. Rosendorf, Wd. 7; Richard F. Sweeney, Wd. 5; Frank Brennan, Wd. 10; Frank V. Stiles, Wd. 24; Charles H. Johnston, Wd. 23; Thomas J. McMackin, Wd. 6; James L. Burns, Wd. 14; Frank J. Hackett, Wd. 3; John J. Minton, Wd. 14; Abraham A. Rothenberg, Wd. 12; Garrett Vanderveer, Wd. 18; Hermon W. Stevens, Wd. 10; Daniel Carter, Wd. 1.

Thirty-five traverse jurors were drawn for each of the First to Seventh Sessions, inclusive, of the Superior Civil Court, said jurors to appear in each session on Jan. 6th, 1908, viz.:

First Session—Edward Hartnett, Wd. 14; W. Albert Deckert, Wd. 20; John Fitzpatrick, Wd. 13; Jeremiah J. Sullivan, Wd. 14; Murdock McKensie, Wd. 23; John I. De Wolf, Wd. 14; William Erelamy, Wd. 20; Hugh W. Bresnahan, Wd. 13; James G. Martin, Wd. 25; Henry M. Rich, Wd. 10; Horatio Davis, Wd. 11; Joseph Thornton, Wd. 4; William J. Clancy, Wd. 23; John F. Glynn,

Wd. 1; Thomas F. Kelley, Wd. 5; Edward J. Wheeler, Wd. 23; Martin H. Jenkins, Wd. 17; Hugh R. Holmes, Wd. 3; Edward E. Holmes, Wd. 11; Charles O. Anderson, Wd. 22; George R. Wright, Wd. 21; William J. Wides, Wd. 18; Francis B. McKinney, Wd. 25; Thomas Dalton, Wd. 10; John L. Denn, Wd. 13; Arthur E. Marr, Wd. 17; John P. Hession, Wd. 16; Mina J. O'Callaghan, Wd. 16; Thomas A. Peers, Wd. 2; Francis J. Driscoll, Wd. 21; William D. Huddleson, Wd. 22; Martain E. Hatch, Wd. 13; Thomas C. Hadley, Wd. 21; Walter B. Bailey, Wd. 5; John H. Sullivan, Wd. 15.

Second Session—Frank L. Young, Wd. 24; John J. Finnan, Wd. 6; Patrick Doherty, Wd. 8; Humphrey Greer, Wd. 3; John R. Storey, Wd. 1; Henry A. Plimpton, Wd. 19; Frank A. Haynes, Wd. 5; John Carlson, Wd. 18; Charles A. Howland, Wd. 24; Daniel E. Colton, Wd. 15; Charles H. Lindsay, Wd. 20; Ralph C. Blockson, Wd. 25; Francis C. Gilbert, Wd. 24; Alvin R. Brown, Wd. 21; Frederick E. Cotter, Wd. 1; Arthur O'Keefe, Wd. 17; William J. Sheehan, Wd. 14; John B. Strongman, Wd. 23; Patrick E. Moran, Wd. 23; Patrick J. Flynn, Wd. 25; Cyrus Baikim, Wd. 24; Francis M. Edwards, Wd. 20; David W. Edwards, Jr., Wd. 21; Albert L. Beach, Wd. 24; Cornelius J. Lane, Wd. 7; James A. Guin, Wd. 17; Franklin S. Williams, Wd. 21; William C. Wentzell, Wd. 11; James J. McCarthy, Wd. 19; Thomas McQueeney, Wd. 2; Frank A. Bugbee, Wd. 16; Lawrence Farley, Wd. 19; James Conway, Wd. 8; Elmer E. Lord, Wd. 24; James H. Butler, Wd. 8.

Third Session—Cyril C. Blaney, Wd. 24; Myron S. Pearl, Wd. 8; George C. Whitemore, Wd. 11; Walter M. Short, Wd. 14; Joseph H. Regan, Wd. 2; Charles F. McCarthy, Wd. 3; William J. Looney, Wd. 13; John Daly, Wd. 8; George F. Amory, Wd. 6; Joseph Falksohn, Wd. 18; Harold T. Brock, Wd. 2; Michael J. Tobin, Wd. 23; James H. Ball, Wd. 25; Thomas Curtin, Wd. 8; George H. Greenwood, Wd. 20; Louis H. Epstein, Wd. 8; Charles G. Howe, Wd. 20; Giovanni B. Perroni, Wd. 1; John W. Fox, Wd. 13; William A. Robb, Wd. 17; Angus D. McEwern, Wd. 3; Thomas Murphy, Wd. 19; Michael J. Foley, Wd. 13; Aaron Pinkofsky, Wd. 20; Martin Williams, Wd. 18; Frederick F. Ford, Wd. 16; Michael G. Power, Wd. 4; Thomas Roach, Wd. 12; Peter F. Molley, Wd. 13; Eliot E. Sayward, Wd. 16; Herman Wessling, Wd. 21; Edward J. O'Neil, Wd. 7; John H. Coffey, Wd. 15; Cornelius J. Crowley, Wd. 5; Frank James, Wd. 4.

Fourth Session: Joseph A. Becker, Wd. 17; August Kirchgessner, Wd. 15; Richard Williams, Wd. 17; Daniel J. Coughlin, Wd. 13; Hugh F. McKenna, Wd. 15; Patrick J. Toomey, Wd. 7; Richard J. Timmons, Wd. 22; Frank J. Prindible, Wd. 21; Henry J. Clayton, Wd. 25; Percy E. Smith, Wd. 3; Roger F. Scannell, Wd. 19; John B. F. Shields, Wd. 4; John W. Tobin, Wd. 23; Timothy P. Sullivan, Wd. 8; Nelson H. Armington, Wd. 20; Edward Flynn, Wd. 7; Patrick O'Meara, Wd. 7; James W. Reed, Wd. 21; Charles A. Deering, Wd. 25; Frank E. Wingate, Wd. 25; Stephen Hughes, Wd. 13; William H. Lane, Wd. 16; George F. Jewett, Wd. 19; Arthur O. C. Hill, Wd. 20; Frederick P. McGrath, Wd. 13; John F. McCready, Wd. 5; John A. Willoughby, Wd. 9; Gerhard H. Kamp, Wd. 19; Phillip Martelle, Wd. 13; Charles A. Bennett, Wd. 22; Frank W. Dillingham, Wd. 11; George Yates, Wd. 8; Wm. F. Bache, Wd. 16; Eugene P. Clapp, Wd. 17; Patrick Boyle, Wd. 24.

Fifth Session. John B. McNutt, Wd. 15; Martin Burns, Wd. 3; George H. Robinson, Wd. 4; Joseph J. Grady, Wd.

21; John McEvoy, Wd. 22; James Dolan, Wd. 14; Joshua S. Small, Wd. 1; Wm. H. Lehman, Wd. 19; Nelson H. Hildreth, Wd. 24; Gelston Whittemore, Wd. 11; John Cunningham, Wd. 1; Wm. H. Condry, Wd. 7; Allen C. Curtis, Wd. 13; Alexander H. Gaynor, Wd. 7; Michael J. Sullivan, Wd. 2; Thomas F. Anglin, Wd. 8; John J. A'Hearn, Wd. 15; Edward F. Macomber, Wd. 20; Chas. H. Landers, Wd. 20; Joseph Curcio, Wd. 2; Eliot C. Clarke, Wd. 11; Timothy Coughlin, Wd. 4; Arthur M. Hovey, Wd. 12; John A. Macdonald, Wd. 19; Stephen N. Bond, Wd. 11; Richard F. Condon, Wd. 3; James W. Loughlin, Wd. 14; Wm. E. Wymna, Wd. 1; Edward D. Atherton, Wd. 11; Baylor Ricks, Wd. 9; Thomas H. Hudson, Wd. 20; Albert W. Erickson, Wd. 21; Chas. H. Evans, Wd. 18; Geo. Lang, Wd. 22; Sixth Session—Daniel Maddalena, Wd. 9; Geo. L. Littauer, Wd. 10; Hyman Brown, Wd. 8; Edward L. Butler, Wd. 2; Geo. A. Davidson, Wd. 23; Timothy A. Connors, Wd. 5; Bartholomew Moran, Wd. 8; Frederick J. Peterson, Wd. 23; Everett E. Mann, Wd. 25; Edward L. Woods, Wd. 1; Ralph L. Tufts, Wd. 10; Thomas Bowman, Wd. 16; Alexander Baxter, Wd. 15; Byram W. Hatch, Wd. 18; Frank L. Bolan, Wd. 16; James H. Beattie, Wd. 19; J. Frank Madigan, Wd. 8; Ira C. Bumpus, Wd. 1; Herbert L. Ewer, Wd. 21; Wm. S. Watts, Wd. 1; Horatio H. Leonard, Wd. 16; Edward G. Gardiner, Wd. 11; Willie E. Hubbard, Wd. 25; Oscar Ceruvels, Wd. 15; Henry A. McCurdy, Wd. 20; Jeremiah H. Conkey, Wd. 25; John J. Gilmore, Wd. 19; Edville E. Sanford, Wd. 18; John J. Gillon, Wd. 17; Otis B. Jepson, Wd. 17; Lawrence McGovern, Wd. 19; Wm. H. Jones, Wd. 25; Thomas O'Neil, Wd. 6.

Seventh Session—William S. Bennett, Wd. 24; William T. Mann, Wd. 25; Thomas W. O'Brien, Wd. 1; Charles E. Pratt, Wd. 17; Lucius K. Marsh, Wd. 12; Milton E. Murray, Wd. 25; George W. Goodwin, Wd. 18; Daniel L. Conolly, Wd. 9; Thomas W. Curra, Wd. 25; Thomas E. McDonald, Wd. 2; Ellery F. Knowlton, Wd. 19; Andrew G. Dahl, Wd. 19; Oscar Parker, Wd. 9; Edwin G. Tyler, Wd. 21; George J. Smith; Wd. 20; William J. Watt, Wd. 15; Edward L. Coady, Wd. 3; Winfred S. Bennett, Wd. 16; Alexander D. Cameron, Wd. 20; Herman D. Umbstaetter, Wd. 10; John J. Gillis, Wd. 13; Arthur E. Merritt, Wd. 16; James Sullivan, Wd. 13; Benjamin Pool, Wd. 24; Harry Addison, Wd. 23; Clark G. Petersen, Wd. 20; Lawrence Tobin, Wd. 13; Thomas Rasmusen, Wd. 24; William H. Cooper, Wd. 6; Patrick J. McCrohan, Wd. 17; Edward J. Cain, Wd. 22; Patrick McDermott, Wd. 23; Maurice Kiley, Wd. 5; William J. Dunn, Wd. 2; John J. Driscoll, Wd. 13.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Board the Mayor submitted the following appointments, viz:

(1) William F. Kenney (1287 Commonwealth Ave., Wd. 25), a member of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library for the term ending April 30, 1911, to take the place of Solomon Lincoln, deceased.

(2) Bennie M. Schwartz (39 Maverick Sq.), a constable of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1907.

(3) John J. Kenney (14 Noanet St., Wd. 7), a Constable of the city of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1908.

(4) Harry Duffy (250 Everett St., Wd. 2), a Constable of the city of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1908.

(5) Joseph A. Brown (Boston Almshouse and Hospital, Long Island, and Thomas B. Noonan (Boston Almshouse

and Hospital, Long Island), Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1908.

(6) Arthur P. Brown (Boston Almshouse and Hospital, Long Island), a Weigher of Beef for the term ending April 30, 1908.

(7) Arthur W. Gibby (Withington St., Wd. 24), a Weigher of Boilers and Heavy Machinery for the term ending April 30, 1908.

(8) Frank M. Westgate (Boston Almshouse and Hospital, Long Island), an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw for the term ending April 30, 1908.

(9) Leonard T. Purdy (32 Wellington St., Wd. 12), a Measurer of Grain for the term ending April 30, 1908.

Severally laid over, under the law.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, Dec. 23, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed Charles L. Cooney (335 Savin Hill Ave., Wd. 20) an Insane Hospital Trustee, under Stat. 1897, Chap. 395, as amended by Stat. 1897, Chap. 451, for the term ending April 30, 1912.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Placed on file.

REMOVAL OF ASHES.

The following was received:

City of Boston

Office of the Mayor, Dec. 23, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Sanitary Department in answer to your order requesting a list of all buildings in the City of Boston from which ashes are not removed except upon payment by the owner or occupant.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Sanitary Dept., Boston, Nov. 17, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, City of Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:—I respectfully submit the enclosed list of places from which this department does not remove ashes except upon payment by the owner or occupant, as requested by an order passed by the Board of Aldermen, Nov. 11, 1907, and which I herewith return.

The charge for removal of such ashes is for 70 per cent. of the total amount at the rate of 10 cents per barrel.

Very respectfully yours,

Daniel H. Gillespie, Supt.

LIST OF BUILDINGS FROM WHICH ASHES ARE REMOVED AND CHARGED FOR.

Ames Building, 1 Court St.

F. L. Ames Estate, corner Essex and Lincoln Sts.

F. L. Ames Estate, 521 Washington St.

F. L. Ames Estate, 77 Chauncey St.

F. L. Ames Estate, 65 Bedford St.

William H. Allen, 67 Chauncey St.

Allen Gymnasium, 44 St. Botolph St.

A. Adelman, 357 Cambridge St.

Aldrich & Smith, 23 Portland St.

American Bell Telephone, 125 Milk St.

American Hide & Leather Co., 17 East St.

Ashton Valve Co., 271 Franklin St.

Aspinwall & Codman, Hawes St.

Auto Station, Park Sq.

Bangs & Wells, 12-20 Pemberton Sq.

Bangs & Wells, 78 Portland St.

J. M. Beebe Estate, 113 Winthrop Sq.

- Chamber of Commerce, India St.
 B. Y. M. C. Association, 458 Boylston St.
 Boston Public Buildings Department, National St., South Boston.
 Boston Public Library, 230 Dartmouth St.
 Boston Fire Department, repair shop, Bristol St.
 Boston Fire Department, Engine 44, India Wharf.
 Boston Fire Department, Engine 14, Centre St., Roxbury.
 Boston Fire Department, Engine 8, North Grove St.
 Boston Fire Department, Engine 31, Central Wharf.
 Boston Police Department, Station 1, 209 Hanover St.
 Boston Police Department, Station 4, 39 Lagrange St.
 Boston Police Department, Station 5, 678 Harrison Ave.
 Boston Police Department, Station 3, Joy St.
 Boston Police Department, Station 6, Athens St., South Boston.
 Boston Transcript, 324 Washington St.
 Boston Traveler Co., 76 Summer St.
 Bedford Building, 17 Lincoln St.
 G. W. Bent & Co., 203 Portland St.
 Adeliza A. Betts, 175 Bellevue St.
 Bowditch Block, 36 South St.
 Bliss & Co., 5-6 Park Sq.
 Bradley & Tyson, 28 Summer St.
 Brattle Block, Brattle Sq.
 Brazer Building, 27 State St.
 Brooks R. E. Trust, Congress-St. Pl.
 Brown, Durrell & Co., 104 Kingston St.
 Bryant & Hill, 172 Tremont St.
 G. A. Carpenter, 77 Summer St.
 Century Building, 3 Winter St.
 Claffin Building, 20 Beacon St.
 Cobb's Tea Store, 71 Court St.
 Colonial Building, 100 Boylston St.
 Compton Trust, 161 Devonshire St.
 Congregational House, 14 Beacon St.
 Congress Building Trust, Congress St.
 T. D. Cook & Co., 23-33 Avon St.
 C. E. Cotting, 15-23 Pemberton Sq.
 C. E. Cotting, 79 Milk St.
 C. E. Cotting, 106 Beach St.
 C. E. Cotting, 109 Kingston St.
 C. E. Cotting, 46 Cornhill.
 C. E. Cotting, 68 South St.
 Cumner, Jones & Co., 90 Chauncy St.
 Dean Building, 60 India St.
 Devonshire Building, 194 Washington St.
 Amory Eliot, 10-14 Summer St.
 Evans House, 175 Tremont St.
 Exchange Building, 19 Kilby St.
 Exchange Club, 22 Battery-march St.
 Falvey Bros. Co., 423 Broadway, South Boston.
 Frank Ferdinand, 2260 Washington St.
 Ford Building, Bowdoin St.
 George Frost Co., 551 Tremont St.
 William Gaston Estate, 94 South St.
 J. T. Glines, 50 India St.
 Globe Building, 244 Washington St.
 Pierce J. Grace, 224 Tremont St.
 Frederick Haarty & Co., 23 South St.
 L. M. Ham, 152 Portland St.
 Hastings Estate, 165 Tremont St.
 Hawley, Folsom & Rominus, 81 Essex St.
 Hazen & Co., 119 No. Washington St.
 Heat & Power Co., 1 Bath St.
 Hoffman House, 128 Berkeley St.
 Hollander & Co., 202-216 Boylston St.
 John Holman & Co., 134 Richmond St.
 Hotel Pelham, 74 Boylston St.
 C. F. Hovey & Co., 33 Summer St.
 India Building, 80-88 State St.
 Jewelers' Building, Cor. Washington and Bromfield Sts.
 H. A. Johnson & Co., 224 State St.
 Jones, McDuffee & Stratton, 33 Franklin St.
 Jordan, Marsh & Co., 2 Bedford St.
 E. D. Jordan Estate, 77 Bedford St.
 E. D. Jordan Estate, 7-9 Park Sq.
 Keiths' Theatre, Washington St.
 Joy, Langdon & Co., 99 Chauncy St.
 Kimball Building, Tremont St., and 31 Court St.
 Lawrence Building, 149-A Tremont St.
 Lawrence Estate, 83-85 Devonshire St.
 Liberty Tree Block, 11 Essex St.
 John Lowell, 25 Causeway St.
 D. S. McDonald Co., 48 Winter St.
 Macullar, Packer Co., 81 Hawley St.
 Majestic Theatre, Tremont St.
 Marlboro Building, 403 Washington St.
 Massachusetts Hospital L. I. Co., 50 State street.
 Masonic Temple, 51 Boylston St.
 Master Builders, 19 Federal St.
 Minot Building, 113 Devonshire St.
 Alfred Mudge & Son, 24 Franklin St.
 Fred W. Minroe, 373 Tremont St.
 Mutual Life Insurance Co., N. Y., 95 Milk St.
 Nevins Building Trust, 78-84 Chauncy St.
 New England Mutual Life Insurance Company, 87 Milk St.
 Paddock Building, 101 Tremont St.
 Park Building, 2 Park Square.
 Gilman S. Parker, 85 Central St.
 Parker, Wilder & Co., 4 Winthrop Square.
 S. J. Parkhill Co., 226 Franklin St.
 Phillips Building, 11 Hamilton Place.
 J. S. Potter estate, 9 Quincy Row.
 Isaac Pratt & Co., 50 Bromfield St.
 E. E. & H. N. Richards, 114 State St.
 Rogers Building, 209 Washington St.
 Scollay Building Trust, Court Sq.
 Shepard, Norwell Co., Winter St.
 A. Shuman Co., cor. Washington and Summer Sts.
 Henry Siegel Co., Essex and Washington Sts.
 South Street Trust, Essex and South Sts.
 South Terminal Trust Co., 226 Summer St.
 Standard Glass Co., A St., South Boston.
 R. H. Stearns, Temple Pl.
 Stone Building, 711 Boylston St.
 A. Stowell Co., 7 Temple Pl.
 Studio Building, 110 Tremont St.
 Symphony Hall, Huntington Av.
 Trade Building, 67-91 North Washington St.
 Tremont Building, 73 Tremont St.
 Tremont Temple, Tremont St.
 William Underwood, 52 Fulton St.
 United Realty Co., 5 Bromfield St.
 Waitt & Bond, 67 Endicott St.
 Walker Building, 110 Boylston St.
 Washburn R. E. L'td., 700 Washington St.
 Washburn R. E. Co., 28 Beach St.
 W. B. P. Weeks, 144 High St.
 W. B. P. Weeks, 27 Beach St.
 W. B. P. Weeks, 15 Hartford St.
 W. B. P. Weeks, 68 Chauncy St.
 W. B. P. Weeks, Arch St.
 W. B. P. Weeks, 93 Summer St.
 F. C. Welch, 131 Kingston St.
 F. C. Welch, 20 Elm St.
 W. F. Weld Estate, 38 Otis St.
 Warren Chambers, 419 Boylston St.
 Wesleyan Building, 36 Bromfield St.
 Whitecomb, Wead & Co., 120 Pearl St.
 George R. White, 521 Washington St.
 F. W. & F. B. Wildes, Friend St.
 A. J. Wilkinson Co., 184 Washington St.
 B. M. Wolf, 104 Hanover St.
 Worthington Building, 31 State St.
 Wright & Potter, 18 Postoffice Sq.
 Placed on file.

REPORT OF WATER FRONT COMMISSION.

The following was received:
 City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, Dec. 23, 1907.

To the City Council:

I am submitting herewith the report of the Preliminary Water Front Com-

mission, appointed in compliance with my message under date of Oct. 22, 1906.

Inasmuch as the future prosperity of Boston must depend largely upon her maritime commerce, it is absolutely essential that immediate action be taken toward securing the fullest possible development of the transportation facilities of the port. In view of the fact that the great ports of the world are at the present time making large expenditures for the improvement of their ocean-going traffic facilities, the duty of the City of Boston should be clear. To the end that these matters receive the careful attention warranted by the gravity of the situation, I would respectfully suggest that the recommendation of the Commission as to a permanent board be given serious consideration.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Preliminary Water Front Commission
of Boston,

Boston, Nov. 29, 1907.

To the Honorable John F. Fitzgerald,
Mayor of Boston.

Sir:—The Preliminary Water Front Commission, appointed by Your Honor, Oct. 22, 1906, having examined the conditions existing in the several matters referred to in Your Honor's message of said date, and having completed its labors, begs leave to report as follows:

The city needs and uses wharf and water front locations for the departments and uses named below, to wit: Ferries Department, Fire Department, Penal Institutions, Street Department and its several divisions, including Sewer, Sanitary and Paving Divisions, Park Department and Bath Department. Most of these locations are owned by the city, a full list of the same being appended hereto and made part of this report, but some are leased and charged to the particular departments using the same; all are fully utilized and are well adapted to the respective purposes for which they are used.

The larger question of what the city can do to promote the best use of the water front for commercial purposes, especially that portion of it adapted for foreign and coastwise shipping, involves large issues and is of paramount importance in connection with the growth and commercial prosperity of both the city and of the state. Boston from the earliest Colonial days up to the middle of the last century was the principal seaport on the Atlantic coast. About the middle of the last century New York wrested first place from us.

How to improve our position is the question which faces Boston today. We have many natural advantages over other seaports—a fine harbor, good channels and plenty of room for making dock extension without excessive expense; and the fact that Boston is considerably nearer the great commercial ports of Europe than any first-class port on this side of the Atlantic is of course a great point in our favor.

Until recently our harbor has not been of sufficient depth or width to safely float ships such as are in use today; but this handicap no longer exists, for it now has a depth of 27 feet in the upper harbor and 39 feet in Broad Sound, and with the completion of existing contracts we shall have a channel from the bay to docks 35 feet deep and 1200 to 1500 feet wide.

The next reason for our loss of ocean commerce seems to be lack of proper docks. Forty years ago the docks of Boston were sufficient to accommodate the largest ships afloat; since that time

the size and number of ships in use has increased by nearly 75 per cent., and yet the docks of Boston remain practically the same now as then, the exception being the Commonwealth and New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad docks at South Boston.

This lack of proper docks, both in size and equipment, seems to be the greatest drawback Boston has to contend with at the present time. The present docks are not long or wide enough to accommodate ships even of the size now coming here, and this absolutely prevents the sending here of larger ships. This condition is inimical to any advancement of this port, as it is a well-known fact that dispatch is of the first importance in handling cargoes and this cannot be secured unless docks are of sufficient length to allow work on all the ship's hatches at the same time. Another serious drawback at this port is the lack of proper railroad and lighterage facilities to handle freight in loading and unloading ships.

All the first-class ports of the world have innumerable devices for handling and moving freight of all kinds with the greatest dispatch, ease and economy. Immense traveling and stationary cranes, operated by steam, electric or hydraulic power, capable of handling carload lots at one movement, are found at all first-class ports and are of prime importance, but are conspicuous at Boston by their absence. At all the principal ports of Europe great storehouses are to be found on or immediately adjacent to the docks, so that unnecessary time and expense is avoided in handling and storing either outgoing or incoming freight. One of the most urgent needs of the port is the immediate construction of a mercantile dry dock, of either the concrete or floating type, of sufficient size to accommodate the largest steamship likely to enter the harbor during the next 15 or 20 years.

While Boston is well supplied with railroads, the approaches and track connections with wharves and docks leave much to be improved. At Charlestown the railroads serving the Hoosac Tunnel docks have only two tracks, one inward and one outward, for all this territory, and great delay to freight and often to steamships is caused by the lack of better track facilities. This should be remedied in some way at once, and all the docks used for foreign shipping should be provided with ample space for the free movement of cars and trains at all times. The Commission has already taken the initiative in the Charlestown matter, and as a result of its recommendations the question is now being looked into by the city authorities and the state railroad board.

The reasons for the present comparatively backward state of this port may be summed up briefly, as follows: Inadequate docks and wharves; lack of proper freight handling and moving facilities; inadequate railroad connections and track spaces; poor warehouse and storehouse conditions, and the lack of a modern mercantile dry dock.

Outside the matters referred to above, another condition exists which undoubtedly has much to do with the present state of affairs, and that is, that Boston has no central public or private board or organization having immediate control, supervision or responsibility over docks and wharves, charges, shipping and general maritime business. While it is true that the various commercial organizations of the city take great interest in these things and have accomplished much for the advancement of the port, there should be some public or private board vested

with proper authority over such matters, such as is found at all first-class ports.

All the large ports of England and on the Continent have made tremendous improvements in the last 25 years—with the notable exception of London. The port of Hamburg has in the short term of 20 years risen to a commanding place in commercial importance, owing to the great improvement and enlargement of its port and equipment; in June, 1907, the city voted \$14,375,000 for further extension of the port, making a total sum since 1888 of about \$64,000,000.

Antwerp, likewise situated on a river and about 60 miles from the sea, has done great things in port improvements, and in 1906 an appropriation of \$53,000,000 was made for this purpose by the Belgian government. Eight thousand acres of land have been purchased, and new basins and docks, with nine new piers longer than those at Hamburg, with tracks and warehouses and the most modern port equipment, are now being built and installed. The course of the river Scheldt for a distance of about five miles is being radically changed.

At Liverpool the entire business of the port is controlled by the Mersey Docks and Harbor Board, a public body incorporated by Act of Parliament, consisting of 28 members, 24 of whom are elected by the Dock-Rate payers, and four are members ex-officio. Liverpool is pre-eminently the largest and cheapest port in England from the shipping standpoint. Its great success as a leading port is attributed briefly to its "first-class dock, shed and warehouse accommodation, superior facilities for the rapid discharge and loading of ships and manipulation of cargoes on the quays, reasonable dues on ships and goods, etc."

The outlay for new work, dredging and maintenance at Liverpool has been enormous, to wit, \$126,098,715 up to 1901; and in 1906 a further sum of \$60,000,000 was appropriated and is now being expended.

The ports of Glasgow, Newcastle-on-Tyne and Southampton are all managed by public boards similar to that at Liverpool, and are successful first-class ports, with modern equipment of all kinds. Glasgow has expended about \$60,000,000 up to 1894, and Newcastle-on-Tyne about \$32,500,000 up to 1907. The amount expended at Southampton is not obtainable at present. This city, whose principal docks are under railway ownership, is rapidly becoming the leading port in England for passenger business, because of its channel location and superior railroad connections with London and the interior, these are made right on the wharf, at the steamship's side.

Bristol, England; Cardiff, Wales, Bremen and Bremerhaven, Germany, and Marseilles, France, are all ports which have expended large sums for enlargement and equipment, thereby keeping abreast of the times and profiting by the consequent increase of shipping and general business.

In our own country, New York, Philadelphia, Newport News, Baltimore, Savannah, Brunswick, Ga.; Stockton Springs, Me., New Orleans and Galveston, on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, and San Francisco, Portland and Seattle, on the Pacific, are all forging ahead by wise and far-seeing plans for enlargement and betterment of equipment, involving the expenditure of large sums of money for improvements.

New York has this year authorized the expenditure of \$29,000,000 for the purchase of land at South Brooklyn

and the building of 11 piers half a mile long, with railways and storehouses and modern appliances on each. The Dock Commissioner of New York, which city owns most of its water front, states that the rentals from docks exceeds \$4,000,600 annually at the present time.

San Francisco is planning the expenditure of \$40,000,000 in the building and equipping of about 10 miles of new piers and docks of modern ideas of construction.

Montreal has a new dock system, modeled after those of some of the more progressive foreign ports.

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, is building a new dock system with a stone quay about two miles long, a channel 910 feet wide and 20 feet deep, and the most modern warehouses and apparatus for handling cargo from shore to ship, to be completed at a cost of \$42,000,000.

In every instance the expenditure of these large sums has proved profitable from a financial standpoint, and has invariably aided the community in general in which it has been spent by attracting shipping and commercial enterprises, and increasing population and prosperity generally.

On March 19, 1907, this commission sent a letter, together with a series of nine questions, to the American consuls at all the principal foreign ports, and to the Chambers of Commerce of the principal ports of the United States. A copy of the questions, together with copies of such answers as have been received, are appended hereto and made a part of this report.

In conclusion, this commission recommends that action be taken by the city that will lead to the formation of some permanent board or commission, under either public or private authority, or both, for the construction, management and control of docks and wharves, and for the supervision of shipping and allied interests at the Port of Boston.

Respectfully submitted this twentieth day of November, 1907.

Members of the commission—John C. Watson, Edward Seaver, George H. Balderson, Michael F. Donovan, Henry W. Hunt, Andrew P. Lane.

John C. Watson, Chairman.
Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. CURLEY.

SHIPMENT OF ASHES, ETC.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Dec. 23, 1907.

To the City Council:

I transmit herewith copy of letter addressed by me on March 25th, 1907, to the City Engineer, requesting him to serve as one member of a commission of three engineering and sanitary experts to examine thoroughly into the question of the use of Fort Hill Wharf by the city for the shipment of ashes and garbage, and to secure the services of Professor William T. Sedgwick of the Institute of Technology and of X. H. Goodnough, engineer of the State Board of Health as the other two members of such commission. The commission was constituted of these three gentlemen and they have made two reports upon the matters referred to. The first, dated Sept. 10th, 1907, and the second and final one, dated Dec. 17, 1907.

As it seems to me that these reports should be laid before the City Council for its information, and printed as a city document, I transmit them herewith to you for that purpose, together with my communication constituting the commission.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, March 25, 1907.
William Jackson, Esq., City Engineer.

Dear Sir:—Under date of Feb. 4, 1907, I submitted to the City Council a number of communications from the heads of several of the departments, Hon. Herbert Parker, two bankers of this city, and also a copy of a contract between the Sanitary Department and the Sanitary Waste Disposal Company, all referring to remedying the objectionable conditions arising out of the shipment of ashes and garbage from Fort Hill Wharf. While the full power and responsibility in connection with the making of any contract on behalf of the city belongs to the chief executive, I desire to submit the matter to the City Council in order to give that body an opportunity to consider the entire problem so as to be in possession of full information if necessary for making a loan or appropriation arose. In view of the fact that the members of Special Committee of the City Council, appointed for the purpose of investigating the question, are at variance—a bare majority of seven voting for one proposition and a minority of five for another—and of the further fact that the abutters have reopened the court proceedings and petitioned that the injunction issue. I believe that the best interests of the city require that the entire question be referred to a commission of three engineering and sanitary experts, and to have such commission examine thoroughly into the situation and make a report with recommendations as to the best policy and course of action for the city to adopt.

I wish to ask you to serve as one member of such commission, and to select its two other members, subject to my approval, from among the best sanitary and engineering experts qualified to pass upon questions of this character; such commission will be given authority to visit other cities, if it deems such course necessary, in order to enable it to arrive at intelligent conclusions. If the city could secure for this service such men as Professor William T. Sedgwick of the Institute of Technology, and X. H. Goodnough, Engineer of the State Board of Health, it seems to me that any conclusions reached by these gentlemen and yourself would be accepted by the citizens of Boston as the best possible solution of the problem.

I would submit to such commission to investigate and report upon the following specific questions:

1) Would it be advisable for the city, in view of the nuisance now declared by the Board of Health to exist at Fort Hill Wharf, to give up altogether the use of such wharf as a point of shipment of ashes and garbage?

(2) If such abandonment would not be advisable, would it be feasible for the city to make changes at said wharf at an expense of \$25,000 or thereabouts which would obviate the nuisance complained of?

(3) If the two preceding questions are answered in the negative, would it be advisable for the city to make a contract for the erection and operation of a plant at Fort Hill Wharf, and if so, would it be advisable to combine the disposition of combustible waste and the sanitary handling of garbage and ashes in process of shipment in the same plant?

(4) If it would be advisable to have a

plant at Fort Hill Wharf to be erected and operated by contract, which of the proposals that were presented to the Special Committee would be most advantageous for the city to accept? In answering this question the commission is at liberty to call upon any of the persons submitting proposals for such further plans, specifications or information as the commission may deem expedient.

(5) If the policy of abandoning the use of Fort Hill Wharf is adopted, would it be advisable for the city to establish at other locations a number of plants for combustible waste or ashes, and if so, have any proposals been presented which it would be desirable for the city to accept?

If the making of a contract is approved by the commission, I desire to have it pass upon the form of contract as already drawn up, and recommend any changes therein which it may deem advisable.

While submitting to the commission the specific questions above set forth, I desire to have it understood that the scope of its inquiry is not limited thereby, but may include any matters relating to the disposition of combustible waste, ashes or street sweepings; the subject of garbage is not included because the contract now in force covering the disposition of garbage runs until 1912.

Yours respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston.
Engineering Department.
50 City Hall, Sept. 10, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Dear Sir:—Having been informed by the corporation counsel that the auditor in the case of the Attorney General v. the City of Boston, Mr. H. V. Cunningham, desires the opinion of this Board as to the conditions now existing at Fort Hill Wharf with reference to the disposal of garbage, and what, if anything, should be done to remedy them, the Board desires to present the following statement:

We have examined the conditions existing on and about Fort Hill Wharf at various times, beginning in April last, and find that there has been a decided improvement there.

The slip in which the garbage scow is moored has been covered in as tightly as practicable, the shallow end of the dock where mud was exposed at low water has been filled with clean filling, and at the times of our more recent visits the wharf has been reasonably clean and free from garbage. The opening through which the garbage is dumped has also been covered as far as practicable, and the stringers across the opening kept practically free from garbage.

A slight odor of garbage is at times perceptible on the adjacent sidewalk of Atlantic Ave. when the wind is easterly, but we have not found that this odor is noticeable across the street even at such times.

The annoyance arising from blowing of dust and ashes from the dump has not been stopped, and we see no way of preventing this except by the outlay of a large sum of money and such a reconstruction of the wharf as would prevent its use while such work was going on. We have not yet reached a conclusion as to the best plan by which this can be done.

Respectfully submitted,

William Jackson.
X. H. Goodnough.
W. T. Sedgwick.

REPORT ON GARBAGE DISPOSAL.

Boston, Dec. 17, 1907.
To His Honor John F. Fitzgerald,
Mayor of Boston.

Sir:—The undersigned Commissioners appointed by you to consider certain questions relating to the prevention of the nuisance at Fort Hill wharf have examined the conditions and have carefully considered the plans submitted by various persons for preventing the objectionable conditions existing there. Two preliminary reports have been presented covering a part of the questions submitted with relation to this subject, and we now present a further report upon the questions remaining for consideration, including those submitted in your communication of Dec. 12.

It is important, before referring to methods of overcoming the objectionable conditions now complained of at this wharf, to refer briefly to the existing conditions and the character and amount of work now carried on there.

The chief classes of city waste and refuse collected in the districts tributary to Fort Hill wharf are (1) ashes, including house and store dirt; (2) garbage; (3) combustible waste and refuse; (4) street sweepings; (5) cesspool and catch-basin cleanings; (6) market refuse and (7) snow.

The combustible waste and refuse is delivered at the incinerator plant at the adjacent Hecht wharf, where it is sorted, the saleable material culled out and sold and the remainder burned, the ashes, together with tin cans and other incombustible material, being discharged into the city scows at Fort Hill wharf.

The total number of loads of various materials brought to Fort Hill wharf for disposal in 1906 was, on the basis of the smaller teams used, about 190,000, including 16,000 loads delivered at the incinerator plant—an average of 665 loads for 5½ days in the week, very little work being done there on Saturday afternoon and Sunday. Of this number a little over half was ashes and a little over 10 per cent. house offal.

The total volume of the wastes delivered at these wharves in 1906 amounted to 11,460,000 cubic feet, or 40,000 cubic feet per day, and the total weight to 230,000 tons, or 800 tons per day for 5½ days in the week.

There is a considerable seasonal variation in the number of loads of material delivered at the wharf, the greatest number observed recently being in March, 1907, when the average deliveries reached 855 loads per day, due to an excess of street cleanings resulting from the removal of the winter accumulation of ice and dirt in the streets.

The quantity of ashes delivered is about twice as great in winter as in summer, while the quantity of street cleanings is least in winter and greatest in the spring. As a rule, however, the number of loads delivered is between 600 and 700 per day, and the variations are not great.

The material is delivered at the wharf chiefly in the daytime, though much of the street cleanings and garbage is delivered at night or very early in the morning.

In general, the materials brought to the wharf are collected in the portion of the city north of Massachusetts Ave., excluding East Boston, but not all of the city wastes in those districts are delivered at this point. Much of the house dirt and ashes and waste and rubbish collected in the South End and Back Bay districts are deposited on dumps at various places in and about these districts, and a considerable portion of such wastes from the North

End is also deposited on dumps, while all such wastes are disposed of in that manner in Charlestown. Part of the garbage from the South End and Back Bay districts is delivered at the Albany St. wharf, though practically all of the street cleanings and much of the catch-basin and cesspool cleanings from those districts are discharged at Fort Hill wharf.

It thus appears that by no means all of the waste and refuse of the city north of Massachusetts Ave. are delivered at Fort Hill wharf, and it is likely that as available dumping places for waste and refuse in that portion of the city become filled, an increasing quantity will be diverted to that wharf. With the natural growth of the city, also, the quantity of material delivered at Fort Hill will increase. The records of the Sanitary Department indicate that since 1900 there has been an increase of 18 per cent. in the quantity of wastes delivered at this wharf, most of the increase occurring within the last three years. At only two of the numerous shipping places for refuse in the boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx are greater quantities of material delivered than at Fort Hill wharf. At one of these the excess is about 10 per cent. and at the other about 50 per cent.

No serious congestion of teams has occurred at Fort Hill wharf at any time during our observations in the past summer, the only occasions when a considerable number of teams were awaiting a chance to discharge being at times when a full scow is being replaced by an empty one. At such times a few teams have had to stand for a short time on Atlantic Ave.

It is evident from the facts presented that the capacity of Fort Hill wharf as a place for shipping garbage, waste and refuse, as now carried on, has nearly been reached, but considerably larger quantities of waste can be shipped at this point by doing more of the work at night.

Fort Hill wharf has a frontage of 105 feet on Atlantic Ave. and a depth of 172 feet on its southerly and 152 feet on its northerly side. A wide driveway or ramp leads up from Atlantic Ave. with a slope of about 6 per cent. There are two dumping places, one for garbage on the southerly side of the wharf, and the other for all other classes of refuse off the outer end of the wharf.

The scow for garbage is an ordinary flat-bottom scow moored in a slip with its main axis at right angles to Atlantic Ave., the garbage being dumped into it through an opening in the wharf 63 feet long and 5 feet wide. In order to give sufficient room for handling teams, the upper floor of the wharf has been extended a few feet over the adjacent Hecht wharf. All dumping is now done on the southerly side of the slip. There is considerable space on the northerly side, but not enough for the convenient handling of teams; but, by changing the position of the slip, the garbage could be dumped without encroaching on the Hecht wharf property. The garbage slip has recently been partly filled where the inner end of the dock bottom was exposed at low water and has been completely sheathed except at the end toward the harbor. A canvas cover is kept over the opening in the floor of the wharf when not in use, so that the opportunities for escape of odors from the garbage have been greatly restricted. The material is disposed of at the reduction plant on Spectacle Island.

The dump for general refuse at the end of the wharf is 66 feet in length and is not covered in any way. Barney

dumping scows are used and the material is hauled to the mouth of the harbor and dumped into the sea.

Of the refuse dumped into the scows off the end of the wharf, about 67 per cent. (for the year 1906) are ashes and house and store dirt, mingled with other wastes and refuse of various kinds, including paper, mattresses, old furniture, boxes, tin cans, oyster shells, etc. Street sweepings—most of which are dumped at night—form about 25 per cent. of the wastes. The remaining wastes are chiefly market refuse, consisting of decayed fruits and vegetables and sometimes meats, and catch-basin cleanings, and have frequently a very foul odor. When the wind blows from the direction of the sea, odors, dust and ashes from this dump are carried toward Atlantic Ave. or the neighboring wharves.

We see no practicable way of preventing this nuisance effectually and at the same time continuing the use of this wharf for its present purposes without making very material changes there, such as will make it practicable to enclose the dumping places and prevent the escape of odors, dust and ashes therefrom.

Various plans for improving the conditions have been presented for our consideration, the more important of which involved the construction of a building over the entire wharf, including an incinerator for the burning of combustible waste similar to the one now in use at the Hecht wharf, and it is necessary to refer briefly to the work done on the Hecht wharf and the circumstances affecting the future use of that property.

Hecht wharf is occupied by the city under a lease which will expire on March 8 next, for which the city pays an annual rental of \$11,500. The wharf has a frontage of 130 feet on Atlantic Ave. and an average depth of 260 feet, and is occupied in part by an incinerator plant, owned by the City Refuse Utilization Company, at which the combustible waste and refuse, known as the third separation, consisting chiefly of paper and wood, is now disposed of. The quantity of this waste amounted in 1906 to 2,800,000 cubic feet, or about 24 per cent. of the total volume of wastes delivered at both wharves. The percentage by weight is much less, amounting in 1906 to 6.8 per cent. of the total weight delivered at both wharves. Under the existing contract the city pays \$5500 per year to the incinerator company for the disposal of the wastes delivered at its plant, and remits the taxes on the wharf. It also receives the ashes, tins and other wastes from the plant in its refuse scows and dumps them at sea.

The contract with the incinerator company will expire in December, 1908, unless the city fails to renew the lease of the Hecht wharf, in which case it will expire coincidentally with the lease of the latter property, viz., March, 1908.

In addition to its use by the incinerator plant the city lands materials of various kinds at this wharf and uses it as a mooring place for its dumping scows and tug.

In view of the fact that the present contract for the disposal of combustible waste will expire in December, 1908, or in March, 1908, in case the city shall not renew its lease of the Hecht wharf, persons submitting plans for improving the conditions at Fort Hill wharf have in several instances included an incinerator plant to replace the one now in use.

Most of the plans presented to the Board have been submitted by persons who propose to build and operate the proposed works for an annual rental, and there is generally a provision where-

by the city may secure ownership of the plant within specified periods upon the payment of specified sums of money. One applicant submits a proposition to build and operate an incinerator plant and pay the city a small sum yearly for the delivery of combustible wastes and refuse to the plant, but this scheme apparently makes no provision for the prevention of the objectionable conditions now complained of at Fort Hill wharf.

We have examined the various plans carefully and do not believe that it is for the best interests of the city to accept any of those presented.

In order to prevent the nuisance at Fort Hill wharf it will be necessary, as already stated, if the present use of the wharf is to be continued, to cover the dumping places so that odors, dust and ashes therefrom will not be blown about the neighborhood. The circumstances of the location are such that it would be difficult to provide a structure which would be satisfactory in all respects. The best plan appears to be to provide an enclosed slip for the refuse scows similar to that which has now been provided for the garbage scows. It might be objected to this plan that it would be difficult to trim the scows in an enclosed space on account of the dust, and that the trimming might have to be done after the scows had been drawn out of the slip. This might reduce slightly the quantity carried by each scow and increase somewhat the cost of disposal, but the increase would be very slight.

Another difficulty in enclosing the slip would be the dust arising from the opening through which the ashes are dumped. With an easterly wind under natural conditions the dust arising as loads of ashes are dumped would be forced up through the opening and blown about the neighborhood. This trouble could be prevented to a large extent by providing a curtain on the front of the slip to keep out the wind. Such a curtain might be constructed with an iron frame covered with wood or canvas and built in sections, if necessary, to facilitate handling. Unless some means of exhausting the air should be provided, odors and considerable quantities of dust and ashes might rise through the opening through which the material is dumped, but in that case a blower could be provided to draw air from the chamber where the scows are moored. The dust and odor from this air could be removed without special difficulty before discharging it into the atmosphere.

In order to provide a proper slip for the refuse scow and confine the work to Fort Hill wharf, very considerable changes in the wharf will be necessary, and it is desirable also that a small power plant be provided for operating blowers, raising gates and doing such other work as may be necessary. It would also be desirable to cover the dumping places on the wharf with a substantial structure of neat appearance.

In order to indicate the character of the structure necessary in our opinion to prevent the existing nuisance at Fort Hill wharf, we append hereto a sketch showing its general features. By this plan all dumping would be carried on within a building, and the danger of escape of odors, dust and ashes would be reduced to a minimum. The structure indicated does not cover the entire wharf, but leaves a large area unoccupied which can be utilized for the construction of a refuse crematory, to which we will refer later. The plant indicated in the sketch would probably cost about \$60,000.

It would be impracticable, in our opinion, to build these works and carry on satisfactorily at the same time the shipping of garbage, waste and refuse at this wharf, so that provision will have to be made for doing this work elsewhere while the changes in the wharf are in progress. Part of the work could undoubtedly be done at the Hecht wharf without serious difficulty, and by utilizing both wharves as fully as possible during the work of construction the work could probably be carried on without increasing the objectionable conditions there.

If the preparation of plans shall be entered upon promptly and the work begun early in the coming spring, it can probably be completed by the end of the year 1908. The work will necessarily involve the continued use of the Hecht wharf, and we recommend that the lease of that wharf be extended for at least a year, if reasonable terms can be secured. If the lease of the Hecht wharf is extended, the contract with the incinerator company continues to next December, and if other means for the disposal of combustible waste and refuse have not been provided at that time, it may be desirable to continue that contract.

In this report we have confined ourselves to a consideration of the conditions at Fort Hill wharf and the best means of removing the existing nuisance there without interrupting the disposal of waste from the section of the city dependent upon this wharf. We believe that the plan which we have suggested, if carried out with careful attention to details, and if the works are properly operated, will obviate the present nuisance.

It is, nevertheless, evident that the present methods of disposal of waste and refuse in this city are, for the most part, objectionable and unsanitary and must sooner or later be replaced by something better.

At the present time garbage is kept separate from other wastes and is delivered to a reduction plant operated by a private company under a contract which has several years to run, and the question of the method of disposal of these wastes has been expressly excluded from our consideration. The refuse collected under the classification of garbage does not, however, include, by any means, all of the waste material of that nature requiring disposal, since the market wastes are not included. The amount of these wastes delivered at Fort Hill wharf is nearly half as great as the quantity of garbage now received there, but the market wastes are there mixed with the ashes, and in common with considerable other floating material, are dumped at sea, to find their way back to neighboring shores.

The so-called third separation, known as combustible waste and refuse, is an attempt to compel the householder to separate the combustible material from the ashes and other dirt in order to avoid discharging into the harbor materials which are likely to float ashore. The separation is effective only in the district occupied chiefly by stores and warehouses, and represents only a part of the waste of this character collected in the districts contributing to Fort Hill wharf.

An examination of the loads of material classed as house dirt and ashes dumped at that wharf on a winter day showed that only about 25 per cent. of all such loads consisted wholly of ashes, while at least 25 per cent. were made up in greater part of combustible waste and refuse. In summer the proportion of clear ashes is much less.

While the quantity of combustible

waste handled by the incinerator is considerable, large quantities are discharged with the ashes into the refuse scows and dumped at sea, together with the even more objectionable market waste and refuse.

The dumps used for the disposal of ashes and the other wastes and refuse in other districts of the city have been a constant source of annoyance, and places suitable for this use are becoming increasingly difficult to secure, though clean ashes and ordinary street sweepings would no doubt be acceptable filling in many places where mixed refuse is not. In consequence of these conditions, it is likely to be found necessary to discharge an increasing proportion of such wastes into the sea.

The dumping of refuse into the sea where portions of it may float ashore has been the source of much complaint in past years; and, while there has been less complaint since the partial separation of the garbage from the other wastes, and the establishment of the so-called third separation, further serious difficulty from this method of disposal is inevitable, with the steady increase in the quantity of such material which must be disposed of.

We do not believe the present methods of disposing of the waste and refuse shipped from Fort Hill wharf can long be continued without serious objection. It is impracticable, in our opinion, to separate effectually the combustible waste from the other refuse before collection; but separation might be carried further at the wharf and these various wastes, with those from the markets, disposed of by cremation. It might even be better to cremate all of the mixed wastes of this sort without attempt at separation. The cremation of such wastes would be a very different problem from the burning of readily combustible wastes unmixcd with other refuse. There can, of course, be no objection to the dumping of clean ashes at sea.

The experience of other cities, especially in Europe, indicates that the most satisfactory solution of the problem of the disposal of city wastes is likely to be found in a development of the cremation system beyond any now in use on a considerable scale in this country. It has been impracticable for us to determine which of the various systems available would be best adapted to dealing with the disposal of wastes under the conditions found in the city of Boston, and a more thorough study of the methods available will be necessary before the best one can be selected. As has been said before, there will be ample space remaining on Fort Hill wharf, after the plant herein proposed is built, to provide a crematory of large capacity, and we would recommend that the question of cremating wastes be given further careful consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

William Jackson,
X. H. Goodnough,
W. T. Sedgwick,
Commissioners.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

TRANSFER OF LAND FOR FIRE HOUSE.

The following was received:

City of Boston

Office of the Mayor, Dec. 23, 1907.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith draft of order providing for the transfer of a certain lot of land now under the control of the Water Department to the Fire Department, the same being no longer re-

quired for use by the Water Department. This is a portion of the old reservoir lot on Parker Hill, which is now practically abandoned, and it is intended to erect thereon a fire engine house, for which an appropriation has already been made.

The needs of the district demand this improvement, and I earnestly recommend the immediate passage of the order so that the work may go forward as soon as practicable.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Dec. 23, 1907.

Ordered, That the lot of land in the Roxbury district bounded northeasterly by Parker Hill Ave., 80 feet southeasterly by land supposed to belong to Eugene N. Foss, 80 feet southwesterly by land of the city of Boston, 87 feet northwesterly by other land of the city of Boston, be transferred to the care and use of the Fire Department, the same being no longer needed for the use of the Water Department.

The order was read once.

Ald. WOODS.—Mr. Chairman, I move a suspension of all rules, that the order may take its second reading and be placed upon its passage at this time.

Ald. CLARK.—Mr. Chairman, I simply rise to ask for information upon this matter. I think we ought not to be expected to vote upon it without some information.

Ald. WOODS.—Mr. Chairman, I want to say for the benefit of the Board that this is a portion of the old Reservoir lot on Parker Hill, which it is proposed to use for a fire engine site. The first step is the transfer of the land from the Water Department to the Fire Department, and then will come the erection of the new engine house, for which money has already been appropriated. I hope the order will be put on its passage today, as this is something which is very much needed in that section. They have been waiting a long while for it.

Ald. CLARK moved reference of the matter to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. WOODS.—Mr. Chairman, I see no benefit in sending this to the Committee on Public Improvements. It has been threshed out in this Board several times this year and everybody ought to be conversant with the facts in the case. It merely proposes to take a part of our own land that the city owns for the erection of an engine house, for which the money has been appropriated. If it is put into the Committee on Public Improvements and taken out again, it will simply delay the matter, and I hope that it will not be so delayed, but will be put through at this time. It does not propose any transfer of money; it only covers the transfer of a part of the land that we own to the Fire Department.

Ald. CLARK—I have nothing to say, Mr. Chairman, except to insist on my motion.

The motion to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements was declared lost. Ald. CLARK doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The matter was declared referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, yeas 6, nays 4.

Yeas—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Flanagan—6.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Leary, Woods—4.

Ald. CURLEY.—Mr. Chairman, at this time I move a reconsideration of the vote just taken, hoping the same will prevail. I feel that if the order accompanying the recommendation had been read, in all probability the proposition might be a little clearer in the minds

of the members of the board. The communication reads as follows: "For the transfer of a certain lot of land now under the control of the Water Department, to the Fire Department, the same being no longer required for use by the Water Department. This is a portion of the old reservoir lot on Parker Hill, which is now practically abandoned, and it is intended to erect thereon a fire engine house, for which an appropriation has already been made."

This is a simple proposition that does not involve the expenditure on the part of the city of any money whatsoever. It is simply a transfer of land for which the Water Department has no practical use at the present time to the Fire Department, that fire protection may be provided for the Parker Hill district. I feel that the members of the board, with the exception of some, if they took occasion to read the order over and receive the enlightenment that is possible from reading the order, would in all probability favor its passage today. No proper fire protection for the Parker Hill district has been afforded for the past three years. An opportunity is now afforded to provide a suitable engine house site without an expenditure of money on the part of the Fire Department. This simply transfers land for which the Water Department has no available use, and which the Fire Department does require. I sincerely trust that reconsideration will prevail, and that the order will be placed upon its passage.

Ald. WOODS.—Mr. Chairman, I trust that reconsideration will prevail. I know the wants of that district very well. There are several hospitals on top of that hill. The money has been appropriated for an engine house, and the question is, where they will place it? They advertised for land, and got several proposals, but to accept them would require an extra outlay of money and an extra appropriation for the land. There are several hospitals up there full of patients, and fire is apt to occur at any time in that section. This is a work that should not be delayed. I hope the members will look at it in a proper manner, and will vote for this transfer. There is no question of expenditure of money. If there was, I would not mind it; but this is something that is asked for by all the leading business men of Boston. The Brigham Hospital people wanted to build a hospital up there, but would not do it until they were assured that there would be ample fire protection. They have waited many years for an engine on the hill, and it is only by having an engine on top of the hill that the hospital and many of the residents will be assured of protection in case of fire. I believe it is the intention of the commission to put light apparatus there, a combination composed of chemical and ladders, the principal object being to rescue the inmates of the hospitals if a fire should occur. I think nothing would be gained by sending this to the Committee on Public Improvements, and I hope that we will reconsider the reference and pass this transfer order.

Ald. CLARK.—Mr. Chairman, my motion seems to have resulted in some good, because it has brought out a lot of explanation that we were unable to get before. I see no great harm in having this matter go to the Committee on Public Improvements and talking it over there, and we can take it up here later today, if developments warrant it. Certainly it does not kill it to have it go to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The motion to reconsider the reference to the Committee on Public Im-

provements was declared lost. Ald. Woods doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

Reconsideration of the reference was lost; yeas 5, nays 5:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—5.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Battis, Bell, Berwin, Clark—5.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Department (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Masonic Hall Association, two gas arc lamps at 344-348 Meridian St., Wd. 1.

Walter B. Sproule, two arc lights at 120 Main St., Wd. 5.

Louis Herman, a sign at 61 Main St., Wd. 5.

Nicholas De Simone, an electric sign at 373 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

A. Berkman & Co., a gas arc lamp at 58 Endicott St., Wd. 6.

Edward J. Cotter, a sign at 256 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Cushing Real Estate Trust, two plain lamps at 25 Temple Pl., Wd. 7.

W. S. Butler & Co., an electric sign during the holidays at 90 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

August Daffinsen, an electric sign at 76 Essex St., Wd. 7.

Abram Altman, a wooden sign at 37 Rose St., Wd. 9.

James W. Brodbine, an illuminated sign at 139 Chandler St., Wd. 10.

Gordon Automobile Supply Company, an electric sign at 1024 Boylston St., Wd. 10.

Joseph Donato, a barber pole at 16 Broadway, Wd. 13.

J. H. Upham, a gas arc lamp at Upham's Corner, Wd. 16.

Barnard Gray, a sign at 1886 Washington St., Wd. 17.

Lemuel Bullock, a sign at 762A Shawmut Ave., Wd. 18.

M. Hoyle, an electric sign at 98 Dudley St., Wd. 18.

Day & Night Bank (Thomas D. Taylor, President), an electric sign at 209 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Alfred Pisco & Son, a clock sign at 162 Broadway, Wd. 13.

George Young Company, sign, 687 Dudley St., Wd. 16.

Joseph Cohen, sign, 47 Cross St., Wd. 6.

U. S. Transportation Company, sign, 214 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Socialist Party Club of Boston, for the use of Faneuil Hall, on the evening of Jan. 6, 1908.

Claims.

Silas Peirce et als., for compensation for damages to their property of 23-25 Downing St., and 137-147 Vernon St., from Sewage.

David & Bertha Siskind, for compensation for damages to estate 154-158 Leverett St., and 66 Auburn St., Wd. 8, by alleged defective water pipes.

Harry Green, for compensation for damages to property in basement at 66 Auburn St., Wd. 8.

John Weisberg, for compensation for damages caused by the bursting of a water pipe in sidewalk, at 10 Howard St., Wd. 6.

Bernard A. McLaughlin, for compensation for damages to property in cellar of house 874 E. Fourth St., by sewage.

Petitions for compensation for damages on account of bursting of a water pipe, at 36 Geneva Ave., viz.:

Joseph Dine, for damages to property in cellar of house at said 36 Geneva Ave.;

Sydney Dine, for bodily injuries;

Lillian Dine, for bodily injuries.

Railroads.

West End Street Railway Company, for extension of time in which to complete the work of laying tracks, etc., on Mystic Ave., under its 258th location, so called.

Electric Wires.

Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, for leave to erect and to remove one pole on Lamson St., at Maverick St.

Public Improvements.

Remonstrance of H. S. Bean et al., a committee of lessees of Faneuil Hall market, against any change in the conditions of the leases in said market.

Superintendent of Public Grounds.

Bertha Ruther, for removal of a tree at northwest corner of Harvard and Commonwealth Aves., Wd. 25.

Ald. FLANAGAN moved a suspension of the rule, that the matter might be placed on its passage.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I think Commonwealth Ave. is in the Park Department. Therefore, if any reference is to be made of this I think it should be made to the Park Department.

The CHAIRMAN—The petition reads, "At the northwest corner of Harvard and Commonwealth Aves."

Ald. WOODS—Well, that is in the Park Department.

Ald. CURLEY—I would like to ask the alderman from Brighton if the branches of the tree overhang land other than that belonging to the Park Department?

The CHAIRMAN—The petition will be referred to the Superintendent of Public Grounds.

Ald. FLANAGAN—Mr. Chairman, I made my motion, and it does not seem to be recognized. I asked that the rules be suspended.

The CHAIRMAN—The chair will say, for the benefit of the aldermen, that this is merely a petition and as such should be referred to some department, and the chair has so referred it. The petition is referred to the Superintendent of Public Grounds.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of W. H. Richardson for license to mix, store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at 189 Sumner St., East Boston.

2. On petition of Adam W. Klopot for license to store and keep oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of products of petroleum, in yard at 367 Walnut Av., Wd. 21.

No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Licenses.

3. On petition of the Fire Commissioner for leave to locate a post for a fire alarm box at the northeast corner of Washington and State Sts., Wd. 6.

On petitions of the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company for leave to erect poles, viz.:

4. Three on Beach St., Wd. 4.

5. One in front of Nos. 44-46 High St., Wd. 5.

No objections. Severally recommit-
ted to the Committee on Electric Wires.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

6. Message of the Mayor recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That to provide temporarily

money to meet the appropriations for the current financial year, the City Treasurer issue and sell at such times and in such amounts as he may deem best, notes or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston in an amount not exceeding two million dollars, in anticipation of the taxes of the current municipal year, said notes or certificates to be made payable from said taxes, said loans to be made payable within one year after the date of their incurrence, and to bear interest from their date until the same are made payable at such rate as said Treasurer shall deem proper.

The message was placed on file, and the order was passed in concurrence.

7. Communication from Mrs. William T. Cheswell expressing thanks for copy of resolutions of City Council on death of late Chief Cheswell of the Fire Department.

Placed on file.

The next three orders were passed by the Common Council and "sent up."

8. Ordered, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to permit coasting during the present winter season on Julian St., Wd. 16, from Howard Ave.

9. Ordered, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to permit coasting during the present winter season on Parker and Phillips Sts., in Wd. 19.

10. Ordered, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to permit coasting during the present winter season on Walden St., Wd. 22.

Severally referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. CLARK.

The three following documents come up for concurrence in their reference to the Finance Commission:

11. Report of the Corporation Counsel to the Common Council in reply to a request of that branch to be informed "by what right and under what law the Board of Aldermen grants permits to construct tunnels and bridges between buildings, such as the one which now connects the Boston Herald building on Tremont St. with its building on Mason St."

12. Report of Corporation Counsel to the Common Council "as to the number of violations of the ordinances concerning buildings outside the building limits during the last six years, and as to the disposition made of the same."

13. Report of the Clerk of Committees to the Common Council giving a list of petitions referred to the Committee on Building Department and not granted, etc., in the years 1902 to 1903 inclusive.

Severally accepted in concurrence.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

Ald. CLARK called up No. 14, unfinished business, viz.:

14. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz.:

John R. Murphy, to be a Constable, for the term ending April 30, 1908.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Baldwin and Bell. Whole number of ballots cast 11, yes 11, and the appointment was confirmed.

COAL AND COKE LICENSES.

A list of coal and coke licenses granted was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Placed on file.

RENEWAL OF MARKET LEASES.

The following was received:

Boston Finance Commission,

Boston, Dec. 20, 1907.

To the Honorable the City Council:

Gentlemen—

The Finance Commission is informed that the question of renewing the market leases is pending, and that the report of your Joint Committee on Markets is to be presented on Monday, Dec. 23. The Commission in a recent communication to His Honor the Mayor called attention to an inquiry which it is making into the value of these leases, and requested that no action be taken thereon until its investigation could be completed.

The Commission respectfully makes a similar request of your honorable body.

Very truly yours,

The Finance Commission.

By Nathan Matthews, Chairman.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

LEASES, CONTRACTS, ETC.

The following was received:

Boston Finance Commission.

Boston, Dec. 21, 1907.

To the Honorable the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen—

On December 13th the Finance Commission called the attention of the Mayor to certain inquiries which it is conducting in relation to contracts and purchases in the several departments, and to the fact that in the closing months of previous out-going administrations purchases had been made and contracts entered into which had been the subject of criticism on the ground that the responsibility for such undertakings properly belonged to the incoming administration. The Commission suggested that no leases be made and no contracts be entered into by any department for work, supplies, or services other than those of a temporary character, and none which would commit the city beyond the end of the present fiscal year.

On Dec. 17 the Commission addressed a further communication to the Mayor in reference to the increase in salary recently ordered for 117 employees in the bridge department, made at a cost to the city of about \$11,650 per annum. This increase was promised immediately prior to the recent election, and was made immediately after election, in pursuance of this promise.

Since the date of this last communication, the Commission has learned that the salaries or wages of 190 other city employees have been raised since Oct. 1, last, at an annual cost to the city of over \$28,000. Many other increases in salaries and wages were made earlier in the year.

The Commission also learns that at the close of the present fiscal year, Jan. 31, 1908, there will in all probability be a large deficit for the first time in many years. The City Auditor states that the expenditures of many of the city departments will exceed the appropriations duly voted for them, and he estimates these deficits approximately as follows: Street Department, \$60,000; Ferry Division, \$30,000; Sewer Department, \$30,000; Fire Department, \$42,000; Bath Department, \$7500; Water Department, \$55,000; Sanitary Department, \$36,000; Bridge Department, \$4000; Building Department, \$6400; Election Department, \$5000; Insane Hospital Department, \$5600; Lamp Department, \$10,000; Printing Department, \$10,000; Public Buildings Department, \$10,000; County of Suffolk, \$50,000. As against

these deficits, aggregating approximately \$369,900, he estimates that unexpended balances will be turned in by other departments to the amount of about \$150,000; leaving a net deficit of over \$200,000.

It is important to note that this deficit is in no sense due to the slowness with which the taxes for the current year are coming in, but represents simply the amount by which the expenditures of the various executive departments of the City Government have exceeded the appropriations voted to them by the City Council.

This excess expenditure has been incurred in direct violation of both the ordinances of the city and the statutes of the Commonwealth. The charter amendments of 1885, Chapter 266, provide in Section 6 that

No expenditure shall be made or liability incurred for any purpose beyond the appropriation duly made therefor;

and the Revised Ordinances of the city, Chapter 2, Section 25, provide that

No officer in charge of a department, unless specially authorized thereto by statute, shall make any expenditure, or incur any liability, on behalf of the city, for any purpose, until an appropriation sufficient to meet such expenditure or liability, together with all other expenditures and liabilities properly chargeable to such appropriation, has been made therefor; nor shall he exceed any appropriation made for his department.

These provisions of law have been systematically violated by many heads of departments during the present year, and one of the chief means in bringing about this illegal deficit has been the increase in salaries.

Such increases are particularly reprehensible when made at or about election time under circumstances which indicate a political purpose. The practice of utilizing the money in the public treasury, which is drawn from the taxpayers generally, irrespective of party, for the purpose of returning to office the party then in power is one which deserves the severest condemnation. This practice has grown rapidly in this city in recent years and now exists to an alarming extent. In the period between Oct. 1 and Dec. 15, 1904, a year in which no mayoralty election was held, there were seventeen increases in salary; in the corresponding period in 1906 there were one hundred increases; but in the same period in the mayoralty election years of 1905 and 1907 the increases were 129 and 307, respectively. Salary increases of this sort are little better than campaign contributions from the city treasury, which, unless rescinded, become annuities.

The Finance Commission also desires to direct attention to the fact that the money available for the current expenses of the ensuing fiscal year will be much less than that for 1907-1908, unless there is a considerable increase in the tax rate. On Feb. 1, 1907, there were left over from the operations of the preceding fiscal year unexpended balances amounting to \$515,039.32, which sum was available and was used for the appropriations of the current fiscal year. On Feb. 1, 1908, partly as the result of the extravagant and illegal expenditures of the present year, there will in all probability not only be no surplus brought over from the present fiscal year, but, as already noted, there will probably be a deficit of over \$200,000. In addition to this the amount available from the tax levy for the general department expenses will, owing to the operation of the school law, be about \$75,000 less than it was this year. The result is that the incoming administra-

tion will have nearly \$800,000 less money to appropriate and spend for ordinary department purposes than was available for the current year.

Every reason, therefore, points to the propriety of immediately cancelling all the recent increases in salaries; and the Finance Commission again recommends that this course be taken.

The Commission also suggests the propriety of petitioning the Legislature for the passage of a law which shall prohibit increases in salaries or wages except at the beginning of the fiscal year, and which shall make it a criminal offense for any head of a department, intentionally, to permit the expenditures of his department to exceed the appropriations duly voted for the purpose except in cases of extreme emergency. Such a law will make it easier for department heads to resist political pressure and importunities.

Very truly yours,

The Finance Commission

By Nathan Matthews, Chairman.
Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

MARKET LEASES.

Ald. BALDWIN submitted the following:

The Committee on Market Department, to whom were referred the several orders of the City Council relative to renewing the leases of the stalls and cellars of Faneuil Hall and Quincy markets, and to the hours of opening and closing said markets, respectfully submit the following report:

The leases of the stalls and cellars in the two markets expired last April, and for that reason the committee has been subjected to some criticism for not making a report earlier in the year. The question of the rental value of this property, however, is somewhat involved and requires careful study and consideration, and for that reason the committee have felt justified in taking all the time necessary for a full investigation, especially in view of the fact that the lessees have been permitted to occupy their quarters as tenants at will at the same rent as before the expiration of the leases.

The present rentals obtained for the market property, as estimated by the real estate expert employed by the committee, show a net return to the city of about 3.48 per cent. In the opinion of the committee the rentals should be increased 30 per cent., which, on the figures submitted by the expert, would yield a net return of about 5 per cent., and they, therefore, recommend the passage of the accompanying order providing for a horizontal increase of 30 per cent. in the rents, to date from Dec. 1, and authorizing a renewal of the leases for five years from said date.

In relation to the hours of opening and closing, the committee recommend the passage of the accompanying ordinance amending the terms of the leases so as to provide that the markets shall be opened not earlier than 7 o'clock in the morning all the year round, and providing for a half holiday on Wednesday afternoons during June, July and August.

Appended to this report will be found the report of the real estate expert, the schedule of the leases, etc., submitted by the Superintendent of Markets (Dec. 16), and an itemized account of the amounts expended for construction, repairs and maintenance on the two market buildings for the past 20 years, prepared by the Statistics Department.

For the Committee,

John E. Baldwin, Chairman.

Ald Bangs, Battis and Bell dissent from the foregoing report.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Markets be authorized, with the approval of the Mayor, to renew for a term of five years from December 1, 1907, all leases of space in the Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market buildings, at such a rate that the aggregate amount received per annum shall be 30 per cent. more than the amount received per annum under the leases for the preceding five years, and on the condition that the hour of opening the markets shall be 7 o'clock in the morning, and that the hour of closing on Wednesdays during June, July and August, shall be 1 o'clock noon. Provided, however, that the said Superintendent shall have authority to abate from the rental paid by any lessee the sum which may be charged him by the Street Commissioners for sidewalk privileges in connection with the demised property.

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 25 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 Relative to the Terms of Market Leases.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 2 of Chapter 25 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in the clauses relating to the conditions of market leases by striking out the clause numbered 12, and inserting in place thereof the following:

"12. The lessee shall have the demised premises, on all week days except legal holidays, opened at 7 o'clock A. M., and kept open until 5 o'clock P. M.; provided, however, that on the day of the observance of Patriots' day, Memorial day, Independence day and Labor day, when Monday or Saturday, and on the day of the celebration of the battle of Bunker Hill, he shall have said premises opened as above and kept open until 9 o'clock A. M., and on all other Saturdays he shall have them opened as above and kept open until 9 o'clock P. M., and on Wednesdays in June, July and August he shall have them open as above and kept open until 1 o'clock P. M.; or he shall have them opened and closed at such other hours as the Board of Aldermen may from time to time order."

(Annexed were the papers referred to.)

Ald. BALDWIN moved that the reading of the reports be dispensed with and that they be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. BELL submitted the following: The undersigned, a member of the Committee on Market Department, respectfully dissents from the majority report of said committee, and although of the opinion that when the market leases are renewed they should be on the same terms as in force during the last five years, recommends that no action be taken by this city government.

The CHAIRMAN—The several reports will, on motion of Ald. Baldwin, be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I see no necessity for the passage of such a motion. I believe in having that proposition settled here. I believe that the city government is or should be big enough to take care of the city's business in such a manner as to leave it free from public criticism, free from interference on the part of the commission now sitting. If one judges rightly, the impression prevalent in the community is that the rentals are sufficiently high at the present time. The schedule now in force was established five years ago, and I believe the law or custom relative to real estate is that es-

tablished rentals should stand for a period of 15 years. Personally, I see no reason why there should be an increase of 30 per cent. In fact, I see no reason or can conceive of no reason, why there should be a change in the present figures. If members of this Board can furnish any argument why they should be increased or reduced, I want to say that I am at liberty to vote either way; but I believe the proposition is large enough to thresh out here in the open board, and I trust that it will be so threshed out.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, the report that I have submitted is really more of an opinion of my own than a report. It was my opinion that the leases of the markets should be renewed on identically the same terms upon which they have been established for the last five years; that there should be no increase in the rents; that there should be no change in the hours of opening or closing, and that there should be no closing Wednesday afternoons in the summertime. I also recommended that this government take no action, but that it be referred to the next city government. That does not meet with the ideas of some other members of the committee, and really, in my opinion, is perhaps of less importance than the vital part of the order, which relates to the increase of rents. I was present at nearly all of the first meetings of the committee held in this chamber, and heard the arguments advanced by the marketmen against raising the rents that they were paying; and, after hearing them and making inquiries of people doing business in buildings adjacent to Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market, although the members of the committee themselves, by a majority vote of those present at the meeting, voted to increase the rents 30 per cent., there was not an individual member who could advance one argument why they should be so increased. In fact, the votes of the four members of that committee on the part of the Board of Aldermen, were, every one of them, against the increase of 30 per cent. Nothing was shown while the committee was present in this hall demonstrating why these rents should be increased. I don't know what was shown while they were away, but certainly it did not make itself strongly felt while the minds of the members of this Board on the committee. There is something due the marketmen as marketmen and as lessees of those stores. Faneuil Hall Market is known all over the country, if not all over the civilized world. Men have been there generation after generation. They have succeeded their fathers and their grandfathers. There was a time, perhaps, when men who had stalls in Faneuil Hall Market made a lot of money, got rich out of them, when the stalls were valuable; but every bit of testimony which I heard presented to the committee was that very few, if any, men who occupy stalls in Faneuil Hall Market, are today making anything more than a fair living. They are not making as much as they used to make, and certainly their stalls are not the valuable asset upon which to borrow money from the banks that they used to be. The Faneuil Hall Bank and the Second National Bank informed us through their representatives that they would not take a lease in Faneuil Hall or Quincy Market as collateral. It is true that some of the stalls do not pay quite as much rent per square foot as some of the more desirable locations throughout the market district, but, taking it through and through, they pay more per square foot in Faneuil Hall Market than is

paid on North and South Market Sts. They pay more per square foot, also, in Quincy Market than is paid in Faneuil Hall Sq., which the marketmen claim is the most desirable place in Boston for a retail market. Furthermore, the business of the market is fast deteriorating. Markets are springing up in all sections of the city. There are markets down on Union St., Blackstone and Hanover Sts., where they never used to be; the retail trade of Faneuil Hall Market is getting away from it; and, on account of the opinions expressed to this committee by the men who should know, the members of the committee, on the part of the Board, were opposed to a 30 per cent. increase, and have asked the members, on the part of the Council, to point to one reason why the rents should be raised 30 per cent., and they cannot do it. Therefore, it seems to me that the proposition the committee has recommended is a rather funny one. Absolutely no argument was presented by a single member showing why the rents should be increased 30 per cent. In regard to the hours of opening, I believe the marketmen should be allowed to say when they want the market open, within fair limits. To compel the markets to stay closed in the summertime until 7 o'clock in the morning would practically ruin the fruit and berry business. The people who buy for the hotels and clubs buy at an early hour, and would, in that event, buy outside the market, not waiting for it to open. In regard to the afternoons—

Ald. CURLEY—For information, I would like to ask the Alderman at what time the markets open now?

Ald. BELL—I believe they open part of the year at 6 o'clock and part of the year at 7 o'clock.

Ald. CURLEY—At this time of year they open at what time?

Ald. BELL—At this time of year I should say 7 o'clock. I am not sure, but I think at 7 o'clock.

Ald. CURLEY—Then, they would not lose much time if it was decided that they should not open until 7,

Ald. BELL—They would lose the best part of the day if they were not allowed to open until 7 o'clock in the summer season—their heaviest hour. In regard to the Wednesday afternoon closing in June, July and August, that the committee recommends, many marketmen inform us that their employees have afternoons off in the summer time when business is quiet, as well as in the winter and other times in the year when there are reasons for their getting off, or when business warrants it. The marketmen are perfectly willing to do all they can in that respect. They continue to give time off for which the men are paid throughout the year, and they claim that it would be unfair to close the markets on Wednesday afternoons in the summer time, when quite likely consignments of fruit and berries might come there, which could not be taken care of till Thursday morning, and which would be disposed of to the stores that were open. For that reason, I, for one, oppose the report of the majority.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, I made the motion to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements, with the idea of saving a lot of discussion. I thought if the matter were referred to that committee it would be the most feasible method of threshing it out. In some respects I differ from the opinions of the alderman who has just spoken. As far as the increase of rent is concerned, I think the four members

of the board are perfectly agreed that 30 per cent. is too much. On the question of the opening of the markets and the hours thereof, I think perhaps there is a difference of opinion between some of the aldermen. For that reason, I thought the best way out of it was to have the matter referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, so as to try to make some settlement.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I feel, as I believe everybody does, that in all probability in that section of the city in a period of five years there must be some little appreciation of value; and, while I think it would be an injustice to make an increase of 30 per cent. in the price of the rentals of stalls of Faneuil Hall and Quincy markets, I still believe that no grave injury would be done the market interests if the hours of opening and closing, as contained in the report of the Committee on Markets, were adopted. I believe it is but a fair proposition that the men engaged in work in the markets, who are obliged to be on their feet during the entire time they are there and to work pretty hard, should not be expected to work more than a 9-hour day. I feel that it would be rather an injustice, if we have the power to prevent it, to permit the present system to obtain there longer. To get there at half-past six in the summertime means some little hardship to a man, while to get there at seven o'clock would perhaps not be as great a hardship. As to the hours of closing in the evening, if the markets are closed an hour earlier, I don't believe it would work a great injury, because there is very little traffic in the market district after five o'clock in the evening. As to the proposed closing Wednesday afternoons during the months of June, July and August, that is a provision which has been adopted by and is now in force in nearly every large grocery concern in Boston, and the majority of the first-class provision concerns. I don't think it is an unreasonable concession to ask of the men who do business in the market. As to their profits and as to the amounts that the banks will loan them on their leases, the best criterion is furnished by the fact that it is very rarely that a market lease can be obtained except upon the payment of an exceedingly large bonus. No stalls in the market are ever for sale or are ever empty. If for sale, it is with a bonus that is extremely high.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, if the gentleman will allow me to make a statement to him, I would like to say that one or two tenants of the market told the committee, or told me personally, that they would sell their leases for from \$500 to \$1000 less than they paid for them.

Ald. CURLEY—In all probability a person may be found occasionally who does not recognize the value of what is commonly known as a good thing, and in all probability the one or two gentlemen with whom he came in contact are men of that kind. It is not unreasonable to suppose that out of the entire number of men, 200 or 300 or more, doing business in the market, there are two who would like to give up their business, perhaps, and engage in something that they would consider more profitable. It is just possible that they would like to accept an engagement with the Congregationalist soliciting ads. That would undoubtedly be more profitable than running a stall in the Quincy or Faneuil Hall market. So the fact that one or two men have made that statement does not mean that the

stalls are not a paying investment. In view of the additional fact that the minority report contains no provision relative to the hours of labor or of closing and opening the market, and also no provision in regard to the Wednesday afternoon or holiday closing, I would most respectfully at this time state that I favor the motion of Ald. Baldwin that the matter be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, as I believe the report can be amended in a manner that will not only be satisfactory to the marketmen, but also satisfactory to the men living in Boston who work in the Quincy and Faneuil Hall markets, as well as being satisfactory to the members of this Board.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, for information, I would like to ask what Ald. Bell's motion is?

The CHAIRMAN—Ald. Bell merely submits a minority report, which will be included in the reference of this matter to the Committee on Public Improvements, if that motion prevails.

Ald. WOODS—Well, if I heard aright, I believe in Ald. Bell's minority report, if that is what you call it, he favors the matter going over to the next city government. I think, as Ald. Curley does, that we should thresh this out. This government is capable of handling this question. Personally, you will have to show me why the leases should be raised. I see no reason, and unless I am shown some reason, I am in favor of maintaining the present rentals. I have talked with a good many men in the market. Many of them live out in my district and have all they can do to pay the rents they are now paying. While I am in favor of having this go to the Committee on Public Improvements, I want to state right here, in regard to the question of hours, that we have to make some concession, I hardly think it is fair to keep the markets closed until 7 o'clock every morning. I think it would be all right, perhaps, to keep them closed, say, until the month of April, until 7 o'clock. I think in the summer months they should be open at 6 o'clock, and I think, to give the employees the benefit they should have, that the markets should be closed at 4 in the afternoon. Make your hours from 6 to 4—take the hour off from the latter part of the day. By that time, the business will be all through and the fruit will be disposed of. I think we will have to make some concessions. It would take a long time to thresh the thing out here, and I move that both reports be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The whole matter, including the report submitted by Ald. Bell, was submitted to the Committee on Public Improvements.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. CURLEY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:

(1) Report on petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts (recommitted Dec. 16) for leave to attach wires to poles—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to attach, and to the Boston Consolidated Gas Company to allow the attachment of, the fixtures and wires of said telephone company to three poles of said gas company on Sherborn St., Wd. 11, between Bay State Rd. and Commonwealth Ave., in such manner as may be approved by the Wire Commissioner; said poles being shown on a plan dated Oct. 23, 1907, and deposited in the Wire Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Report on petition of the West End Street Railway Company (recommitted Oct. 14) for leave to attach wires to poles—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the West End Street Railway Company to attach, and to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to follow the attachment of the feed wire of said railway company to nine poles of said telephone company on Keyes St., between South St. and the railroad bridge, in such manner as may be approved by the Wire Commissioner; said poles being shown on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated Sept. 20, 1907, and deposited in the Wire Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

LICENSES.

Ald. FLANAGAN for the Committee on Licenses, submitted reports on petitions (severally referred Dec. 16), for licenses to store and keep for sale gasoline at various places—that licenses be granted, viz.:

Harry E. Oakes, rear of 572 Columbia Rd., Wd. 16.

Miller & Walcott, 81 Chestnut St., Wd. 11.

Peerless Motor Car Co. of New England, 36 Ferdinand St., Wd. 10.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

DORCHESTER DAY MEMORIAL VOLUME.

Ald. DRAPER, for the Committee on Printing, submitted a report on order (referred Dec. 19), for printing of second edition of the Dorchester Day memorial volume—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the City Registrar be authorized to have printed a further edition of one thousand copies of the Thirty-fourth Report, Boston Records, entitled "The Town of Roxbury," said edition to be distributed under the direction of the Committee on Printing; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

RAILROADS.

Ald. DRAPER, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petition, orders, etc.,—that no action is necessary, viz.:

Petition of West End Street Railway Company (recommitted Aug. 26) for location for double tracks in portion of Appleton St., also curves at south corner Appleton and Berkeley Sts., and at north and south corners Dartmouth and Appleton Sts.

Remonstrance of Expressmen's League et al. (referred March 19), against granting petition of Boston Elevated Railway Company for approval of its becoming a common carrier of newspapers, baggage, etc.

Order (referred March 4), relative to revoking location of tracks on Harrison Ave., between Dover and Beach Sts.

Order (referred Jan. 21), relative to improving car service on Columbus Ave.

Order (referred Oct. 14), that His Honor the Mayor be requested to consider the expediency of petitioning the General Court for such legislation as will enable the city of Boston to build a

subway on Washington St., from Dudley St. Terminal to a point at or near Castle St.

Petition of Edward Gill et al (referred April 1), that the Board of Aldermen ask the Elevated Railway Company to restore the car service on Shawmut Ave.

Reports severally accepted.

(2) Report on petition of the West End Street Railway Company (referred today) for extension of time in which to lay tracks—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the time allowed the West End Street Railway Company in which to complete the work of constructing double tracks, etc., on Mystic Ave. (258th location), under the order passed by the Board of Aldermen, Sept. 10, 1906, be, and the same hereby is extended to Dec. 1, 1908.

Report accepted; order passed.

PROJECTIONS, ETC.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted reports on petitions (severally referred today), for leave to erect signs, etc.—that leave be granted, viz.:

Alfred Pisco & Son, clock sign, 162 Broadway, Wd. 13.

M. Hoyle, electric sign, 98 Dudley St., Wd. 18.

Lemuel Bullock, sign, 762-A Shawmut Ave., Wd. 18.

Barnard Gray, sign, 1886 Washington St., Wd. 17.

J. H. Upham, gas arc lamp, Upham's Corner, Wd. 16.

Joseph Donato, barbel pole, 16 Broadway, Wd. 13.

Gordon Automobile Supply Co., electric sign, 1024 Boylston St., Wd. 10.

James W. Brodbine, illuminated sign, 139 Chandler St., Wd. 10.

Abram Altman, wooden sign, 37 Rose St., Wd. 9.

August Daffinsen, electric sign, 76 Essex St., Wd. 7.

W. S. Butler & Co., electric sign, during the holidays, 90 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Cushing Real Estate Trust, 2 plain lamps, 25 Temple Pplace, Wd. 7.

Edward J. Cotter, sign, 256 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Nicholas D. Simone, electric sign, 373 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Louis Herman, sign, 61 Main St., Wd. 5.

Walter R. Sproule, arc lights, 120 Main St., Wd. 5.

Masonic Hall Association, 2 gas arc lights, 344-8 Medidian St., Wd. 1.

U. S. Transportation Co., sign, 214 Washington St., Wd. 6.

A. Berkman & Co., gas arc lamp, 58 Endicott St., Wd. 6.

Day & Night Bank (Thomas D. Taylor, President), electric light, 209 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on usual conditions.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted a report on the petition of the Socialist Party Club of Boston (referred today), for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of Jan. 6, 1908—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on usual conditions.

CLAIMS.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Claims, submitted a report on petition of Hugh O'Connor (referred Sept. 30),

for compensation for injuries received while in the employ of the Sanitary Department—that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Accepted. Sent down.

LAMP ON ALBANY ST.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain a lamp in front of estate 806 Albany St.; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

ABOLITION OF EAST BOSTON GRADE CROSSINGS.

Ald. LEARY presented a petition signed by James E. Maguire, et al., a committee of the Orient Heights Yacht Club, asking that grade crossings of the Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn Railroad be abolished on Saratoga St., Short St., Maverick St. and Marginal St.

Ald. LEARY presented petition of Board of Aldermen to the Justices of the Superior Court for Suffolk county for the abolition of certain grade crossings along the location of the Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn Railroad in East Boston.

In connection with the petition Ald. LEARY presented the following:

Ordered, That notice be sent by the City Clerk to the Railroad Commissioners of the entry of the petition of the Board of Aldermen to the Justices of the Superior Court within and for the county of Suffolk, for the abolition of certain grade crossings along the location of the Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn Railroad in East Boston.

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel enter an appearance for and in behalf of the Board of Aldermen to the Justices of the Superior Court of Suffolk county for the abolition of grade crossings along the location of the Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn Railroad in East Boston.

Severally referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

COASTING ON MT. VERNON ST.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Police Commissioner be authorized to permit coasting during the present winter season, under such restrictions as he may deem proper to impose, on Mt. Vernon St., Wd. 23, from Crest St. to Vermont St., and on Vermont St., Wd. 23, to Baker St.

Passed.

PUBLICATION OF BOSTON RECORDS.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the City Registrar be authorized to have printed a further edition of 1000 copies of the Thirty-fourth Report, Boston Records, entitled "The Town of Roxbury," said edition to be distributed under the direction of the Committee on Printing; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed. Sent down.

REMOVAL OF TREE.

Ald. LEARY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of 217 Saratoga St., East

Boston, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.
Passed.

RECESS.

The Board voted to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, at 4:38 P. M., on motion of Ald. BALDWIN.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by Ald. BALDWIN, in the absence of Chairman BERWIN, at 5:22 P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. BANGS, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the message of the Mayor recommending transfer of care of Reservoir lot on Parker Hill from Water Department to Fire Department, with accompanying order to accomplish same (referred today)—recommending the passage of the order and that the message be sent down.

Report accepted. Order passed. Order and message sent down.

(2) Report on the petition of Daniel A. Noonan and others (referred Dec. 2) that coasting be not allowed on East Seventh St., between G and I Sts.—recommending reference to the Police Commissioner.

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

(3) Reports that no action is necessary on the following petitions:

Order for Mayor to investigate hours of labor for women and minors in hotels and restaurants (referred Nov. 11).

Petition of Boston Elevated Railway Co. (recommitted April 29), for approval of its becoming a common carrier of newspaper, baggage, express matter and freight, on its tracks in Boston.

Order (referred Aug. 26th) that the city of Boston's proportion of its expenses incurred in the dedication of the Cambridge Bridge be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Reports accepted.

(4) Report on orders (referred May 6th) requesting the Board of Street Commissioners to lay out a part of the East Boston Reservoir lot on Eagle Hill as a highway and directing the Water Commissioner, with the approval of the Mayor, to sell so much of said lot as lies north of the proposed highway as may be deemed advisable, and placing that portion of the Reservoir lot south of the proposed highway in custody of the Board of Park Commissioners, etc.—that the same be indefinitely postponed.

Report accepted; said orders indefinitely postponed.

(5) Reports recommending that the following papers be placed on file:

Order (referred from last year), charging expenses for returning Confederate flag to New Orleans to the appropriation of City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Order (referred last year) appropriating \$20,000 for the erection of a new library building in Charlestown, to be added to the loan of \$15,000 already authorized, etc.

Order (referred from last year), requesting the Mayor to make necessary arrangements for the return of the New Orleans flag, and authorizing the appointment of a committee to accompany the same.

Report accepted; said orders placed on file.

(6) Report on veto messages (referred from last year) recommending that the vetoes be sustained, as follows:

Message vetoing permit to J. Schwartz to project hooks from which to hang clothing at 5 Salem St., Wd. 6.

Message vetoing permit to Philip Cohen to project hooks on which to hang clothing at 9 Endicott St., Wd. 6.

Reports accepted, and the Board refused to grant the permits over the Mayor's veto, yeas none, nays 12.

(7) Report on the order granting a permit to the Cunningham Iron Company to lay a spur track for private use across B St., Wd. 13 (referred Nov. 25)—recommending the passage of the same.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(8) Report on the message of the Mayor (referred Aug. 26) vetoing certain items in loan order for \$1,599,500 for various municipal purposes (the items vetoed being Park Department—Rogers Park, enlargement of, \$30,000; removal of wall, Seaver St. side of Franklin Park, \$5000)—recommending that the veto be sustained.

The question came on accepting the report.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I desire to refer to simply one of the items vetoed by the Mayor. I am not going to ask any member of the Board to vote against the veto; but, as the matter was pending for two years, as my successor in the Board was directly interested in it, and as he was one of the first to ask me to have the wall removed, I think it is perfectly fair for me to make a statement in regard to it at this time. I have never in my two years' experience in the Board risen to a question of personal privilege nor made any comment whatever on any criticism made on me as a member of the Board of Aldermen so far as it reflected on me personally, where it was merited or not. I feel, however, that on this question I am absolutely right, and that time will prove it. You will notice, in reference to the removal of the wall on Seaver St., that the reasons for the veto are these: "This wall was constructed by the Park Department at an expense to the city of \$8000." Granted. My first proposition is that it was an exceedingly foolish expense. You can well see how it would be difficult to remove the wall at the request of the Park Department, if they first had to admit that it was a foolish expense. If it was unnecessary, of course it was a foolish expense originally. That is the first obstacle. "Well constructed and slightly"—that is it; it is well constructed and slightly. My point is this, that two years ago I was asked by every abutting owner on Seaver St. to have that wall removed. They stated that it was entirely unnecessary, that it was contrary to what they thought was the proper thing for a park. I immediately interviewed the park commissioners. I found that there existed the theory, originated by their adviser, Mr. Sargent, that the park was for the enjoyment of those within, that a wall should surround it, and that it should not be enjoyed by those who are outside. That may be a perfectly good theory. As a matter of personal opinion I say it is not. Of course, it is difficult to get the same commission that constructed the wall to remove it. That was the first year. They did say, however, "We will be glad to remove it if you find that here is a desire to have it removed." I found that all the abutting owners with one exception—and that one exception was only because of fear of an assessment—desired the improvement, as they called it. I found also

from personal observation that it was a sounding board. The newspaper criticism said that that was a matter of personal opinion. I go further. I say that that is a matter of easy, common knowledge. The noise of the car is made underneath; the wall is a solid substance; the sound strikes the wall, and, of course, that is what constitutes a sounding board. Any statement made by a newspaper, by a friend or enemy or anybody else, that that is not a sounding board, is contrary to the fact. It is a sounding board, from my own observation and the knowledge of an ordinary schoolboy is sufficient to prove it. Furthermore, the second year I met an obstacle. I found then that the Boston Elevated road desired to have it removed. Why? Because it was a danger to human life. At present no one has been killed. To be sure, a horse was killed and the man very nearly killed at the junction of Humboldt Ave. and the parkway, and I venture to say that if that wall is not removed there is great danger, or at least a probability, of some one being killed in that vicinity. The Elevated road probably favored the removal of the wall because they desire a boulevard. I believe that the time is not yet ripe for a boulevard, that we cannot afford it at the present time. On the Park Commission is one of the directors of the Boston Elevated road. Now I find that the Park Commission favors it. But still we have the veto of the mayor, practically stating that the Park Commission does not favor it. "At all events, admitting for the sake of argument that the wall should be removed, it should only be done on the recommendation of the Park Commission and at an expense (if the value of the material would not pay a contractor for the work) to be charged to the appropriation for the current expenses of the Park Department."

There, Mr. Chairman, is the nigger in the woodpile, and I claim that the purpose of that item in the loan bill was merely to drive out the nigger in the woodpile. It was absolutely foolish to ask that \$5000 be appropriated for the removal of that wall, with any other purpose; absolutely unnecessary. Why? There probably is not a contractor in the city of Boston who would not remove it for nothing, or at least for the stone, and put the park in decent condition afterward. It ought to be known—and it is not known at the present time, at any rate, to all the abutting owners on Seaver St—that when a loan bill is passed and in it there is an appropriation for a certain department, the money is not used until that department calls for it and until the mayor approves of the call of the department—the Park Department in this instance. Therefore, suppose the \$5000 item had been passed and that it had not been vetoed. Would the Park Department call for it? The Park Department would have been immediately called upon to remove the wall. Then they could not say to me, "We haven't any money with which to do it." They would have been told, "There is your money." Then, being a competent board, but mistaken in this one idea, in my opinion, they would have had to confess. "We do not approve of the removal of that wall"—and that is the secret of the whole proposition. Don't let it be understood, as some one has intimated, that this was put in for the purpose of creating a job for a contractor. I would not think of giving any dignity to that accusation were it not for the fact that certain people on the street have asked me to take care of the proposition. If you make

that accusation you say that the Park Commission, with its chairman, Charles E. Stratton, another member, James M. Prendergast, and another member, Daniel Coakley, are crooked, because they must first ask for the money, when we pass this loan, before anything of the sort could be done. I don't think any member of this board would make any such accusation. There are other propositions that enter into it that ought to be explained, possibly. The wall is quite high. The snow settles up against the wall and there is greater expense to the Elevated road in removing the snow than if the wall was not there. That is true; but the fact is also true, just the same, that the wall ought to be removed, and ought not to have been constructed; that every single abutter wants it removed, and that every one has asked personally to have it removed, except one who desired to have it done but who feared an assessment if he requested that it be done. I make this explanation, not because it affects me personally, because I have not risen to a question of privilege in any such case in my two years in the board, but merely that the matter may be attended to properly. I merely ask, in justice to myself, in justice to the abutting owners, in justice to the Park Commissioners, that those newspapers who did give forth an inference of some kind of corruption in this matter retract their statements—not for myself personally, as I care nothing for it, but I do ask that they retract it as far as reflecting on the Park Commission is concerned. If they did not know, they should have known that when a loan is passed it does not go through until the department for whose benefit is passed calls for the money. There is where the key to the whole proposition is, and I think, in justice to me, and in justice to the others that I have referred to, that they should retract the inference that they have set forth.

The board refused to pass the item over the Mayor's veto, yeas none, nays 10.

(9) Report on communication from the Police Commissioner (referred Dec. 2) requesting concurrence of City Council with him in increasing salaries of officers at House of Detention for Women—recommending the passage of the order in concurrence with the Police Commissioner.

The question came on concurring with the Police Commissioner in the order increasing the salaries of officers at the House of Detention for Women.

Ald. FLANAGAN—Mr. Chairman, I move that further consideration of the matter be laid over until the next meeting. This is a matter, it seems to me, coming to us recommended in this way by the Police Commissioner, which should receive serious consideration. We have recently heard great complaint about raising wages of employees—employees of the Bridge Department and a number of other employees of the city, including men working for small salaries, \$2 and 2.25 a day. Yet here is an order recommended by the Police Commissioner increasing the salaries of women who already get \$1000, \$1100 and \$1200 a year. It seems to me that a week is a short enough time in which to look into it, and perhaps by that time we may be able to see our way clear to vote for it. I would like a week's time, before I can see my way clear to vote for it. If it is to be acted upon today, I want to be recorded against it.

The matter was assigned to the next meeting.

COASTING ON WALDEN ST.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—
That the Police Commissioner be authorized to permit coasting during the present winter season, under such restrictions as he may deem proper to impose, on Walden St., Wd. 22.

Passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. LEARY, the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken this afternoon.

Adjourned at 5:42 P. M., on motion of Ald. BATTIS, to meet on Monday, Dec. 30, at 3 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, Dec. 26, 1907

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P. M., President BARRETT in the chair.

SHAWMUT BRANCH SERVICE.

The following was received:
Board of Railroad Commissioners,
Boston, Dec. 23, 1907.

Mr. Joseph O'Keane,
Clerk of the Boston Common Council,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:—I am directed by the Board to acknowledge receipt of a certificate copy of the order of the Boston Common Council as to service on the Shawmut branch of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad.
Very truly yours,
Charles E. Mann,
Clerk of the Board.

Placed on file.

SKATING—MYSTIC PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:
City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, Dec. 26, 1907.
To the Common Council:—
I transmit herewith a communication from the Park Department in answer to your order requesting that the Mystic Playground in Wd. 3 be flooded for skating.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks,
Boston, Dec. 26, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor City Hall.

Dear Sir:—The Board has received and duly considered the enclosed order of the Common Council requesting us to cause the Mystic Playground in Wd. 3 to be flooded for skating.

We regret that the steep grade of this playground will not permit of its being successfully flooded for skating.

Yours respectfully,
Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.
Placed on file.

COMPLETION OF NORTH END BATH.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, Dec. 26, 1907.
To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith for your information a communication from the Bath Department, with enclosure, relating to the need of an additional appropriation for the purpose of completing all-the-year-round bath-house at the North End. An order making the desired appropriation is now before you, and I earnestly request that immediate action be taken thereon in order that the building may be completed.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Department of Baths.

Boston, Dec. 12, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of the City of Boston.

Sir:—I enclose herewith a copy of a letter received from Messrs. Maginnis, Walsh & Sullivan, in relation to the electrical work on the new building on North Bennett St. Unless this contract and also the one for steam-fitting can be let in the very near future, it will add largely to the expense of construction.

Kindly advise me if there is any prospect of securing an appropriation for this object.

Very respectfully,
Leonard D. Ahl,
Chairman, Bath Trustees.

Copy.

Dec. 9, 1907.

Bath Commission, City of Boston,
64 Pemberton Sq., City.

Gentlemen:—We are requested by the contractor to put in the conduits for electric wiring at the North End Bath-house and if we are not permitted to proceed with the electric work there we shall have to cease work there, at least on that part of the work where the conduits are to run.

Yours truly,
Maginnis, Walsh & Sullivan.

Sent up.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Mayor's message relative to the transfer of a certain lot of land from the Water Department to the Fire Department, it being intended to erect a fire engine house thereon.

In said message the immediate passage of the following order is recommended:

Ordered, That the lot of land in the Roxbury District bounded northeasterly by Parker Hill Ave., 80 feet southeasterly by land supposed to belong to Eugene N. Foss, 80 feet southwestly by land of the City of Boston, 87 feet northwesterly by other land of the City of Boston, be transferred to the care and use of the Fire Department, the same being no longer needed for the use of the Water Department.

The message was placed on file, and the order was passed in concurrence. Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19 moved to reconsider; lost.

2. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of Hugh O'Connor, referred Sept. 30, for compensation for injuries received while in the employ of the Sanitary Department—leave to withdraw.

Accepted in concurrence.

3. Report of Committee on Printing, recommending the passage of the following order, referred Dec. 19:

Ordered, That a second edition consisting of one thousand copies of the proceedings of Dorchester Day, June 8, 1907, be printed, the expense of same to be charged to the appropriation for Printing Department; such documents to be distributed under the direction of the Joint Committee on Printing.

Report accepted; order passed in concurrence.

4. Ordered, That the City Registrar be authorized to have printed a further edition of one thousand copies of the Thirty-fourth Report, Boston Records, entitled "The Town of Roxbury," said edition to be distributed under the direction of the Committee on Printing; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed in concurrence.

STATE HIGHWAY — WASHINGTON ST.

Mr. MONTAGUE of Wd. 10, for the Committee on Legislative Matters, submitted a report on the order (referred Dec. 19) relative to the acceptance of Chapter 574 of the Acts of 1907, concerning the construction of Washington St., West Roxbury, as a State Highway—That the order ought to pass.

Report accepted, order passed in concurrence. Mr. DAVIDSON of Wd. 23 moved to reconsider; lost.

NEXT MEETING.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3 offered an order—That when this Council adjourns it be to meet again on Thursday, Jan. 2, at 4 o'clock P. M.
Passed.

APPROPRIATION FOR EXECUTION OF COURT.

The PRESIDENT called up No. 14, past assignment, viz.:

14. Ordered, That the sum of four thousand four hundred dollars (\$4400) be appropriated to meet a deficit in the appropriation for "Brandon St. and Belgrade Ave.," caused by an execution of court; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

On motion of Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3 the rule was suspended, the order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24—Mr. President, if I am in order at this time I move the indefinite postponement of the order.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I would like to have the gentleman in the first division assign some reason for indefinite postponement. Here is a matter of \$4400 for which execution of court is now in the hands of an officer, and it must be satisfied. I can see no rational reason for indefinite postponement.

The PRESIDENT—The chair will state that the question of suspending the rule takes precedence of the motion to indefinitely postpone.

The rule was declared suspended. Mr. WILLCUTT doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote.

The rule was declared suspended, 12 in favor, 3 against; the order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair wishes to state, in connection with the passage of the order, that he received word today from the City Auditor urging the passage of the order, for the reason that if it is to meet, an execution of court which is already overdue.

The order failed of passage on roll call, yeas 40, nays 7 (50 votes being required for passage):

Yeas—Barrett, Carruth, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Davidson, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hatton, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McLennan, Mealey, Montague, Morgan, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Penshorn, Purcell, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Wentworth, Wharton, Zetterman—40.

Nays—Anderson, Doherty, George, Harding, McGregor, Noyes, Willcutt—7.
Absent or Not Voting—Bagley, Bramhall, Brown, Buckley, Clark (20), Clark

(24), Colpoys, Cose, Daly (12), Ducey, Ferguson, Green, Hackett, Hanrahan, Hayes, Madden, McCabe, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), Pierce, Rackowsky, Roberts, Santosuosso, Sheenan, Sorenson, Spellman, Troy, Woodside—28.

On motion of Mr. Lill of Wd. 8, it was voted to reconsider and assign reconsideration to the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11, in the chair.

MUNICIPAL LIGHTING.

The CHAIR called up No. 13, assignment, viz.:

13. Ordered, That the City of Boston be, and hereby is, authorized, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 34 of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts, to construct, purchase or lease and maintain within its limits, one or more plants for the manufacture or distribution of gas and electricity for furnishing light for municipal use, and light, heat and power, except for the operation of electric cars, for the use of its inhabitants.

The question came on the motion of Mr. Doyle to reconsider the vote of Dec. 19, whereby the above order was rejected.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I move that further consideration of this matter be assigned to 8:45 o'clock, P. M.

The motion was declared lost.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I respectfully doubt the vote and ask for a verification by a rising vote.

The CHAIR—The Chair having better ears than certain presiding officers, it appears that Mr. McCullough's motion—

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that the Chair has absolutely no right, under the parliamentary law that governs this body to debate a question while in the chair.

The CHAIR—If the chair had debated the question the gentleman's point would be in order; but, the Chair not having debated the matter, the Chair will put Mr. McCullough's motion to a rising vote—as to whether the motion to reconsider shall be postponed until 8:45 o'clock P. M.

The motion to reconsider the vote of Dec. 19, whereby the above order was rejected, was postponed until 8:45 P. M.

Later in the session, the Chair called up No. 13, and the question came on the motion of Mr. Doyle to reconsider the vote of Dec. 19, whereby the above order was rejected.

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I move that that order be referred to the next city government. My reason for asking that that be done is that during my two terms as a member of this body I have not yet seen it demonstrated that there was a single department which the city has had under its control that has been run on a municipal basis. They have lost money on every enterprise which they have undertaken, and it is a fraud and a shame to ask us to consider a matter of that kind.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I move as a substitute motion that this order be assigned until the next meeting of the Council. I make that motion for the reason that this order cannot be passed unless it receives 50 votes. There are 75 members in the body, and there are many members absent tonight. I take it that at the next meeting, which will probably be the last meeting of the Council this year, there will be a larger attendance than there is now, and that the proposition, which is a simple one,

may be acted upon fairly by every member of the body, I move that consideration of it be assigned to the next meeting.

The question came on assignment to the next meeting.

Mr. WILLCUTT—Mr. President, I hope the motion to assign to the next meeting will not prevail. The next meeting of the Council, as I understand it, is at 4 o'clock next Thursday afternoon. It is to be held for the purpose of transacting what business we have, and to then adjourn to bid goodbye to each other. It is a shame to bring that thing up and carry it along all the afternoon, when we know that we are not going to put it through. If we want to pass it, we can pass it just as well tonight; and if we want to defeat it, let us defeat it. But it is foolish to bring a matter of that kind up here now. When you haven't a department of the city which today is self-supporting, why do you introduce an order of this kind calling for the spending of the millions of money that this order calls for?

The CHAIR—The question is on assignment to the next meeting. The Chair takes the opportunity at this time—because if he were in his seat he would ask to be recognized by the Chair, to state that he hopes this matter will not be assigned to the next meeting. Fair notice has been given. This matter was brought up the last time, was discussed, and was rejected. It has been on the calendar for a long time. It is an order which has been discussed by the Council at great length several times. The Chair in his capacity as a Councilman hopes that the matter will not be assigned to the next meeting, and sincerely hopes that it will be killed once for all tonight. But in any event, we are as ready to vote upon this matter tonight as we will be next Thursday, or any other time.

Mr. McCORMACK of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I sincerely and honestly agree with the gentleman in the third division (Mr. McCullough) that this matter should be assigned to the next meeting, and I will vote that way. I intend at all times to vote in support of an order of this kind, which I think will be of benefit to the people. I believe thoroughly in this thing, and will always believe in it. Without wasting any more time of this Council, I want to say that I believe in assignment and hope that it will prevail.

Mr. McLELLAN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I can see no reason why we should assign this order to the next meeting. This order was introduced at one of the early meetings of the Council in February, and was left on the calendar for 11 months, without any attempt on the part of those who introduced the order to bring it before this Council for discussion; and then in the closing meeting, when it is impossible to give to an important order of this kind, involving the expenditure of fifty millions or sixty million dollars, the time and consideration to which such an order is entitled, they have brought it up only for it to be defeated, and now they again ask to assign it until 4 o'clock at the last meeting of the Council. This order, in order to be effective, will have to be passed by a two-thirds vote of this body, and will then have to be passed by the Board of Aldermen. It is of no avail to bring it up again, because in all probability if we should pass it next Thursday, there would not be another meeting of the Board to put it through. I sincerely hope that the good sense of the Coun-

cil will prevail, and that the order will not be assigned, but that it will be killed tonight.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I trust that the members will be fair in this matter. The gentleman in the third division who has just taken his seat (Mr. McLellan), says that this matter has been pending for some time and should not be again postponed. It is true that it has been on the calendar for quite a while—probably for good and sufficient reasons. The fact of the matter is that it came up at the last meeting. There has been no meeting for some few months when there was a sufficient attendance to warrant those who were interested in this order in believing that it would get the 50 necessary votes. I do not know now that the order will get 50 votes at the next meeting; but I think it is no more than fair to the members who are absent tonight that we should postpone the order and give them an opportunity to vote upon it. This is the most important matter that has come before this or any other council for a number of years, and it seems to me that it would be nothing more than simple courtesy for the members present to postpone action till the next meeting and give the members at that time, at a full meeting an opportunity to vote either one way or the other upon it. The chair says that it has been upon the calendar for a long time. The plain fact is that the members of the Council who are opposed to this proposition and who believe that there are not now 50 members present, would like to press the matter to a vote now, in order to kill it for the present year. I hope that their purpose will not be accomplished, but that we will assign the matter to the next meeting.

Mr. WILLCUTT—Mr. President, I disagree with Mr. Fitzgerald. I believe that the order should be killed. I am always frank and outspoken in anything that I have to say. If the city of Boston were a corporation and were owned by the members sitting in this body, Mr. Fitzgerald would not be standing on his feet and advocating the passage of this order. He would not be advocating that the city undertake any such proposition, if the city's affairs are to be run the way they have been for the last two or three years.

Mr. FITZGERALD—Mr. President, I do not wish to protract the debate upon this matter, but I do wish to say a few words in answer to the gentleman who has just taken his seat. If we were to decide this matter by the standard which the gentleman suggests, we should all vote in favor of it. He asks what enterprise of a quasi-public nature the city has conducted on a paying basis. I would point to one conspicuous example—the water department. I have not looked up the matter recently, but when I did look it up some months ago I found from the figures in the auditor's office that the water department, during its life, had not only paid for the plant which exists today, but has brought into the city treasury at least five million dollars. And no one can say that the water rates in Boston have not been as low as they have in any other city. What would be the case if the water enterprise had been conducted by a private corporation in this city? We certainly would have had no lower rate—probably a higher rate. I believe that if we are to test the matter by the standard that he sets we should vote for the order.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14—Mr. President, if I understand the question before the body aright, I believe that

this order has to pass the city council, both the Common Council and the Board of Aldermen, for two years consecutively, and then has to go before the people for their sanction. If that is right, Mr. President and members of the Council, I believe that any member of the council who votes against that order tonight shows that he has no respect for the intelligence of any man who lives in his ward or district. I believe that the people should have a chance to vote upon such an important question. I therefore hope that assignment will prevail until the time when there are enough votes to pass the order.

The question was put on assignment of the matter to the next meeting, and it was declared rejected. Mr. McCullough doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote, and further consideration of the matter was declared assigned to the next meeting, 30 members having voted in the affirmative and 13 in the negative.

Mr. ANDERSON of Wd. 10 further doubted the vote and asked for a roll call, and the question came on ordering the yeas and nays. By direction of the Chair the members of the council in favor of ordering the yeas and nays arose and were counted.

(Nine members voted in favor of ordering the yeas and nays.)

The CHAIR—Those opposed to having a roll call will please rise and remain standing till counted.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The CHAIR—Mr. McCullough of Wd. 13. What is your point of order?

Mr. McCULLOUGH—My point of order is that the Chair has asked for a rising vote of those members who desired the roll to be called; and those members who desired the roll to be called arose and were counted; and that either the Chair or the Clerk has given the count, which shows that less than one-fifth of the members of the body have requested the calling of the yeas and nays, and that therefore they are not ordered.

The CHAIR—The Chair wishes to state that it was the opinion of the Clerk, and also of the Chair, that more than one-fifth of those present and voting, had requested the calling of the roll. It was for the reason that the Chair wished to be fair that he called for the negatives. It was for that reason, intending to find out how many members there were at the present time present and voting. According to a previous vote, 43 members were present and voted, and with nine members demanding a roll call, that would make more than one-fifth of those present. It was not to be unfair that the Chair asked those opposed to the calling of the roll to rise, but for the purpose of being fair.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—I still press my point of order, that less than one-fifth of the members of this body have requested the calling of the yeas and nays.

The CHAIR—The Chair will rule that the point cannot be determined until those opposed to calling the roll have arisen and been counted. The Chair will then rule upon the point of order according to his best judgment and according to the rules of the Council. Those opposed to the calling of the roll will rise.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. My point of order is that less than one-fifth of the members of this body have requested the calling of the yeas and nays.

The CHAIR—The Chair over-rules the point of order. The point of order is

not well taken. The Chair is following the usual course of a fair presiding officer of this body in trying to ascertain whether one-fifth of the members present and voting are in favor of a roll call. Mr. McCullough knows that that is the usual proceeding of the Chair.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I rise to another point of order. My point of order is, Mr. President, that the gentleman who is occupying the chair has absolutely no right to state an untruth.

The CHAIR—The gentleman will retract the words. The gentleman will retract.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—The gentleman refuses to retract the words.

The CHAIR—The gentleman will be seated. Those opposed to a roll call will arise.

(Nobody arose to object to a roll call.)

The CHAIR—The calling of the yeas and nays is ordered.

The roll was called, and the further consideration of the matter was assigned to the next meeting, yeas 34, nays 18:

Yeas—Carruth, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hanrahan, Hatton, Joyce, Kelly, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15)—34.

Nays—Anderson, Bagley, Barrett, Davidson, George, Harding, Kennedy, McGregor, McLennan, Montague, Morgan, Noyes, Penhorn, Roberts, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt, Zetterman—18.

Absent or not voting—Bramhall, Brown, Euckley, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Daly (12), Doherty, Ducey, Ferguson, Green, Hackett, Hayes, Madden, O'Brien (5), Pierce, Santosuosso, Sheenan, Sorenson, Spellman, Troy, Woodside—23.

CARE OF SKATERS.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide suitable lifesaving apparatus at all skating ponds under their control where danger from drowning exists.
Referred to the Mayor.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, WARD 16.

Mr. KELLY of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place and maintain an electric light at the corner of Power St. and Dorchester Ave., Wd. 16.
Referred to the Mayor.

WARD 25, IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause the vacant lot owned by the city, located on Cambridge St., Wd. 25, between Mansfield and Lincoln Sts., to be graded and placed in proper condition.
Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. ZETTERMAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to take such action as may be necessary to prevent rain water from running from Allston St. into Allston Sq., Wd. 25.
Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. ZETTERMAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place an additional cross-walk on Western Ave., at Riverdale St., Wd. 25.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. ZETTERMAN offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide a proper number of the new semi-convertible cars for the Western Ave. and River St., Brighton-Allston car lines.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25, offered an order,—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place the North Brighton Playground in proper condition for immediate flooding.

Referred to the Mayor.

WARD 19 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19, offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place and maintain a gas lamp near 85 Wensley street in Wd. 19.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. MURPHY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place and maintain an electric light near 317 Heath St., in Wd. 19.

Referred to the Mayor.

REMOVAL OF TREE.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 5 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of 57 Washington St., Wd. 5; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for the Public Grounds Department.

Referred to the Mayor.

CHANGE OF PARK NAME.

Mr. SANTOSUOSSO of Wd. 6 called up No. 10, assignment, viz.:

10. Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to change the name of the North End Park to Scigliano Park.

The question came on the motion of Mr. Santosuosso to reconsider the vote of Dec. 19, whereby the above order was rejected.

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24.—Mr. President, I believe that that order should be referred to the next City Government, with all due respect to my friends, Santosuosso and Purcell. I believe both of them are sincere in their efforts to have this park named after Mr. Scigliano; but I believe they should pick out some gentleman of a higher type of national fame than a man of Mr. Scigliano's calibre. I don't mean any disrespect, understand, to him, but I have reference to a man like Garibaldi, Columbus or some one of national or world-wide fame. I think if we must have names changed in the old North End, we should name the places after old North Enders, and I hope reconsideration will not prevail.

Mr. SANTOSUOSSO of Wd. 6—Mr. President, I hope this matter will be definitely settled, so far as the lower branch of the city government is concerned, tonight. I understand that there will be another meeting of the Board of Aldermen, so that if this order passes the body tonight the Board of Aldermen can act on it before it goes out of existence, and His Honor the Mayor can also act upon it if the Board of Aldermen considers it favorably. I am sorry to have been a listener to

the remarks of the previous speaker in so far as he believes that the late George A. Scigliano was not of a high enough character to merit the recognition involved in having some park in the city of Boston named in his honor. That calls to my mind the remark of a certain Charles Francis Adams, 2d, who, in the course of an interview on this matter, said that a similar order, proposing the naming of North Sq. Scigliano Sq., as offered in the Common Council, was the worst piece of vandalism ever known in Boston, and that such action was characteristic of the Common Council. I deny emphatically that such action on our part is an act of vandalism, and I believe that the Common Council, in acting upon that order two weeks ago, were actuated by honest motives. If attempting to honor an American citizen of Italian blood is an act of vandalism, then I consider myself a vandal and am strongly in favor of vandalism. If endeavoring to honor the memory of a highly esteemed American citizen of Italian blood, who sat for three years in the Common Council, and for three years in the Massachusetts Legislature, side by side with many of Massachusetts's most illustrious sons of today, is an act of vandalism, I again plead guilty to the charge.

If it is discreditable to name the North End park after one who has honored the Italian people as Scigliano did, one who was esteemed by his race as he was, then I say, Mr. President, of those who take that stand that, while if they are actuated by honest motives I have no criticism to make, if they merely take it in order to please the Adamses, the Hutchinsons, the Nortons and the Winthrops, I do strenuously criticize their position. In honoring the name of a reputable Italian-American citizen, would we not be inspiring the Italians who live here to better American citizenship? In naming the North End park Scigliano Park, would we not be instilling into the hearts of the Italian people the true spirit of American patriotism? I firmly believe and am convinced that Scigliano was one of the best Americans Boston ever possessed, regardless of race or creed. He commanded the respect of all the people in the community where he lived. He was a faithful husband; he was an affectionate father; he was an ideal and upright American citizen and a learned attorney. If those qualifications, and if the numerous noble qualities possessed by Mr. Scigliano are not worthy of honor in this way, I certainly cannot understand the reason. Of course, I honor also the names of Garibaldi, of Verdi, of Marconi, and all other illustrious sons of Italy; but those men, with the exception of Marconi, are not contemporaries. Scigliano lived in our times. We knew him; we saw him growing; we have eaten with him; we have drunk with him; we have passed many pleasant moments with him. We respected him while alive, and now we, particularly his constituents in the North End, where he always lived, desire to honor his name. Therefore, I trust that reconsideration will be had and that the order will go upon its passage tonight.

Mr. WILLCUTT of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I do not want to have Mr. Santosuosso say that I have cast any reflections upon Mr. Scigliano, but I think that because any man, whether he be an American or whether he be of Italian blood, has served one or two years in the Common Council and two or three years in the Legislature, is no reason why we should have some of our parks, or some of our streets, or some

of our avenues, named after him. If a man has been President of the United States or Governor of our state, or has held some high office like that and has accomplished something so that all the world knows of his fame, it is all very well to name a park or street or avenue or square after him. In regard to the Adamsons and the Hutchinsons, and all that sort of people, I never had the pleasure of meeting them, and so I cannot say that I am voicing their sentiments. But everybody in the world has heard of the North end. They have read of it in history. When you say "North End Pk." or "North Sq.," they know what that means. But if you had a park named Scigliano Sq. for the next 10 years, they would never even know in what part of the city it was located.

Mr. SANTOSUOSSO—Mr. President, in so far as those people to whom I have referred have criticized the re-naming of North Sq. "Scigliano Sq.," I believe that they may have had good reasons for protesting against that change of name, because North Sq. was known years and years ago, and in North Sq. lived many men of great reputation in the days of yore, such as Paul Revere, Hutchinson, Phipps, Winthrop and many others. But the North End Park was not known in the times of Paul Revere. The first that we ever heard of North End Park was when His Honor the Mayor, who was then in the Common Council, introduced an order in 1892 asking that an appropriation be made so that there might be established in that section of the city a park which the poor people residing there might frequent. Paul Revere never heard of the North End Park. The men of 25 or 50 years ago never heard of the North End Park. It was only 15 years ago that it was first proposed, and it has come to a realization within the last 12 years. That park can very properly be named "Scigliano Park," for it is a well-known fact that 75 per cent. of the residents of that section of the city are Italians.

It is also well known, particularly among the people of that section, that Scigliano was one of our most honored residents—yes, I will say that at the time of his death Scigliano was the most honored and best known Italian in Boston. It is the sincere wish of the people of that section of the city, and of the Italians particularly, to honor the memory of the late George A. Scigliano. It is for that reason particularly that I am espousing the change of name of the North End Park to "Scigliano Park."

The question came on reconsideration of the vote whereby the order was rejected at the last meeting, and reconsideration was declared carried. Mr. Willcutt doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and the motion to reconsider was carried, 37 members voting in the affirmative and 4 in the negative.

The question was put on the passage of the order, and it was declared passed. Mr. Willcutt doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and the order was passed, 35 members voting in the affirmative and 5 in the negative.

Mr. SANTOSUOSSO moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

President BARRETT IN the Chair.

MERGING OF PARK AND PUBLIC GROUNDS DEPARTMENTS.

Mr. McGIVERN of Wd. 16 called up No. 15, past assignment, viz.:

15. The following ordinances:

(a) An Ordinance Repealing Chapter

33 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 and Merging the Public Grounds Department in the Park Department.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 33 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 establishing the Public Grounds Department and defining the duties thereof is hereby repealed.

Section 2. Chapter 28 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"Section 2. The said Board of Park Commissioners shall also have the care and superintendence of the public grounds and of all trees belonging to the city; shall trim all shade trees standing in streets, so that they will not interfere with public travel; shall carry out all orders of the Board of Aldermen, made after public notice and hearing, to remove trees standing in the streets, and shall cause all statutes and ordinances for the protection of trees, shrubs and flowers in the public grounds and streets to be strictly observed. They shall also have and exercise the same powers over the public grounds that they do over the parks and playgrounds, as enumerated in Section 1."

(b.) An ordinance amending Section 1 of Chapter 2 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 2 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by striking out the words "the superintendent of public grounds."

(c.) An Ordinance Amending Section 5 of Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

Section 1. Section 5 of Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by striking out the words "the superintendent of public grounds, four thousand dollars."

(d.) An Ordinance Amending Section 4 of Chapter 1 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

Section 1. Section 4 of Chapter 1 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by inserting the word "formerly" between the words "public lands" and the word "placed" in the second line of the sub-division marked "Fifth."

(e.) An Ordinance Amending Section 68 of Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

Section 1. Section 68 of Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by striking out the words "superintendent of public grounds" and inserting in place thereof the following words: "park commissioners."

Q. on ordering to a second reading.

Mr. McGIVERN moved to indefinitely postpone.

The President being in doubt ordered a rising vote, and the motion was declared carried by 22 to 13.

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 further doubted the vote, and asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered.

The ordinances were indefinitely postponed, yeas 31, nays 16.

Yeas—Barrett, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Hatton, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, Murphy, O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sullivan (6)—31.

Nays—Anderson, Carruth, Davidson,

George, Harding, McCabe, McGregor, McLenan, Montague, Morgan, Noyes, Peshorn, Roberts, Wentworth, Willcutt, Zetterman—16.

Absent or not voting—Bagley, Bramhall, Brown, Buckley Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Daly (12), Doherty, Ducey, Ferguson, Green, Hackett, Hanrahan, Hayes, Madden, Noonan, O'Brien (5), Pierce, Santosuoso, Sheenan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (15), Troy, Wharton, Woodside—28.

SIDEWALK, CENTRE ST.

Mr. DAVIDSON of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to lay out and construct a sidewalk on Centre St., between the entrance to the Arnold Arboretum and Hewlett St. in Wd. 23. Referred to the Mayor.

SEWERS, WD. 23.

Mr. CARRUTH of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Sewers, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to construct sanitary sewers in the following-named streets in Wd. 23: Canterbury St., from Ashland St. to Mt. Hope St.; Richards Ave., between Hyde Park Ave. and the Hyde Park line; Huntington Ave., from Canterbury St. to Hyde Park line; Perkins St., from Canterbury St. to Grew Ave.; Clifford St., from Grew Ave. to Canterbury St.; Poplar St., from Canterbury St. to Beech St.; Metropolitan Ave., from Poplar St. to Summit St.; Cornell St., from Poplar St. to Kittredge St.; James St., from Poplar St. to Kittredge St.; Beech St., from Poplar St. to Kittredge St.; Williams St., from Stony Brook to Forest Hills St.; Keyes St., from Stony Brook to Forest Hills St.; from South St. through private land to Mendum St., to connect with the existing sewer. Referred to the Mayor.

BATH-HOUSE, ETC., WARD 19.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19, called up No. 6, unfinished business, viz.:

6. Ordered, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to be expended by the Bath Commissioners for an all-the-year bath-house and gymnasium, Wd. 19, and to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount.

Mr. MURPHY of Wd. 19.—Mr. President in the absence of Councilman Kohler, I have taken the liberty to call this order up. Since it takes 50 votes to pass the order, and the votes are not here tonight, I would move its indefinite postponement.

The order was indefinitely postponed.

REBUILDING OF DEWEY BEACH.

Mr. HATTON of Wd. 4 called up No. 12, assignment, viz.:

12. Ordered, That the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) be appropriated to be expended by the Bath Commissioners for the rebuilding of Dewey Beach, Wd. 4; and that to meet such appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

Indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. HATTON.

OPENING OF DRAW BRIDGES.

Mr. NOONAN of Wd. 13 called up No. 9, unfinished business, viz.:

9. An ordinance concerning the draws of Summer St. and Federal St. bridges. Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

The ordinance of 1906, concerning the Bridge Department, is hereby amended in the first section thereof by inserting after the words "Congress St. bridge," the words "or the draw of Summer St. bridge, or the draw of Federal St. bridge."

Indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. NOONAN.

Adjourned at 9:23 P. M., on motion of Mr. LILL of Wd. 8, to meet on Thursday, Jan. 2, at 4 o'clock P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Dec. 30, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Chairman BERWIN presiding and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. CLARK, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

JURORS DRAWN.

One hundred and twenty-three traverse jurors were drawn for the Superior Criminal Court, to appear Jan. 20, 1908, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 514, Acts of 1894, viz.:

J. Emmons Cotter, Wd. 21; Hiram D. Dewar, Wd. 23; Patrick J. Sullivan, Wd. 16; Adelard Paneuf, Wd. 20; Martin T. Kenney, Wd. 25; W. Willard Davenport, Wd. 21; John E. Welch, Wd. 6; Edward J. Warner, Wd. 18; John C. Walsh, Wd. 17; Daniel S. Santry, Wd. 13; Benjamin F. Jones, Wd. 21; Patrick F. O'Brien, Wd. 5; Horace E. Swift, Wd. 20; William L. Russell, Wd. 21; William A. Smith, Wd. 20; George A. Callaghan, Jr., Wd. 16; Joseph H. McManus, Wd. 20; John F. Cuff, Wd. 7; Frank Heinlan, Wd. 24; Albert H. Batties, Wd. 13; John J. O'Neil, Wd. 20; George D. Locke, Wd. 7; George F. Lovell, Wd. 8; Thomas P. Curtin, Wd. 24; James T. Young, Wd. 17; Austin J. Holian, Wd. 12; John Slattery, Wd. 17; Horace S. Dane, Wd. 25; Herman L. Stearns, Wd. 20; James F. Walsh, Wd. 18; Frank S. Dow, Wd. 17; Theodore S. Conant, Wd. 11; William H. Mayo, Wd. 20; William R. Carver, Wd. 4; James H. Taylor, Wd. 1; John Reardon, Wd. 21; Edward T. Legg, Wd. 21; George P. Lowther, Wd. 7; Jeremiah J. Goulding, Wd. 7; William T. Clarkson, Wd. 20; Frank X. Willis, Wd. 19; Francis L. Olds, Wd. 7; Patrick McDermott, Wd. 3; John J. McCarthy, Wd. 20; William S. Locke, Jr., Wd. 20; George C. Rollins, Wd. 18; David V. Conway, Wd. 9; Francis V. Nolan, Wd. 20; Harry K. Blakely, Wd. 11; John T. Harrington, Wd. 9; Henry Z. Stone, Wd. 13; Daniel W. Dunn, Wd. 20; William E. Prescott, Wd. 9; William H. Harrison, Jr., Wd. 18; Dennis R. Desmond, Wd. 16; Frank S. Meade, Wd. 21; Arthur W. Lugin, Wd. 7; Benjamin D. Sheehan, Wd. 19; Charles J. Soners, Wd. 11; Albert V. Sommer, Wd. 16; Benjamin Pearson, Wd. 10; Frederick M. Finn, Wd. 3; Zeter L. Lambert, Wd. 1; William H. Curcy, Wd. 20; George F. Smith, Wd. 24; Eben D. Jordan, Wd. 11; Walter V. Fletcher, Wd. 20; Edwin A. Stone, Wd. 16; Pierce Jones, Wd. 11; Thomas T. Higgins, Wd. 20; Patrick Moran, Wd. 8; J. Hiram S. Pearson, Wd. 1; Nathan R. Flynn, Wd. 17; Solomon Sugarman, Wd. 9; William H. Cunningham, Wd. 9; Ingersoll Amory, Wd. 11; James H. Goodwin, Wd. 24; David R. Clark, Wd. 9; Louis N. Lambert, Wd. 23; Melzar F. H. Stone, Wd. 17; Berthold Schiffgeeser, Wd. 21; Louis Rabinovitz, Wd. 6; Henry L. Tate, Wd. 8; Meyer J. Cohen, Wd. 24; James Loughlin, Wd. 22; William E. Elton, Wd. 20; Charles Fischel, Wd. 6; Albert V. Archer, Wd. 3; Frank J. Schell, Wd. 6; Clement J. Driscoll, Wd. 21; Frederick A. Schu-

mann, Wd. 22; Joseph G. Mears, Wd. 12; John T. Hassey, Wd. 18; Edward A. Kane, Wd. 20; James J. Connell, Wd. 7; Michael W. Hurley, Wd. 7; Maurice Murphy, Wd. 25; John M. Hurlin, Wd. 20; George H. Murray, Wd. 21; George M. Connolly, Wd. 6; Frederick A. Sumner, Wd. 21; Martin McHugh, Wd. 14; Richard E. Doyle, Wd. 6; William J. Paton, Wd. 23; Pearl W. Merrill, Wd. 8; Michael M. Herbert, Wd. 23; Daniel J. McCarthy, Wd. 16; Herman Nickerson, Wd. 10; Carl S. Longfellow, Wd. 20; William J. Tyler, Wd. 20; Henry Wagner, Wd. 24; Martin S. McCormick, Wd. 1; Alfred Smith, Wd. 8; Daniel J. O'Connor, Wd. 19; Charles E. Cotting, Wd. 11; Michael D. Butler, Wd. 3; Albert C. Smith, Wd. 23; Benjamin F. DeCosta, Wd. 15; Frederick L. Holland, Wd. 20; Thomas J. Fitzgerald, Wd. 19; John Watson, Jr., Wd. 1; Edward E. Heinlein, Wd. 25.

COASTING ORDER—VETO.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Dec. 30, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my approval order permitting coasting on Walden St., Wd. 22, during the present winter season, for the reason that the Police Commissioner reports that "a protest has been received from the pastor of St. Andrew's M. E. Church, corner of Centre and Walden Sts., because of the disturbance of services; and that coasting is already allowed on Minden St., only a short distance away.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

The vote whereby permission was granted was reconsidered and the question came on granting leave, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Board refused to grant the permit over the Mayor's veto, yeas 0, nays 10.

ACCEPTANCE OF LEGACY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of Mayor, Dec. 30, 1907.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith correspondence in regard to a bequest of \$200.00 made by Jessie Girdwood to the Girls' Latin School, and I recommend that the copy of order transmitted herewith accepting the said legacy be passed.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Office of City Treasurer, Dec. 5, 1907.
Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of the City of Boston.

Dear Sir:—I have received from E. T. Tucker of New Bedford, Mass., executor of the estate of Jessie Girdwood, late of Boston, a check of \$200 in payment of legacy to the Girls' Latin School of Boston.

I enclose herewith a copy of the letter of Mr. Tucker, dated Nov. 18, 1907, and also a copy of the "Extract from the Will of Jessie Girdwood, late of Boston, Item No. 7," received with this letter.

Yours respectfully,

C. H. Slattery, City Treasurer.

New Bedford, Mass.,

258 Pleasant St., Nov. 18, 1907.

To the Treasurer of Boston:—

Dear Sir:—I forward check for \$200 in payment of legacy to Girls Latin School.

I have also notified the School Committee of this action.

Yours respectfully,
(Signed)

E. T. Tucker, for estate of Jessie Girdwood.

Extract from the Will of Jessie Girdwood late of Boston.

Item No. 7.

To the Girls' Latin School, Boston, Massachusetts, two hundred dollars in money, as a memorial bequest to be used as Mr. John Tetlow and the teachers decide.

Ordered, That the legacy of the late Jessie Girdwood of two hundred dollars to the Girls' Latin School of Boston be accepted, and that the City Treasurer be authorized to pay over the sum to Mr. John Tetlow, the master of said school, to be used as said master and the teachers of said school may decide.

The communications were read and sent down. The order was passed. Sent down.

COST OF FOOTBRIDGE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Dec. 30, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:

I transmit herewith a communication from the City Engineer in answer to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of a footbridge over the Boston and Providence Division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, at Forest Hills, from the Primary School yard on Washington St. to Hyde Park Ave.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston

Engineering Department, 50 City Hall
Dec. 10, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Dear Sir: In compliance with the order of the Board of Aldermen "That the City Engineer, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to furnish this Board at its next meeting, if possible, an estimate of the cost of a footbridge over the Boston & Providence Division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, at Forest Hills, from the Primary School yard on Washington St. to Hyde Park Ave." An estimate has been prepared and I find that the estimated cost of a footbridge, including approaches, is \$10,000.

Yours respectfully,

William Jackson, City Engineer.

Placed on file.

EXPENDITURES, RANDOLPH ST. PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, Dec. 30, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Park Department in answer to your order requesting a report in regard to the manner in which the appropriation for improvements at the Randolph St. playground was expended.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks, Boston, Nov. 26, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, City Hall:

Dear Sir—We have received and duly considered the enclosed order from the Board of Aldermen requesting us to

report to it in what manner we have expended the sum of \$1000 appropriated under an order approved by the Mayor, Feb. 9, 1907.

In accordance with the provisions of that order bleachers were built at the Randolph St. playground for \$574.41.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

Referred to the Committee of Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Flanagan.

EXTENSION OF DRAW PIER.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, Dec. 30, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:

I transmit herewith, in order that it may be placed in the files of the City Clerk, an instrument, with enclosures, from the War Department, granting permission to the City to extend the downstream end of the draw pier of the Congress St. bridge.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

War Department, Washington,

Nov. 27, 1907.

Sir:—Referring to your application of the 6th inst., I transmit herewith, for retention, an instrument granting the city of Boston permission to extend the downstream end of the draw pier of the Congress St. bridge, on piles, a distance of 50 feet in Port Point channel, at Boston, Mass., in conformity with License No. 3215, from the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, subject to the condition set forth in said War Department instrument, and as shown on plans attached thereto.

Very respectfully,

Robert Shaw Oliver.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of Boston, Mass.

(Annexed were instrument and plans.)
Placed on file.

PAYMENTS TO ARCHITECTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston

Office of the Mayor, Dec. 30, 1907.

To the Board of Aldermen:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Schoolhouse Commission in answer to your order requesting a report as to the amounts paid for architects' services on school construction from 1900 to 1907.

Respectfully,

John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

November 22d, 1907.

Honorable John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the order passed by the Board of Aldermen under date of October 28th, 1907, namely, "That the Schoolhouse Commission, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to this Board the amounts paid for architect's services on school construction from 1900 to 1907, and to whom paid," and enclose herewith a list showing the amounts paid by this Board for architects' services, and the names of the architects. The first statement on the list contains the names of architects who were not employed by this Board, but who were paid by this Board for services rendered in connection with school construction before the establishment of this Board.

I am, my dear sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. Clipston Sturgis, Chairman.

Amounts expended for architect services on uncompleted constructions turned over to this Board by the School Committee.

Building.	Work.	To Whom Paid.	Amount.
Dorchester High.....	New Building..	Hartwell, Richardson & Driver	\$3,333.90
East Boston High.....	"	John Lyman Faxon.....	3,300.00
South Boston High.....	"	Herbert D. Hale.....	2,938.52
Bigelow	"	Charles J. Bateman.....	1,200.49
Roger Wolcott	"	Everett & Mead.....	1,115.56
Winship	"	Whitman & Hood.....	1,061.61
Ira Allen	"	S. Adams Webber.....	247.60
Normal	"	Harrison H. Atwood.....	2,165.73
Total			<u>\$15,363.46</u>

Amounts expended for architect services on account of installing new sanitation in old buildings, alteration work, grading and erecting and completing new buildings.

Building.	Work.	To Whom Paid.	Amount.
Wait	Sanitation..	G. Wilton Lewis	\$314.90
Norcross	"	"	435.30
George Putnam	"	"	498.26
Rutland St	"	"	180.88
Aaron Davis	"	"	243.88
Everett	"	"	253.05
Dwight	"	"	268.45
Harvard	"	"	189.55
Auburn	"	Wales & Holt.....	231.11
Emerson	"	Clough & Wardner.....	266.95
Grant	"	"	203.69
Tyler St	"	"	311.04
Parkman	"	"	369.49
Quincy	"	Clarke & Osgood.....	359.33
Savin Hill Ave.....	Alteration..	Wales & Holt.....	502.33
Girls' High	Addition..	"	250.00
Longfellow	"	C. Howard Walker.....	300.00
Hancock	Annex.....	Walter Atherton	175.00
Dorchester High	New Building..	Hartwell, Richardson & Driver	1,800.00
Marshall	"	Maginnis, Walsh & Sullivan.....	6,256.88
William E. Russell.....	"	James Mulcahey	9,742.47
Farragut	"	Wheelwright & Haven	7,526.32
Ellis Mendell	"	Andrew, Jacques & Rantoul....	6,764.85
Paul Jones	"	Whitman & Hood.....	5,718.52
Washington	"	Everett & Mead.....	16,279.53
Jefferson	"	Shepley, Rutan & Coolidge.....	10,573.97
Columbus	"	Winslow & Bigelow	8,149.92
J. B. O'Reilly.....	"	Andrews, Jaques & Rantoul....	5,314.78
Mather	"	Cram, Goodhue & Ferguson.....	13,551.91
Oliver H. Perry.....	"	Clough & Wardner.....	6,750.42
Thomas Gardner	"	Stickney & Austin.....	6,624.66
O. W. Holmes.....	"	A. W. Longfellow	9,432.37
Samuel W. Mason.....	"	John A. Fox.....	6,697.52
James Otis	"	John Lyman Faxon.....	900.00
James Otis	"	Winslow & Bigelow	5,989.35
John G. Whittier.....	"	Parker & Thomas	3,483.52
Tuckerman	"	Charles K. Cummings.....	3,538.14
Dearborn	"	Edwin J. Lewis, Jr.	10,193.81
Sarah J. Baker.....	"	Schweinfurth & Craig.....	7,627.88
William E. Endicott.....	"	James E. McLaughlin.....	3,698.01
Nathaniel Hawthorne.....	"	William H. McGinty.....	3,757.97
Charlestown High	"	Stickney & Austin	13,522.49
Normal Group	"	(Peabody & Stearns)	
		(Maginnis, Walsh & Sullivan)	34,913.09
		(Coolidge & Carlson)	
Gaston	"	Clough & Wardner.....	222.10
Dorchester High	Grading..	Hartwell, Richardson & Driver	991.50
Total			<u>\$215,416.15</u>
Total amount expended on account of School Committee			<u>\$15,363.46</u>
Total amount expended by Schoolhouse Department to date.....			<u>215,416.15</u>
Grand total			<u>\$230,779.61</u>

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Alderman CURLEY.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of Crescenzo Merola for leave to project three bay-windows, two over Everett St. and one over Cottage St., from building 80 Everett St., Wd. 2.

Objections to the granting of the petition were sent by Francesco Merrelo and Luigi Di Pietro.

Being no further objection the petition was referred to the Committee

on Building Department (Alder.), on motion of Ald. Leary, with instructions to give a public hearing.

2. On petition of Andreas Blume, Trustee, for leave to project a marquee at 15 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

No objection. Referred to the Committee on Building Department (Ald.)

Later in the session it was voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, to reconsider the vote whereby the above petition was referred and the rule was suspended and leave granted on the usual conditions, on motion of Ald. Berwin.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Cangiano & Forte, an electric sign, at 172 North St., Wd. 6.

Charles A. Underwood, an illuminated sign, at 107 Summer St., Wd. 7.

Pergoli & Meglio, an electric sign, at 76 Shawmut Ave., Wd. 7.

Achille Troccoli, an illuminated sign, at 80 Essex St., Wd. 7.

Sylvester & Souther, an illuminated sign, at 6 Province Ct., Wd. 7.

J. W. Brodbine, three gas arc lamps at Columbus Ave., corner Chandler St., Wd. 10.

Antonio Brescie, a sign, at 160 Broadway, Wd. 13.

Carl D. Willson, a watch-maker's sign, at 641 Broadway, Wd. 14.

Main & Hefferman, an electric sign, at 2375 Washington St., Wd. 18.

Wm. H. Magrath, an illuminated sign, at 43 Warren St., Wd. 18.

Edward H. McKenzie, an electric sign, at 1346 Tremont St., Wd. 19.

Claims.

Harrison W. Bowman, Thomas Dailley, Thomas Collins, Charles Pearaway, Simon Keilin, Delia Kelly and Charles J. Rickels, to be paid for damages to property by the construction of Stony Brook sewer in Downing St.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Democratic City Committee of Boston, for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of Jan. 2, 1908.

Police (Ald.).

Arthur Timmins, to be paid for the loss of a cow killed by order of the Board of Health—said cow having been injured by a dog.

Public Improvements.

A. Shuman, for leave to construct a coal hole in sidewalk on the Avery St. side of estate 581 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Z. A. Willard, W. S. Hall, et al., Trustees, and the Trustees of the Boston Real Estate Trust, for leave to enlarge the present areas at 131, 132 133-134 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

3. Message of the Mayor transmitting a communication from the Bath Department, relative to the need of an additional appropriation for the completion of the all-the-year-round bathhouse at the North End.

An order making the desired appropriation is now before the Common Council.

Placed on file.

4. Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to change the name of the North End park to Scigliano park.

Passed in concurrence. Ald. WHELTON moved to reconsider. Lost.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The City Treasurer, after having duly approved of the same, submitted the constables' bonds of Henry J. Duffy and John R. Murphy.

Approved by the Board.

COAL AND COKE LICENSES.

A list of coal and coke licenses granted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth was received.

Placed on file.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS.

Notices were received from the Harbor and Land Commissioners of hearings on Dec. 26 on petitions of City of Boston, as follows:

For approval of plans in substitution for plans for a bridge in extension of Atlantic Ave., formerly Cove St., over Fort Point Channel.

For approval of plans and modification of plans for sea wall at Dock No. 1 at South Boston.

Placed on file.

ACCEPTANCE OF LOCATION.

Notice was received from the Austin Biscuit Company of acceptance of first location for track for freight across Beverly St., and agreeing to comply with the conditions contained therein.

Placed on file.

CARE OF INSANE.

The following was received:

Finance Commission,

Boston, Dec. 27, 1907.

Dec. 27, 1907.

To the Honorable the Mayor and City Council.

Gentlemen:—In the communication of Nov. 29, 1907, relating to the city debt and loan order of July 26, 1907, the Finance Commission called attention to the relations between the city and the Commonwealth with respect to the care of the insane, stating its belief that the city would not be warranted in purchasing additional land until the question of transferring the care of the insane to the state is decided.

A further investigation of this subject leads the commission to believe that the best interests of the city and its insane poor require the transfer of the Boston Insane Hospital to the state.

In 1898 (Chapter 433, Statute 25, Acts of 1898) the State Board of Insanity was directed to "report to the Legislature such method or methods as in its opinion will most effectually provide for the care and support of the insane poor, who, under existing laws, are cared for by or supported at the expense of the cities and towns of the Commonwealth." In compliance with these instructions the State Board of Insanity made a report, Jan. 3, 1900, recommending "such legislation as will provide that all insane persons who are now or may hereafter become public charges shall be supported at the expense of the Commonwealth on and after Jan. 1, 1904." Upon this recommendation a bill was presented to the Legislature of 1900 covering the entire state, but by an amendment the Boston Insane Hospital was exempted. Thus, under the provisions of Statute 1900, Chapter 451, the state assumed control of all its insane population, except those in the Boston Insane Hospital.

The considerations, which eight years ago convinced the State Board of Insanity that such a complete transfer should be made, are even more operative today.

From a humanitarian point of view, it is clear that each institution for the care of the insane poor in the state should bear a harmonious relationship to every other, and that they should all be near the centres whence the inmates

are drawn, in order that friends may visit with the least possible expenditure of time and money.

At present the state cares for almost two-thirds of the insane of Boston, the city for hardly more than one-third, while between one-third and one-half of the entire insane population of the state comes from the so-called Metropolitan district. Yet the state has no hospital in this district or nearer Boston than Taunton, Worcester and Westboro, except an asylum for chronic cases at Medfield. Today all persons in Boston who become suddenly insane and are so poor that they cannot be cared for at their homes, are sent of necessity to the City Prison, the House of Detention or Deer Island. At these places they are humanely treated, but the stigma of confinement in penal institutions should be avoided, and better medical care provided at this critical period.

The needs of the present situation are:

1. An emergency hospital within the city.
2. An enlargement of the Boston Insane Hospital to bring back to the city its insane population now scattered in hospitals comparatively distant, and
3. A colony for chronic cases within convenient reach of trolley lines.

The financial conditions of the problem are as follows: Today Boston pays its share, some 37 per cent., of the cost to the state of caring for the insane. In addition it supports its own hospital. As a partial offset to this double tax on Boston, the state contributes under the provisions of Statute 1900, Chapter 451, \$3.25 a week per patient in the Boston Insane Hospital. This represents an antiquated and inadequate computation, the actual cost at the Boston Hospital being about \$4.40 for maintenance alone. In addition, Boston has paid and is paying all capital outlays on this hospital as well as interest thereon, while the insane hospitals

for all the other communities are erected, and developed at the expense of the Commonwealth.

In their report of Feb. 1, 1904, the trustees of the Boston Hospital estimated the cost of the plant as \$1,200,000. Now the cost must be about \$1,500,000.

Future capital expenditures for the Boston Hospital must necessarily be a matter of conjecture. For the past three years the average has been about \$75,000. Not less than \$75,000 a year should be spent if even the present fraction of Boston's insane population is to be supported in the Boston Hospital, and for several years the capital outlay may be still larger. The administration buildings are old and may soon have to be replaced with modern structures. Both the women's department and the men's department need enlarging, especially the latter; and if Boston is ever to care for its insane at home instead of distributing nearly two-thirds throughout the Commonwealth further capital expenditures on a large scale are inevitable.

At the beginning of the current year there were 711 inmates of the Boston Hospital. Now there are 725. The running expenses for 1907-1908 will be about \$170,000. In these expenses, repairs and improvements have been cut down to \$10,436.47 against \$24,010.91 spent for these purposes in 1906. In 1906 paying patients contributed \$21,910.99 and in the first 11 months of 1907 they have contributed \$19,358.89. The actual receipts from the state, being the \$3.25 a week above noted, have been \$108,133.07. The care of patients in its own institutions cost the state in 1906 \$4.15 a week. This year the cost will be about \$4.25. The state is able to borrow money at a rate cheaper by one-fourth of 1 per cent. than the city can.

On the basis of these figures, and assuming that the hospital is sold to the state at cost, the following computation may be made of the money which Boston will save:

Running expenses 1907		\$170,646.81
Interest at 4 per cent. on \$1,500,000 invested in plant		60,000.00
Less paying patients say	\$22,000.00	\$230,646.81
Less above allowance by state	\$108,133.07	
Boston pays 37 per cent of this allowance	40,009.24	
	68,123.83	90,123.83
		\$140,522.98
Interest paid by state at 3½ per cent. on \$1,500,000 to buy plant	\$56,250.00	
Cost of say 720 patients at \$4.25	\$159,120	
Less paying patients as above	22,000	
	137,120.00	
	\$193,370.00	71,546.90
Boston's share of same (37 per cent.)		
Total annual savings in maintenance		\$68,986.98
Add annual capital outlay	\$75,000.00	
Less Boston's share (37 per cent.) when paid by state	27,750.00	
		47,250.00
Estimated annual saving to Boston by proposed transfer of ownership		\$116,236.98

Under the transfer of ownership, hereby proposed, the state will be able to formulate a comprehensive plan for the care of its insane. If the state owns the Boston Hospital there is substantial certainty that Boston patients will be brought nearer to Boston. It will also be taxing Boston no more proportion-

ately than the other cities and towns within its borders.

Boston, on its side, will secure better because more permanent and systematic, care of its insane; and it will save every year a considerable sum of money.

In the interest of humanity, justice

and economy the commission recommends a petition to the Legislature for the passage of an act transferring to the state, upon equitable terms of sale, the Boston Insane Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,

The Finance Commission,

By N. Matthews, Chairman.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

RECORD OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

The following was received:

Board of Election Commissioners
Boston, Dec. 24, 1907.

To the Hon. Edward J. Donovan,
City Clerk

Sir: We hereby certify, that, as appear by the record of the votes cast in this city, at the municipal election, held on the 10th inst., the following named persons were duly elected to the offices set forth against their names respectively:

For Mayor—George A. Hibbard.

For Street Commissioner—Salem D. Charles.

For Aldermen—George P. Anderson, John E. Baldwin, Walter Ballantyne, Frederick J. Brand, Ellery H. Clark, Louis M. Clark, W. Dudley Cotton, Jr., James M. Curley, Daniel J. Donnelly, Frederick A. Finigan, Michael J. Leary, W. Prentiss Parker, James P. Timilty.

FOR COMMON COUNCIL.

Ward 1.

Edward C. R. Bagley.
Frank A. Goodwin.
Theodore L. Sorenson.

Ward 2.

Thomas F. Doherty.
Dennis A. O'Neil.
Joseph H. Pendergast.

Ward 3.

James J. Brennan.
John J. McCormack.
James J. Moore.

Ward 4.

Patrick B. Carr.
Francis M. Ducey.
James A. Hatton.

Ward 5.

John J. Buckley.
William E. Carney.
Joseph M. Sullivan.

Ward 6.

James T. Purcell.
Max L. Rachkowsky.
Joseph Santosuosso.

Wd. 7.

John L. Donovan.
John T. Kennedy.
Edward D. Spellman.

Ward 8.

Alfred J. Lill, Jr.
Jacob Rosenberg.
James J. Ryan.

Ward 9.

John J. Attridge.
John S. Driscoll.
Solomon Sacks.

Ward 10.

J. Henderson Allston.
Channing H. Cox.
Joseph W. Wharton.

Ward 11.

Courtenay Crocker.
Walter C. Kellogg.
Isaac L. Roberts.

Ward 12.

Seth F. Arnold.
Alfred G. Davis.
Augustus D. McLennan.

Ward 13.

Leo F. McCullough.
Edward T. J. Noonan.
Stephen A. Welch.

Ward 14.

Thomas J. Casey.
John J. Driscoll.
Thomas F. O'Brien.

Ward 15.

Francis L. Colpoys.
John O'Hara.
Timothy J. Sullivan.

Ward 16.

John L. Costello.
James H. Kelly.
John D. McGivern.

Ward 17.

Francis J. Brennan.
Francis L. Daly.
Thomas M. Joyce.

Ward 18.

Daniel F. Cronin.
George Kenney.
Michael F. O'Brien.

Ward 19.

John J. Donovan.
James E. Gilligan.
William J. Kohler.

Ward 20.

William S. Bramhall.
Harry R. Cumming.
Charles T. Harding.

Ward 21.

Walter C. Brown.
Donald J. Ferguson.
E. Howard George.

Ward 22.

William H. Morgan.
George Peshorn.
Joseph H. Wentworth.

Ward 23.

George M. Brown.
Earl E. Davidson.
George W. Smith.

Ward 24.

Charles L. Carr.
Frank B. Crane.
James A. Hart.

Ward 25.

Charles H. Warren.
Edward C. Webster.
Axel E. Zetterman.

For License—* * * "shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this City?" as follows:

Yes, 44,140; No, 27,651.

John M. Minton,
Malancthon W. Buler,
David B. Shaw,
Alpheus Sanford.

Placed on file.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

The Board proceeded to take up No. 5, unfinished business, viz.:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz.:

5. William F. Kenney, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library for the term ending April 30, 1911, in the place of Solomon Lincoln, deceased.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Bangs and Woods.

Whole number of ballots cast 10; yes, 10, and the appointment was confirmed.

PROJECTIONS, ETC.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for leave to project signs—that leave be granted, viz.:

Charles A. Underwood, illuminated sign, 107 Summer St., Wd. 7.

Carl D. Wilson, watchmaker's sign, 601 Broadway, Wd. 14.

Pergoli & Meglio, electric sign, 76 Shawmut Ave., Wd. 7.

Achille Troccoli, illuminated sign, 18 Essex St., Wd. 7.

Sylvester & Souther, illuminated sign, 6 Province Ct., Wd. 7.

J. W. Brodbine, three gas arc lamps, Columbus Ave., corner Chandler St., Wd. 10.

Antonio Brescie, sign, 160 Broadway, Wd. 13.

Main & Hefferman, electric sign, 2375 Washington St., Wd. 18.

William H. Magrath, illuminated sign, 43 Warren St., Wd. 18.

Edward H. McKenzie, electric sign, 1346 Tremont St., Wd. 19.

Cangiano & Forte, electric sign, 172 North St., Wd. 6.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions for leave to project signs—that leave be granted, viz.:

Andreas Blume, trustee, (referred Dec. 16), illuminated sign, Hotel Baltic, 15 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

Patrick Tivnan & Co. (referred Nov. 25), illuminated sign, 725 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 16.

Reports severally accepted; leave is granted on usual conditions.

(3) Report on petition of Commonwealth Trust Company (referred May 27), for leave to excavate basement of proposed building, northwest corner of Summer and Devonshire Sts., Wd. 7, to grade 2.50—that leave be granted.

Reported accepted; leave granted on usual conditions.

(4) Report on petition of Rueter & Co. (referred Nov. 25), for leave to project three balconies from building, northerly corner New Heath and Terrace Sts., Wd. 19—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(5) Report on petition of Amos H. Whipple (referred Dec. 16), for leave to project two marquises at the Copley Square Hotel, Wd. 10, one at 49 Huntington Ave., and one at the Ladies' Entrance on Exeter St.—that leave be granted (said marquises to be suspended from the building and not supported by posts; and the plans to be approved by, and the construction to be under the supervision of the Building Commissioner.)

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the above conditions.

Ald. WOODS in the Chair.

LICENSES.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions for licenses to keep products of petroleum at various places—that licenses be granted, viz.:

W. H. Richardson (referred Dec. 23), to mix, store and keep for sale naphtha, 189 Sumner St., East Boston.

Adam W. Klopot (referred Dec. 23), to store and keep product of petroleum, 367 Walnut Ave., Wd. 21.

Boston Elevated Railway Company (referred Dec. 16), to store and keep for use gasoline, car house, Eagle St., Wd. 1, and at 30 other locations.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on petition of Tremont Garage Company (referred Sept. 25), for license to store and keep for sale gasoline at 541 Tremont St., Wd. 10—that no further action is necessary.

Accepted.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. CURLEY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:

(1) Report on petition of Fire Commissioner (recommitted Dec. 23), for leave to locate posts for fire alarm box—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be granted the Fire Commissioner to place and maintain a post for a fire alarm box at a point resigned by a red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by H. D. Cabot; said post to be located as follows: Northeast corner of Washington and State Sts., Wd. 6; number of poles, 1; date of plan, Dec. 2, 1907.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue a permit for opening and occupying the street for placing and maintaining said post on the conditions specified in Chap. 38, Sec. 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said post to be completed within 90 days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Report on petition of West End Street Railway Company (recommitted Oct. 14), for leave to erect poles on Keyes St.—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be granted the West End Street Railway Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by A. L. Plimpton; said poles to be located as follows: Keyes St., between railroad bridge and Washington St., Wd. 23; number of poles, 7; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 50 feet by 16 inches; date of plan, Sept. 4, 1907.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within 90 days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed under a suspension of the rule.

CLAIMS.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Claims, submitted a list of all the claims upon which action has been taken during the year 1907, and respectfully recommends that the same be printed.

Report accepted; said recommendations adopted. Sent down.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

Ald. CURLEY called up No. 6, unfinished business, viz.:

6. Henry J. Duffy, Bennie M.

Schwartz, and John J. Kenney to be Constables for the term ending April 30, 1908.

The question came on confirmation of the appointments.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I ask that the name of John J. Kenney be laid on the table.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I would like at this time to ask Ald. Bell what his reasons for that motion are, if he has any.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, personally I am not acquainted with the gentleman whose name appears upon the calendar, but three or four members of the Board have spoken to me within an hour and have asked that action upon this matter be postponed, because there have been some statements made about Mr. Kenney in his official capacity as a constable which they desire to investigate. They did not care to vote for Mr. Kenney if the statements were true; neither did they care to do him the injustice of voting against him if they were not true. Therefore three or four members of the Board asked me if I would move that action be postponed. I am perfectly willing that this name should be sent to the Committee on Public Improvements, to be there discussed today and to be brought back to the Board, and there the gentlemen who have stated their reasons for wanting action postponed may state them to the other members of the Board. I think when it is proposed to confirm a person as constable, if there is any valid objection raised to his confirmation the members should know it.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, there is nothing in the statement of the gentleman on the left which would indicate why favorable action should not be taken upon the name of Mr. Kenney. Mr. Kenney, fortunately or otherwise, lives in Wd. 17. I have met Mr. Kenney, know him fairly well, and have always found him to be a respected and honored citizen of the community. I do know him. No stranger has approached me this afternoon and asked me to vote against Mr. Kenney, and, if he had, I don't think it would have had any weight with me, nor if he had asked me to vote against Mr. Duffey or Mr. Schwartz it would not have any weight with me. As I understand it, when a person desires to be a constable he must secure as vouchers responsible citizens of the community. In addition to that he must file a fairly substantial bond. I understand that Mr. Kenney has complied with those conditions, and because some stranger comes along and whispers in your ear: "Don't vote for him," that is certainly no reason for turning him down. As I understand it, Mr. Kenney has served as a constable in Boston for some time. Certain charges at one time were made against Mr. Kenney, and his constable's license was taken away from him for a brief period. It was discovered in the time that elapsed between the taking away of his license and the sending of his name into the Board again for confirmation that most of the charges made against him were groundless. I have a copy of those charges here, and I am perfectly willing to read them, because I am convinced that there is some spirit of fairness in my lengthy friend from the Dorchester District, and I am satisfied that if he were as familiar with the nature of the charges and things connected with them as Mr. Kenney is, and as, unquestionably, the gentleman, actuated by spleen or some other motive, and who whispered in his ear, was, he would vote for Mr. Kenney's confirmation. Charge No. 1—

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman suspend for a question? Ald. CURLEY—I shall suspend for a question, Mr. Chairman.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I want to ask the Alderman if he does not think it would be of material benefit to the candidate for confirmation if a question of this sort was not discussed in open board? Whether or not the charges are true, if the matter is discussed here, the charges read, and it is proven afterwards that they are groundless, the man's reputation would be somewhat injured. If constables are to carry out their work successfully, they must have the confidence of lawyers, and it seems to me proper that this matter should be looked into before action is taken. I believe it should be discussed privately in the Committee on Public Improvements. I want to ask the Alderman if he does not think it would be for the material benefit of his candidate to have the matter discussed there?

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, in view of the fact that the charges that have been made against Mr. Kenney have not received any public notice to speak of in the newspapers, I quite agree with my friend on the right; and, in view of the fact that apparently the only one in the Board who has any objection to his confirmation at this time so far as I can learn, is Ald. Bell, I would most respectfully ask the City Messenger to take this copy of the charges to Ald. Bell and ask him to look it over, and I shall hold the floor until such time as he has read it over. (The copy referred to was sent to Ald. Bell, and immediately returned by him.) It is pretty serious business to take away a man's livelihood. There is always a certain class in the community who will never be convinced. It is unnecessary to say what they are. It is, in my opinion, unfair for a man, in a representative body such as this, to act without knowledge of the facts in a case and to refuse absolutely the opportunity to familiarize himself with the facts upon a question where he is to give a vote. We had a case in many respects similar to this about a year ago. There was a certain person who does business in the community called "Rob Roy," who made complaint against a reputable man doing business as a constable. There was a little public hearing given in the Committee on Public Improvements, and at that public hearing it was proven that the charges of Mr. "Rob Roy" were absolutely false, and that the constable had conducted himself in such a manner as he should. Now, I am perfectly willing to let this matter stand or fall on its merits. The facts are here for any member of the Board who desires to look them over. I am convinced that, after they have read them over, they will feel in the matter as I do. I don't think, however, that we are justified in taking away a man's means of livelihood without going thoroughly into details. If somebody came into this Board and whispered in my ear, telling me that I should vote against a certain gentleman whose name was up for confirmation, even though I knew that man pretty well, I would make it my business to inquire into the facts of the case. But here we find that certain persons come here whispering about an individual and the member does not know who they are, and in regard to the individual in question he refuses to make it his business to familiarize himself with the charges that have been made against that individual, but stands prepared to condemn him without an examination, simply upon

the whispered advice of some person who, in all probability, is not as competent to give the advice as is the person whose vote it is desired to obtain.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, the Alderman's remarks are very amusing. When I came into the hall this afternoon there was no question in my mind about the confirmation of Mr. Kenney. I don't know as I had paid any attention to it. Certainly his name had not been mentioned to me until after I came into the hall this afternoon. But after I did arrive here, not three strangers, but three members of this Board, three colleagues, Aldermen, came to me and asked me what I was going to do in regard to the confirmation of Mr. Kenney. "Why," I said, "I am going to vote for him unless there is some good reason why I should not." Every one of those three members, my colleagues, said they had heard things in the last few days about Mr. Kenney indicating that action should be postponed on his name, and they thought further time should be taken until they could find out whether the charges, the statements made against him, were true or not. One of my colleagues said he had talked with him and had intimated that he had heard some things against him, and that he wanted an opportunity to find out if those things were so. That colleague said he did not know as he wanted to move that action be postponed, but that he hoped somebody in the Board would do so. I did not know Mr. Kenney, and as I had heard from three of my colleagues that he was not a fit man to be confirmed, and as I desired to find out the facts for my own satisfaction, I asked that the matter be postponed, because I am perfectly willing to take the statements of three of my colleagues, if an attempt is made to force this through today, and vote against the confirmation of Mr. Kenney, on their statements. I think the members of this Board are qualified to judge of a man when a question of confirmation is before them, and when three of my colleagues, each independently of the others, inside of an hour have said that we ought not to vote for Mr. Kenney today, I certainly am willing to accept their statements and to vote against Mr. Kenney's confirmation today, if I am forced to vote now. In justice to Mr. Kenney I believe this matter should wait. Let it go to the Committee on Public Improvements; postpone it till the next meeting, and by that time we will have an opportunity to find out the facts. I don't know Mr. Kenney. Somebody has said that he is in the room. But I think, in justice to him, that we should have an opportunity to know the facts before voting against him. We have not had an opportunity to investigate the charges, and I think we should postpone action on his name until the Committee on Public Improvements have met or until the next meeting of the Board.

Ald. CLARK—Mr. Chairman. I regret very much that this matter has come up today in the way it has. I told Mr. Kenney today that I could not vote for him with my present information. Very serious charges have been presented against him, and I told him that, while I did not want to vote against him until I had a chance to investigate these charges, I could not vote for him today, and I suggested that the matter be postponed, referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, or that something be done which would give the members of this Board a chance to make up their minds fairly and squarely. I hope, therefore, that

action will not be forced today compelling a certain number of the members of this Board to vote against Mr. Kenney.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, in view of the fact that certain members of the Board desire information, I would at this time move that further consideration of No. 6 on the calendar be assigned to 5.15 o'clock P. M., unless sooner reached.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I move, as an amendment to that, that the name of Mr. Kenney be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I must raise the point of order that the amendment is not in keeping with the motion. The motion was that No. 6 be assigned until 5.15 o'clock P. M. Now, either you must refer the entire matter to the Committee on Public Improvements, or you must permit it to remain here. As I take it, the amendment is not germane to the motion, because it implies a division of the motion.

The CHAIR—The Chair will rule that a part of No. 6 can be assigned or referred, that the question can be divided, and that a part of it can be acted upon in any way.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I presume I am obliged to accept your ruling, but I confess it is as extraordinary as it is unparliamentary.

Ald. Bell's motion to refer the name of Mr. Kenney to the Committee on Public Improvements was carried.

The question came on confirmation of the appointments of Henry J. Duffy and Bennie M. Schwartz. Committee, Ald. Flanagan and Draper. Whole number of ballots 12, yes 12, and the appointments were confirmed.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS

Ald. WOODS called up No. 7, unfinished business, viz.:

7. Joseph A. Brown and Thomas B. Noonan, to be Weighers of Coal.

Arthur P. Brown, to be a Weigher of Beef.

Arthur W. Gibby, to be a Weigher of Boilers and Heavy Machinery.

Frank M. Westgate, to be an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw.

Leonard T. Purdy, to be a Measurer of Grain—all for the term ending April 30, 1908.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. DRAPER and LEARY. Whole number of ballots cast 13, yes 13, and the several appointments were confirmed.

CLOSING OF CANTERBURY ST.

Ald. FINIGAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Canterbury St., between Neponset Ave. and Paine St., Wd. 23, to public travel, during the time necessary for the completion of improvements now in progress by the Sewer Department.

Passed.

LIGHTS FOR COLUMBUS AVE.

Ald. BERWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain on the westerly side of Columbus Ave., from Park Sq. to Berkeley St., a sufficient number of electric lights to properly light said avenue; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted a report on the petition of the Democratic City Committee of Boston (referred today) for use of Faneuil Hall on evening of January 2, 1908—that leave be granted. Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted at 4:08 P. M., on motion of Ald. WHELTON, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 5:17 P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. BERWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on message, communication from Schoolhouse Commission, etc. (referred today), as to the amounts paid for architects' services for school construction from 1900 to 1907—that the same be placed on file. Report accepted; said papers placed on file.

(2) Report on petition of Z. A. Willard, W. S. Hall, et al., Trustees, and Trustees of the Boston Real Estate Trust (referred today), for leave to enlarge areas—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Z. A. Willard, et al., to enlarge, maintain and use the areas at present existing in and under the sidewalks in front of estates numbered 131, 132, 133, 134 Tremont St., Wd. 7, to the dimensions as shown on a plan dated Oct. 31, 1907, on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department, said areas to have covers of artificial stone or sidewalk of light covers, the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1908, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Report of petition of A. Shuman (referred today), for leave to construct a coal hole—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to A. Shuman to construct, maintain, and use a coal hole opening not exceeding 18 inches in diameter, and with an iron cover of rough upper surface under and in the sidewalk on the Avery St. side of estate, No. 581 Washington St., Wd. 7, the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1908, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Report on message of Mayor (referred Dec. 23), submitting report of Preliminary Water Front Commission—that the same be printed and sent down.

Report accepted; said documents ordered printed and sent down.

(5) Reports on papers from Common Council (severally referred Dec. 23), concerning coasting—that no further action is necessary, viz.:

Coasting on Parker and Phillips Sts., Wd. 19, coasting on Julian St., Wd. 16; coasting on Walden St., Wd. 22.

Reports severally accepted.

(6) Report on reports of Committee on Markets (referred Dec. 23), majority and minority reports, recommending passage in new draft, viz.:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Markets be authorized, with the approval of the Mayor, to renew for a term of five years from Dec. 1, 1907, all leases of space in the Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market buildings at the same rate per annum as in force under the leases for the past five years, and on the condition that the markets shall be opened at 6 o'clock A. M. and closed at 4 o'clock P. M. during the months of May, June, July and August, and opened at 7 o'clock A. M. and closed at 5 o'clock P. M. during the remaining months of the year, and on the further condition that on Saturdays and holidays the hours of opening and closing shall be as set forth in the ordinances.

Provided, however, that the said Superintendent shall have the authority to abate from the rental paid by any lessee the sum which may be charged him by the Street Commissioners for sidewalk and other privileges in connection with the demised property.

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 25 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 relative to the Terms of Market Leases.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 2 of Chapter 25 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in the clauses relating to the conditions of market leases by striking out the clause numbered twelve, and inserting in place thereof the following:

"12. The lessee shall have the demised premises, on all week days except legal holidays, opened at 6 o'clock A. M., and kept open until 4 o'clock P. M. during the months of May, June, July and August and opened at 7 o'clock A. M., and kept open until 5 o'clock P. M. during the other months of the year; provided however, that on the day of the observance of Patriots' day, Memorial day, Independence day, and Labor day, when Monday or Saturday, and on the day of the celebration of the Battle of Bunker Hill, he shall have said premises opened as above and kept open until 9 o'clock A. M., and on all other Saturdays he shall have them opened as above and kept open until 9 o'clock P. M., or he shall have them opened and closed at such other hours as the Board of Aldermen may from time to time order."

The report was accepted.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I move that all rules be suspended, that the order may be placed upon its passage at this time.

The question came on Ald. Woods' motion.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I move to substitute for Ald. Woods' motion that this matter be referred to the next City Government.

The question came on Ald. Bangs' substitute motion.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I would like to say a few words on this matter. I was a member of the Committee on Markets and have heard this matter discussed also in the Committee on Public Improvements. It seems to me that the City Government would be making a great mistake in taking up these market leases and passing them at the eleventh hour. We have had a communication from the Finance Commission asking us to hold the matter up until they have an opportunity to investigate. The Finance Commission have written a similar communication to the Mayor, as I understand it, asking that nothing be done about the market leases until they have an opportunity to investigate. Those communications have been brought to the attention of the Committee on Markets and the Committee on Public Improvements. They do not seem to have had the

weight which I think they should have. Certain members of the City Government seem to overlook the fact that the Finance Commission is a creature of the City Government. We do not surrender any of our powers and do not evade any of our duties if we ask the Finance Commission to investigate any matter; and certainly when the Finance Commission asks for time to investigate something we ought to give it to them. We created the Finance Commission and we created them for the very purpose of investigating matters of this sort, matters relating to the finances of the City of Boston; and then we undertake to make leases for five years when the Finance Commission asks us to let them investigate. It seems to me, gentlemen, that if we pass these market leases now we are doing a very silly thing. We are flying in the face of our advisers. The city government is asking for advice, and when the advice is given it will not take it, but will go ahead and do something else. It seems to me we are stultifying ourselves in not allowing the Finance Commission to investigate these leases, and that we would not be stultifying ourselves or surrendering our powers in any way in giving them the time they ask. Gentlemen, we had the advice of a real estate expert on the question of whether the rents in the market should be increased or not. The expert was hired at a very fair price for his services, gave his services, rendered a report, and that report was that the rents should be increased 9.9 per cent. all along the line. We disregarded his views entirely by voting in committee to renew the leases at the old rate. It seems to me that the only question there is any doubt about is the question of the amount of rent, and that is a question that the Finance Commission would like an opportunity to look into. But we have not taken the opinion of the expert for which we paid, and we have not given the Finance Commission which we have created to look into just such matters a chance to look into it at all. We say, "Rush this through at the end of the year; we will not let the Finance Commission have a chance to look at it; we will put it through, and we will calmly disregard the views of our expert whom we have paid to give us an expert opinion." Well, gentlemen, I think the question of rents is perhaps an open question. I still, after considering the matter a good while, am in doubt as to what the rents ought to be. I am still inclined to agree with the expert, however, that there should be a small increase in the rents. That, however, is a question which this city government should leave to the Finance Commission—or, at least, should give an opportunity to the Finance Commission to give their advice upon the matter, for that is the very purpose for which the Finance Commission was created. In giving the committee that opportunity the city government is not surrendering its powers or evading its duties but is doing what a sensible body of men should do—having appointed some one to give them advice, taking the advice. After you have consulted a doctor and had him examine you, you do not say to him, "I don't care what you think," or after you have paid him his fee you do not say, "I guess I won't consult you." The very purpose of the Finance Commission was to advise us on just such matters, and if you now take the position that you will not let them advise us, it seems to me it is a very

silly position to take. But there is another question which should have very serious consideration in connection with this matter and that is the proposition to limit the hours of market men. I dissent from the other members on that matter. It seems to me that the city government in acting on these market leases is acting as a landlord, that we, as representatives of the city, are acting as trustees of the city. We are managing property of the city from which we are trying to get revenues for the city. But, by the proposed action, instead of getting the revenue which we honestly and fairly can get, what do we do? We propose to put our tenant at a disadvantage as compared with his important competitors. There are people on the other side of North Market St. and South Market St. engaged in the same business that our tenants are engaged in, and we propose to say to our tenants, "We will put a clause in your leases which will hinder you in your business and put you at a disadvantage as compared with your competitors," and from that hindrance or disadvantage we do not get any financial equivalent or return whatever. This Board of Aldermen is like a Board of Directors, managing the prudential affairs of the city of Boston. It has a piece of property in its hands which it is our duty to lease, and it is our duty to get a fair rent out of that property. Instead of getting a fair rent, we say to our tenants, "Look here, for some reason or other, no matter what the reason is, we are going to put a clause in your lease that you shall not keep open as many hours as your competitors right across the street keep open." Gentlemen it seems to me that a mere statement of that proposition is enough to show the absurdity of it. If we could govern every provision man in the city of Boston, and were taking such action for the purpose of regulating the hours of labor, that might be one thing. We might say to the provision men, "You work too long and we propose to cut down the hours of labor." But we are not dealing with the question from that point of view, but from the point of view of trustees of the City of Boston trying to lease the city's property. Instead of getting the best rent we can, we are putting the marketmen at a disadvantage, not allowing them to compete fairly and on even terms with the people in their own district. It seems to me, gentlemen, that that proposition, as I have said before, needs only to be stated to show its absurdity. Therefore, I sincerely trust that my motion will prevail and that this whole question will go over to the next city government.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I move postponement of further consideration of this matter to the next meeting of the Board.

The CHAIR—The Chair will rule that Ald. Bangs' motion will take precedence, being for the longer time.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, this question has been discussed for a great portion of the afternoon in the Committee on Public Improvements. It is rather amusing to me to sit here and listen to the statements of the distinguished attorney on my right relative to the taking of expert advice. The gentleman on my right was a member of the Committee on Markets, and I have here a report of the Committee on Markets, document 133, and appendix A, dated June 4, 1907, is the report presented by Mr. Henry W. Kelly, of Roxbury, the real estate expert appointed to investigate the question of the rentals of the markets. His recommendation was that the rentals be increased 9.9. If that is expert advice, I cannot understand why

Ald. Bangs did not accept that expert advice. A motion was made in the Committee on Public Improvements that the rentals of the markets be increased 10 per cent., and Ald. Bangs did not vote for that. I made a motion that the rentals be increased 5 per cent., as an offset for the change in hours, and he would not vote for that. But he will vote to send it over to the next city government that the Finance Commission may have an opportunity to delve further into the matter. I think it would be much better for a member of this body to introduce an order, to be presented to the incoming Legislature, that both branches of the city government be abolished. I think that would be a sane order alongside the statement that has been made by Ald. Bangs. A committee of the Common Council, consisting of members of both branches, many of them members of both branches for a number of years, was appointed some eight months ago to consider this proposition. They visited certain cities, and, perhaps visited certain markets. At any rate, they were afforded every opportunity to make an exhaustive and intelligent study of the question of market rentals and the hours of opening and closing markets, and they continued their research and study for a period of eight months. It was not an unreasonable assumption on the part of some members of the Board that when the report was received it would require the united efforts of Messenger Leary, Assistant Messenger Silloway, and perhaps all of the staff, to carry a single copy of the report into this chamber. But the report of the committee, of which Ald. Bangs was a member, has been received, and is not a very lengthy document. The majority report consists of about one page, and the minority report of about eight lines. The entire Board have sat upon this proposition the entire afternoon, almost, and have considered it from every point of view, and the consensus of opinion of the entire Board, or of a majority, is represented by the report that has been presented here today—that there be no increase in the market rentals, and that the hours be adjusted so as to ensure a greater degree of comfort, perhaps luxury and ease, to the men who work in the markets. I always maintain, and have maintained, that the city should be the leader in movements tending to the good of the general public, tending to reduction of the hours of labor and recognition of labor. The city itself is not a hard taskmaster. Eight hours constitutes a day's work in most of our city's departments, with a half holiday on Saturdays the year round, while nearly all the public service corporations require a 10-hour day with no half holiday on Saturdays. I feel that no great hardship will be done the men who own the stalls in Quincy and Faneuil Hall markets if the report of this committee is adopted. I feel that we have received sufficiently intelligent advice to warrant us in forming an intelligent opinion on this proposition, and I feel we have formed the most intelligent opinion that could be formed by any body of men after hearing all the evidence it was possible to hear on the case. I sincerely trust that the report will be adopted. If, after eight months of study and research, the only recommendation that can be made by a member of the committee is that this go over to another City Government, to be by them referred to the Finance Commission, I think the best thing we can do is to go to the Legislature in a body and ask that the City Council be abolished.

Ald. BANGS' motion to refer further consideration of the matter to the next city government was declared lost. Ald. Bangs doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

Ald. BANGS' motion was lost, yeas 4, nays 7.

Yeas—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Clark, Draper—4.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Battis, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—7.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I rise for information. Is not my motion to postpone further consideration to the next meeting of the board now before the board?

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will rule that it is in the province of the honorable Alderman to renew his motion, but the Chair declared his motion out of order in view of the fact that Ald. Bangs' motion took precedence.

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I understood the Chair to say that he simply put Ald. Bangs' motion first as the time referred to in it was more remote. However, I renew the motion to postpone consideration to the next meeting of the Board.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, through you I would like to ask Ald. Draper a question—whether his purpose in making that motion is to prevent any further action by the city government of this year on this proposition, since the Common Council meets for the last time next Thursday, and the Board, as usual, will meet next Saturday, when any action it may take cannot be concurred in by the Council?

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, in reply to the Alderman's question, I answer yes.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I sincerely trust that his motion will not prevail. I am satisfied that every member here should be prepared to vote one way or the other on the proposition. We certainly have had opportunity enough to consider it, and I trust that his motion will be defeated.

Ald. Draper's motion to assign further consideration of the matter to the next meeting of the Board was declared carried. Ald. Woods doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

Ald. Draper's motion was lost, yeas 5, nays 8.

Yeas—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper—5.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Battis, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—8.

The question came on Ald. Woods' motion to suspend all rules, that the order and ordinance might take their several readings at this time and be placed upon their passage.

The Board refused to suspend the rules, yeas 7, nays 5.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Battis, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—7.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper—5.

The CHAIRMAN—Under the rules, the matter lies over to the next meeting of the Board.

Ald. CURLEY—Did I understand the Chair to say that it lies over to the next meeting for a second reading?

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair has so ruled and so stated.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I most respectfully move a reconsideration of the vote just taken, hoping the same will prevail, and if it does I shall then move an assignment to the next meeting of the Board.

Reconsideration of the motion prevailed and, on motion of Ald. CURLEY, further consideration of the matter was assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, at this time I will move that when the Board

adjourn it will be to meet on Wednesday next at 2 P. M.

Ald. CLARK—Mr. Chairman, I move to amend by making it Saturday next at 12 M.

Ald. Clark's amendment was declared lost, and Ald. Curley's motion was carried.

PAYMENT FOR LOSS OF COW.

Ald. EANGS, for the Committee on Police (Ald.), submitted a report on the petition of Arthur Timmins (referred today) to pay for loss of cow killed by order of the Board of Health—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Arthur Timmins the sum of \$60 in compensation for the loss of a cow injured by dogs Nov. 12, and killed by order of the Board of Health, said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Report accepted; order passed.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. CLARK offered an order—That permission be granted to Ezra W. Taylor to remove, under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Grounds, three oak trees standing on the westerly side of Freepoft street, northerly from and near to the Pope's

Hill station, said trees being infested with moths, and the grade of said street being about to be changed.

Passed.

COASTING ON BAILEY ST.

Ald. CLARK offered an order, That coasting be allowed during the present winter, under such restrictions as may be imposed by the Police Commissioner on Bailey st., Wd. 24.

Passed.

PAYMENT OF SANITARY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order, That the Superintendent of Sanitary Department, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested by this Board to inform the same if it is customary to pay district foremen while suspended, and if it is legal and proper, why the same treatment is not accorded laborers and teamsters injured in the discharge of duty in said department.

Passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. BELL moved to reconsider, hoping the same would not prevail; lost.

Adjourned at 5.56 P. M., on motion of Ald. BELL, to meet on Wednesday, Jan. 1, at 2 o'clock P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1908.

Adjourned meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 2 o'clock P. M. Chairman BERWIN presiding Absent—Ald. Battis.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. RANGS, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc. viz.:

Fred A. Jangraw, electric sign, 46½ Warren St., Wd. 17.

Paine Furniture Co., electric sign, 48-72 Canal St., Wd. 6.

William V. Fishel, wooden sign, 143 Tremont St.

J. P. Mahoney & Co., illuminated sign, 26-28 Causeway St., Wd. 8.

H. Weisberg, arc light, 390 Harrison Ave., Wd. 9.

Claims.

Edward J. Carew, for compensation for personal injuries received from an alleged defect in Atlantic Ave., on Nov. 30, 1907.

Jennie V. O'Brien, for a hearing on her claim for damages to skirt from a loose wire tree guard on Bunker Hill St.

Faneuil Hall, etc.

Fraternal Welfare Council, by Meyer Bloomfield, for use of Faneuil Hall on evening of Feb. 12.

CLOSING OF ROADWAYS.

Ald. DRAPER offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadways on the following named streets during the time necessary for the completion of sewer improvements now in progress by the Sewer Department:

Bryant St. between Hemenway St. and Huntington Ave., Wd. 10.

Sycamore St. between Ashland and Hawthorne Sts., Wd. 23.

Callender St at Lyons St., Wd. 24.

Passed.

MARKET LEASES.

Ald. CURLEY called up No. 1, unfinished business, viz.:

1. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Markets be authorized, with the approval of the Mayor, to renew for a term of five years, from Dec. 1, 1907, all leases of space in the Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market buildings at the same rate per annum as in force under the leases for the past five years, and on the condition that the markets shall be opened at 6 o'clock A. M. and closed at 4 o'clock P. M. during the months of May, June, July and August, and opened at 7 o'clock A. M. and closed at 5 o'clock P. M. during the remaining months of the year, and on Saturdays

and holidays the hours of opening and closing shall be as set forth in the ordinances. Provided, however, that the said Superintendent shall have the authority to abate from the rental paid by any lessee the sum which may be charged him by the Street Commissioners for sidewalk and other privileges in connection with the demised property.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I rise at this time to make one amendment in the order as it appears in the calendar—to add the month of September to the months during which the markets shall be open at 6 o'clock in the morning. I have just been talking with Mr. McKay, the Superintendent of markets, who is more familiar with what has been done down there than anybody else, and he says the month of September is practically the busiest month in the summer. It is the month when more peaches are received in the market than all the other months put together, and he says that those peaches can and should be delivered to the markets at 6 o'clock in the morning. If the markets were ordered to be kept closed until 7 o'clock in the morning during September it would mean a serious loss to the merchants who are engaged in that particular line of business. Therefore, in order to be fair to the men who have a chance to reap a harvest at that season of the year, and in order to protect those men who are tenants of ours, I move that the month of September be included in the months during which the markets shall open at 6 o'clock in the morning, making five of such months—May, June, July, August and September—instead of four months, as on the calendar.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I was just about to make the same amendment, and I am very much pleased to have the Alderman—or the honorable senator—make that amendment. I have inquired around the markets and find that it is very necessary that the market shall be open at 6 o'clock in the morning in September, and that it is agreeable to the employees as well as to the employers. Therefore, I hope that the motion will prevail, and that the month of September will be added to the month in which there is a 6 o'clock opening.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, through you I would like to ask Ald. Bell a question. In view of the position taken by him in regard to this matter at the last meeting, I would like to ask him if, in view of the friends of this measure supporting the amendment proposed by him, he will be agreeable to supporting the entire proposition as amended by him?

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to answer the Alderman by saying that I am pleased to make that as a recommendation for the next city government to act upon.

Ald. CURLEY—Then, Mr. Chairman, we are just as far away from a solution of the problem as we were in the beginning. A member of the Board offers an amendment that, in my opinion, is an excellent one, and one that should be considered. He speaks at great length upon the peaches and the necessity of preserving and protecting them. I agree with him that possibly that is necessary; but if there is nothing to be gained in the way of strengthening the position of the members of this board who favor the measure before us by adopting his amendment, I do not see that we are justified in accepting the amendment. As I understand it, this is the second reading of the order. It requires but seven votes

to pass the order at this time, and I believe there are eight members of the Board who voted for it at the last meeting. In all probability there will be a like number today. I feel, after the lengthy discussion that has taken place upon this proposition, and after the length of time which has been consumed in the consideration of the proposition itself, that if an amendment of the character proposed—which unquestionably is an excellent one and should be adopted—is acceptable to those men who voted for the ordinance at the last meeting, it would be but fair to ask that the member from Dorchester, who presents this amendment today, vote for the entire order as amended by him; and I sincerely trust that he will see his way clear to so do.

Ald. Belf's amendment was declared adopted. Ald. Curley doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

Ald. Belf's amendment was adopted, yeas 9, nays 3:

Yeas—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper, Finigan, Flanagan, Whelton, Woods—9.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Leary.—3.

The order as amended was declared rejected. Ald. CURLEY doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The order as amended was rejected; yeas 6, nays 6.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—6.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper, Whelton—6.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I move a reconsideration of the vote just taken, hoping that the same will prevail. If that motion prevails, I shall then move assignment to the next meeting of this Board.

The motion to reconsider was declared lost. Ald. Curley doubted the vote, and called for the yeas and nays.

Reconsideration prevailed, yeas 7, nays 5.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—7.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper—5.

Ald. DRAPER moved that the Board do now adjourn; declared lost. Ald. Draper doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

Ald. Draper's motion to adjourn was lost, yeas 5, nays 7.

Yeas—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper—5.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—7.

Ald. WHELTON moved that when the Board adjourns it be to meet on Saturday next at 12 o'clock noon; declared lost. Ald. BALDWIN doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

Ald. WHELTON'S motion that when the Board adjourn it be to meet on Saturday next at 12 o'clock noon was declared carried, yeas 6, nays 4:

Yeas—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper, Whelton—6.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Leary, Woods—4.

Ald. DRAPER moved that the Board do now adjourn; declared carried. Ald. CURLEY doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays.

Ald. Draper's motion to adjourn was lost, yeas 5, nays 7:

Yeas—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper—5.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—7.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I should like to ask if the Board has voted to adjourn to any set time?

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say, for the information of the Alderman, that the Board has voted that when it adjourns it be to meet on Saturday next at 12 noon.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, at this time I would move reconsideration of the vote whereby we voted to adjourn to meet on Saturday next at twelve noon, and, in the event of that motion prevailing, I shall move that when this Board adjourns, it be to meet on Thursday at 12 noon. I desire to state that I can only repeat what has been said upon this proposition. It has been generally discussed by the members of this Board who were upon the Committee on Markets for nearly 8 months and by the members of the Council who were also members of the Committee on Markets. I can conceive of no good reason why this Board should fail to act upon this proposition that has been considered from every possible point of view—considering the interests of the men employed in the markets and the interests of lessees of stalls. I am convinced that as equitable an adjustment of general conditions has been made on this proposition as is possible by anybody, not even excepting the Finance Commission. This city government has certain functions, and if we do not properly exercise the functions we have we certainly add color to the opinion held by many persons that it was wise to take away many of the powers previously enjoyed by the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council previous to the charter of 1885. We certainly do not add to the strength of this Board as a body by failure to act on a proposition that has been generally considered by a committee consisting of representatives of both branches for more than eight months, that has been considered in executive session in the Committee on Public Improvements by the entire board for more than two hours, and that has been the subject of discussion in this Board for two successive meetings. If the members of this Board are not capable of performing the duties for which they are elected, I believe they should give evidence of it; and I believe it will be the strongest evidence in the world that we are incapable of performing such duties if we fail to act upon a proposition of this character. The backing and filling that has taken place on this proposition would lead the ordinary observer to believe, if he were not familiar with the matter under consideration, that the Board was considering the passage of a loan measure involving an expenditure of several million dollars of the tax payers' money. An expert has been appointed by the Committee on Markets, and that expert has submitted his report, recommending an increase of 9.9 per cent. in the market rentals. Certain members of the Board felt that the expert's opinion should be taken. A majority were agreeable to the acceptance of the report submitted by the expert, Mr. Kelly, but it did not meet with the approval of the entire Board, and as a substitute measure—I might say as a compromise measure—it was suggested that the rentals be increased 5 per cent., as an offset to the reduction in the hours of labor of the men employed in the markets. That proposition did not meet with the approval of the entire Board, and apparently there is no proposition that might be seriously considered or recommended that would meet with the approval or receive the votes of certain members of this Board. I believe that is the strongest evidence in the world that we are incapable of fulfilling the duties for which we are elected. Why should this city government refer to an outside body a proposition that is directly within its province? I can conceive of no good reason why it should. No one has suggested corruption or graft in

connection with the market leases, and I do not believe any one feels for one moment that there is the possibility of the taint of either in connection with the passage of the market leases. I am satisfied that a majority of the members of this Board believe that the city should be the leader in the matter of shorter work days for all men employed directly or indirectly by the city, or in property owned by the city. This is practically the only recommendation we are adopting—that there be a shorter workday; and that is not an unreasonable proposition, when men are obliged to go to their places of employment at six o'clock in the morning. If they live in Dorchester, Brighton or other outlying sections, that means that they must rise at about half past four or five o'clock in the morning. I can conceive of no good reason why we should place any unnecessary hardship upon them, compelling them to do that more than four months in the year. In regard to closing the markets at five o'clock P. M. I will simply say that there is no traffic in that section of the city after half past four or five o'clock in the afternoon. If there is no traffic there is no business and no reason for keeping open, and to keep open only means additional expense to the lessee of the stalls, in burning electricity and gas, besides having their goods liable to decomposition from being exposed unnecessarily to the heat. I think no harm will result to any interests by the passage of this order as drawn up; and, in order that the proposition may be seriously considered at least 24 hours longer I would at this time move reconsideration of the vote whereby we voted to adjourn till Saturday at 12 o'clock noon. In the event of that motion passing, I shall move that we adjourn to meet on Thursday at 12 o'clock noon. A majority of the Board will then have an opportunity to act upon the matter, and if they agree upon an order, it can be transmitted to the Common Council at tomorrow night's meeting for concurrent action. I hope reconsideration will prevail.

Ald. CLARK—Mr. Chairman, I trust that reconsideration will not prevail, because the gentleman has given for his reason for making the motion that he wants to have a meeting tomorrow. I beg to remind him that some of the Board have other duties to attend to besides coming here every day. The committee on Prisons, of which I am chairman, were to have a meeting today and were to inspect some of the institutions, but, in view of today's meeting, they decided to postpone that meeting until tomorrow. If the ideas of the gentleman prevail the meeting of the Committee on Prisons, which is very important, will have to go over until Friday, and the Board may then have to meet again Friday, if the Alderman carries out his ideas, so that there will be no chance for the Committee on Prisons to meet this year as required by law. I don't see that it makes much difference whether this order is passed today or some time in the early part of the year. We have already waited months and it can make no great difference if we allow this to go over a couple of weeks longer. I hope the motion will not prevail.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I hope reconsideration will prevail. As also a member of the Committee on Prisons, I will say that when I was elected to the Board of Aldermen, I felt that I was called upon at any time to do my duty, and that I might be so called upon every night and every day if necessary. This matter before us is a very important matter, as important as

the visits of the Committee on Prisons. On Friday we can visit the prisons just as well as tomorrow. I think it is no more than fair that the committee who gave their time to this proposition of market leases should be considered proper and fit judges of what is right. They have given a good deal of careful study to it. Some have traveled and given their time, while other members of the Market Committee did not see fit to give their time, but stayed at home. I was fortunately delegated to visit with that committee in place of Ald. Bell, who was unable to go, and I saw the conditions of the markets in the various cities. Now, as many of the marketmen come from the district that I have the honor to represent, and are very anxious—

Ald. DRAPER—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order. The question is on reconsideration of the vote on adjournment, as I understand it, and the gentleman is not talking to the question.

The CHAIRMAN—The point of order is well taken. Ald. Woods will confine himself to the question.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I am talking on reconsideration, to show why the vote should be reconsidered. The gentleman must be a little hard of hearing. If he had paid attention to what I was saying, he would know very well that I was talking on reconsideration, hoping it would prevail, so that we could have a meeting tomorrow, Thursday, on the subject matter of the market leases. I know that the gentleman's position is to try to put this over until Saturday, disposing of one or two matters that are pending today and wishing to escape the market lease proposition. But I am not dodging any measures that may come before the body. I am ready to take my part in the proceedings. A member of the other party, that opposes this measure, has put before the body an amendment, saying he has ascertained that the marketmen desire that the markets shall also be open at 6 o'clock in the morning during the month of September. I think, if we reconsider the vote on adjournment and have a meeting tomorrow, the gentlemen who oppose this measure will have an opportunity to go down to the markets and ask the lessees their opinion, and they will find that they want the present rentals and want these hours. But I suppose the members will not go down—they are very busy and don't have time. They are members of the bar, and, of course, busy. But I have had a little more time and have made it my business to go through the market district. Many of the market men reside in my district and have been at me night and day to have this market proposition put through. They are paying an enormous rental at the present time, more than they ought to pay. They even pay for the sidewalk out to the curbstone and the people who have cellars pay to the curb. I hope the members will look at this in a reasonable manner, will reconsider the vote whereby we voted to adjourn until Saturday, and will have a meeting tomorrow.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I am rather amused at the serious manner in which my brother Clark takes his appointment on the Committee on Prisons. That committee are by law obliged to visit the prisons twice during the year, and the Committee on Prisons has started in to make their two visits this week. The report—

Ald. CLARK—Mr. Chairman, I should like to ask the gentleman a question.

Does he make that statement seriously—two annual visits this week?

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I make it with as much seriousness as he made his statement that the committee were going to be very busy in making the rounds. If there is any one committee of the city government, with the possible exception of the Committee on Vessels and Ballast, that is a standing joke, it is the Committee on Prisons. The Committee on Prisons has submitted a report annually, which, as a rule, no member of the committee has read until it has been read in the Board. I don't know who drafts the report, but I have an idea—because they all read in the same vein and all recommend practically what previous Committees on Prisons have recommended since the government has been established.

The CHAIRMAN—The gentleman will confine himself to the question under consideration.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I don't believe any member of this Board will be seriously handicapped by a change in the date, and I don't believe the report of the Committee on Prisons will suffer by a change because it is my impression that the report is already in the hands of the printer. If it is not, they are conducting their business in a different manner than they have conducted it, to my knowledge, in the last few years.

Ald. Curley's motion to reconsider the vote on adjournment was declared lost. Ald. Curley doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The motion to reconsider was lost; yeas, 6, nays, 6.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—6.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Draper, Whelton—6.

COAL AND COKE LICENSES.

A list of coal and coke licenses granted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth was received.

Placed on file.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Railroad Commissioners of a hearing Jan. 3, 1908, on approval of the 273d location of the West End Street Railway Company, being for locations of tracks in Dudley St.

Placed on file.

SIDEWALK, WELLES AVE.

Ald. CLARK offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along No. 39 Welles Ave. and on the Hawley St. side of said estate, Wd. 24, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestone, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Passed.

MOTION TO TAKE RECESS.

Ald. CURLEY moved that the Board take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; declared lost. Ald. CURLEY doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote.

The Board stood divided; and the motion to take a recess was lost, 6 members in favor, 6 against.

Ald. BELL moved a general reconsideration of all action taken today, trusting it would not prevail, and subsequently desired to withdraw his motion.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I object to the withdrawal, the motion being on reconsideration, as I understand. I desire to ask what motion is before the body at the present time.

The CHAIRMAN—Ald. Bell asks unanimous consent to withdraw his motion for general reconsideration in order that the Chair may entertain a motion to take up some matters on the calendar.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, as I understand it, objection having been raised to Ald. Bell's motion, that disposes of it, and I, having been recognized by the Chair, would at this time move that the Board take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

Ald. CURLEY'S motion, that the Board take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, was declared lost. Ald. Curley doubted the vote, and asked for a rising vote. The Board stood divided, and the motion to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, was lost, 6 members in favor, 6 members against.

PROJECTIONS, ETC.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted reports on petitions (severally referred today) for leave to project signs, etc.—that leave be granted, viz.: J. P. Mahony & Co., illuminated sign, 26-8 Causeway St., Wd. 8.

William V. Fishel, wooden sign, 143 Tremont St.

Paine Furniture Company, electric sign, 48-72 Canal St., Wd. 6.

Fred A. Jangraw, electric sign, 46½ Warren St., Wd. 17.

H. Weisberg, arc light, 390 Harrison Ave., Wd. 9.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

NEW REGISTRY, ETC., BUILDING.

Ald. WHELTON called up No. 7, past assignment, viz:

7. Report of Committee on Public Improvements recommending the indefinite postponement of an order requesting the Mayor to petition the Legislature for legislation enabling the City of Boston to take land and to erect thereon a fireproof building to be used for the registry of deeds and probate offices, etc.

Report accepted; said recommendation adopted.

NEW CITY HALL.

Ald. WHELTON called up No. 8, past assignment, viz:

8. Report of Committee on Public Improvements recommending the indefinite postponement of an order providing for a commission to report on or before the first day of June, 1907, on the probable cost of land situated in Park Sq., once used as the Boston & Providence terminal, the probable cost of the erection of a City Hall sufficient for the city's needs for 50 years, and other matters.

Report accepted; said recommendation adopted.

RECONSTRUCTION OF CONGRESS STREET BRIDGE.

Ald. WHELTON called up No. 9, past assignment, viz:

9. Ordered, That the sum of \$23,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Superintendent of Bridges for the reconstruction of Congress St. Bridge; and that to meet

said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

Referred to the next city government, on motion of Ald. WHELTON.

ACTION ON APPOINTMENTS.

Ald. BALDWIN called up No. 3, unfinished business, viz.:

3. Charles F. Bogan, Thomas F. Covey, Thomas Farrell, John J. Higgins, Robert J. Ware, John Young, Jr., John B. Farren and James Rogan, to be Deputy Sealers of Weights and Measures and Seizers of Illegal Coal, Coke and Charcoal Measures for the term ending April 30, 1908.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, I move that when No. 3 is acted upon each name may be taken in its relative position and that each name be voted for on a roll call, individually.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, I rise to make an amendment to Ald. Baldwin's motion—that is, that action on No. 3 on the calendar be indefinitely postponed.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order. I don't see that that is a proper substitute motion.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair must rule that the point of order is not well taken. The question is on Ald. Bell's motion.

Ald. BELL'S motion was declared lost. Ald. Bell doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays. Ald. Bell's motion to indefinitely postpone action on No. 3 was carried, yeas 5, nays 4:

Yeas—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Berwin, Clark, Flanagan—5.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Finigan, Leary, Woods—4.

REVISED GRADE OF STREETS.

Ald. BALDWIN called up Nos. 4 and 5, unfinished business, viz.:

4. Ordered, That this Board establish the revised grade of D St., South Boston, between West Eighth St. and Dorchester Ave., as shown by red lines on the plan and profile of said D. St., made by Thomas W. Davis, City Sur-

veyor, dated Feb. 14, 1879, and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

5. Ordered, That this Board establish the revised grade of West Ninth St., South Boston, southeasterly from D St., as shown by red lines on the plan and profile of said West Ninth St., made by Thomas W. Davis, City Surveyor, dated Feb. 24, 1883, and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Referred to the next City Government, on motion of Ald. BALDWIN.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted at 3:01 P. M., on motion of Ald. CURLEY, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order at 4:24 P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. BERWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

Report on message of Mayor (referred Dec. 30), transmitting communication from Park Commissioners relative to expenditures for Randolph street playground—that the same be placed on file.

Report accepted; papers placed on file.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitting a report on petition of Fraternal Welfare Council (referred today), for use of Faneuil Hall on evening of Feb. 12, 1908—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. BELL moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 4:27 P. M., on motion of Ald. BELL, to meet on Saturday, Jan 4, at 12 M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, Jan. 2, 1907.

Final meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, President BARRETT in the chair.

REVISION OF CITY CHARTER.

The following was received:

City of Boston

Office of Mayor, Jan. 2, 1908.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith letter from the Corporation Council in relation to the consolidation and revision of the City Charter and of the special laws relating to the city, together with his draft of the first section of such revision, covering the City Charter proper, and I recommend that the same be printed as a city document.

I take much satisfaction in the fact that after many years of delay since the effort to secure a revision of the charter was first initiated, I am able to send to the City Council this draft, carefully prepared by experts, of that portion of the existing law relating to the city which may properly be considered to constitute the charter of the city, defining its general powers and organization. It has been my earnest desire to have this revision presented to the Legislature of 1908, and the remainder of the work is so near completion that this can readily be accomplished. I am sure that the revision now drafted will be of the greatest assistance in the coming consideration by the City Government and by the public as to what changes it is desirable to make in the present City Charter or in existing laws affecting the city.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

City of Boston

Law Department, Jan. 2, 1908.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor, City Hall, Boston.

Dear Sir:—In accordance with your request to send you for transmission to the City Council such part of the work of consolidating the statutes of the City of Boston as is completed, I herewith send for transmission to the City Council, Part I of the consolidation which I have entitled the City Charter. This consolidation was prepared in accordance with the following order, approved in February, 1907:

Ordered, That the Corporation Council be instructed to prepare, or cause to be prepared, a consolidation or revision of all special acts relating to the city, omitting such as have become obsolete, and to report a draft thereof to the City Council of this year, if possible, a codification of existing laws, and to contain only such changes in the same as shall be specifically noted, and as the Corporation Counsel may deem necessary or proper; and the Corporation Counsel is hereby authorized to expend for such purpose out of the appropriation for the Law Department, a sum not exceeding \$10,000.

After the reception of the order I was fortunately able to secure the as-

sistance of Charles N. Harris, Esq., one of the commissioners who prepared the Revised Laws of Massachusetts, and the one who did most of the work thereon.

The arrangement adopted by us was to divide the consolidation into four parts: Part I, the City Charter, that is the grants or privileges conferred upon the inhabitants of Boston by the Legislature; Part II, the Administration of Municipal Business, containing the special acts directing how buildings, ways, sewers, etc., should be built in the city of Boston; Part III, the Police Department, containing the laws concerning the Police Department; Part IV, supplement, containing the acts concerning the Metropolitan Districts, the Transit acts and other acts indirectly affecting the city of Boston.

The third and fourth parts of the consolidation are not in any sense parts of the City Charter, but they are matters of great interest to the City of Boston and to the inhabitants of the City of Boston who have to pay the bills and own or have an interest in the property acquired or secured by the Metropolitan and Transit Commissioners.

Great pains have been taken in making this consolidation to avoid any change in the law as it exists at the present time, and I believe that that result has been substantially accomplished. It is impossible, however, to be absolutely certain that no change has been made, and if it is desired to make this compilation of the City Charter, legislative sanction should be given to it. Before asking such legislative sanction it would be well to wait and see what, if any changes in the present charter suggested by the Finance Commission or other parties would in the estimation of the City Council be desirable.

Part II, is in print waiting final revision, and I hope to transmit that to the City Council during the present month. The third and fourth parts will follow within a short time.

Yours respectfully,

Thomas M. Babson,
Corporation Counsel.

The message and communication were ordered printed and sent up.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. II—Mr. President, I would like to ask if in ordering that printed we in any way set the seal of approval of the Common Council on it?

The PRESIDENT—No. It is simply ordered printed as a city document.

PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Message of Mayor relative to loan order for reconstruction of Congress St. bridge.

Referred to the next City Government in concurrence.

2. Message of Mayor submitting report of Preliminary Water Front Commission.

Placed on file.

3. Mayor's message transmitting correspondence in regard to bequest of \$200 made by Jessie Girdwood to the Girls' Latin School and recommending the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the legacy of the late Jessie Girdwood of \$200 to the Girls' Latin School of Boston be accepted and that the City Treasurer be authorized to pay over the sum to Mr. John Tetlow, the master of said school, to be used as said master and the teachers of said school may decide.

The papers were placed on file, and the order was passed in concurrence.

4. Report of Committee on Claims (City Document 137), submitting to the City Council a list of all claims upon which action has been taken during the year 1907, and recommending that the same be printed as a city document.

Accepted in concurrence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Council proceeded to take up unfinished business, viz.:

5. Ordered, That the Clerk of the Common Council obtain for this body the report of the Commission on Combustibles of New York City and what recommendation as to legislation has been made on said subject.

Passed.

6. Ordered, That the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2500), be appropriated to be expended by the Bath Commission for a regulation handball court and shower baths in L-Street bathhouse; and that to meet said appropriation, the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to the above amount.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 14—Mr. President, that order has been on the calendar for a long while, and, if we have 50 votes here tonight, I certainly trust we will pass it. The L St. bathhouse is really not a Wd. 14 institution. It is patronized by citizens from the entire city of Boston, and it has only been for a very few years that we have had a handball court there of any kind. The one there is inadequate for the purpose. There is a wooden floor and one is likely to get splinters in his feet, and so on. It is practically useless. Since the establishment of the so-called glass house in the L St. bathhouse it has been patronized in the winter months by people from all over Boston, and it is not unusual to see people playing handball over there on the coldest days in the winter as well as the warmest days in the summer. Certainly a regulation handball court will be appreciated, not only by the people of Wd. 14, but by people from every ward of the city. I hope the members from the different parts of Boston will vote unanimously for the order.

Mr. FERGUSON of Wd. 21—Mr. President, as it is so late in the year now, I think it would be good policy to refer this to the next city government, and I move that reference.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I hardly think it is necessary to refer this to the next city government, as I believe it has been on the calendar for possibly seven months. I believe any member wishing to acquaint himself with the facts would easily, if he were to go over there, find that such a thing is necessary at the L St. bath. That bathhouse is known throughout the country as one of the finest bathing resorts in the country, and the people who go over there throughout the winter to take their daily plunge exercise afterwards by playing handball. I believe it is most important that we have at L St. bath a handball court that will be sufficient to accommodate the people who go there to bathe. There are many people throughout the city who go there through the year, both in winter and summer, to exercise and to take the plunge, and I hope the order will pass, as it is one of very great importance.

Mr. FERGUSON—Mr. President, personally I don't know that I am opposed to this order, but I believe that at this late time in the year it is rather foolish

to bring up a matter like this. We are on the point of adjourning finally, and have not time to look into this matter. I would personally like to investigate it a little more thoroughly. I admit that it has been on the calendar for quite a long time, but, for one, I have not had time to look into it very closely, and do not feel that today I am prepared to vote on the matter. That is the reason why I made the motion to refer to the next city government, because I would like a chance to look into the question a little more closely.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I feel that perhaps in urging the passage of the order at this time I may possibly lose Mr. Ferguson's vote, and I am very sorry that he has not had time to look into the matter. I feel very certain that if he had done so he would not only have voted for the order but would have risen here and spoken in advocacy of it. His argument in regard to this being a late hour is, I think, a very poor one to put forth, because it has been on the calendar for several meetings, and this Council as a body has just as much power tonight as it had at the first of the year. I think there is no strength whatever in his argument that this should not be passed tonight. I certainly see no reason for referring it to the next city government. I don't think the next city government will be any more capable of dealing with the question than this city government.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I hope that this order will not be referred to the next city government. I don't know of any better way for this Council to wind up its proceedings than by passing this order. It asks simply for an appropriation of \$2500, not for any specific locality, but for a general benefit to the citizens of the entire city. As a member of the Committee on Appropriations, I know that, had that department considered this matter before making its budget, it would have included this item in its request for annual appropriations. I know that the Bath Commissioners are anxious to have this money expended. It means a great benefit for a small amount of money and I think it should be passed this year, because I think the money is available.

The motion to refer the order to the next city government was declared lost. Mr. Ferguson doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote. The Council stood divided, and Mr. Ferguson's motion to refer to the next city government was lost, 7 members in favor, 28 against.

The order was read a second time and passed, yeas 43, nays 9:

Yeas—Bagley, Barrett, Brown, Buckley, Carruth, Clark (20), Colpoys, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Davidson, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Hackett, Hanrahan, Hatton, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (13), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sheenan, Spellman, Sullivan (15), Zetterman—43.

Nays—Anderson, Ferguson, Green, Harding, McLennan, Peshorn, Pierce, Roberts, Wentworth—9.

Absent or not voting—Bramhall, Clark (24), Cose, Driscoll, Ducey, Foley, George, Hayes, Madden, McGivern, McGregor, Mealey, Montague, Morgan, Murphy, Noyes, Santososso, Sorenson, Sullivan (6), Troy, Wharton, Willcutt, Woodside—23.

On motion of Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 14 the Council voted to reconsider and to assign the reconsideration till 5:30 P. M., if not sooner reached.

Later in the session President BARRETT called up the above order.

The motion to reconsider was carried, and the order was passed, yeas 52, nays 10:

Yeas—Bagley, Barrett, Brown, Buckley, Carruth, Clark (20), Colpoys, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Hanrahan, Harding, Hatton, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McLennan, Mealey, Morgan, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien (4), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Penshorn, Purcell, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sheehan, Sorenson, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Sullivan (15), Wentworth, Woodside, Zetterman.—52.

Nays—Anderson, Davidson, Ferguson, George, Green, Hackett, Noyes, Pierce, Roberts, Wharton—10.

Absent or not voting—Bramhall, Clark (24), Cose, Ducey, Foley, Hayes, Madden, McGregor, Montague, Rackowsky, Santosuosso, Troy, Willcutt—13.

Sent up.

PAYMENT TO POLICE OFFICER.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 7, unfinished business, viz.:

7. Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Willie H. Burns the sum of ninety-eight dollars and thirteen cents (\$98.13), being the expense incurred by him in the defense of a suit brought against him on account of his acts as a police officer of the city of Boston; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department.

This order was indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. McCARTHY of Wd. 8. Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote, and the order was indefinitely postponed, yeas 35, nays 3.

ASSIGNMENTS.

The Council proceeded to take up assignments, viz.:

8. Ordered, That the City of Boston be, and hereby is, authorized, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 34 of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts, to construct, purchase or lease and maintain within its limits one or more plants for the manufacture or distribution of gas and electricity for furnishing light for municipal use, and light, heat and power, except for the operation of electric cars, for the use of its inhabitants.

The question came on the motion of Mr. Doyle to reconsider the vote of Dec. 19, whereby the above order was rejected.

The Council refused to reconsider the vote of Dec. 19 rejecting the order, by a rising vote, 17 members in favor, 18 against.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered.

The Council voted to reconsider the action of Dec. 19, yeas 34, nays 20:

Yeas—Buckley, Carruth, Colpoys, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Doyle, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Hanrahan, Hatton, Joyce, Kelly, Leonard, Lill, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Purcell, Rackowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sheenan, Spellman, Sullivan (15), Woodside, Zetterman—34.

Nays—Anderson, Bagley, Barrett, Brown, Clark (20), Davidson, Donovan, Ferguson, George, Green, Hackett,

Harding, Kennedy, McLennan, Morgan, Noyes, Penshorn, Pierce, Roberts, Wentworth—20.

Absent or not voting—Bramhall, Clark (24), Cose, Doherty, Driscoll, Ducey, Foley, Hayes, Kohler, Madden, McGregor, Mealey, Montague, Murphy, Santosuosso, Sorenson, Sullivan (5), Troy, Wharton, Willcutt—21.

The Council refused to pass the order (a two-thirds vote being necessary), yeas 35, nays 20:

Yeas—Buckley, Carruth, Colpoys, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Doyle, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Hanrahan, Hatton, Joyce, Kelly, Leonard, Lill, McCabe, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Purcell, Rackowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sheenan, Spellman, Sullivan (15), Woodside, Zetterman—35.

Nays—Anderson, Bagley, Barrett, Brown, Clark (20), Davidson, Donovan, Ferguson, George, Green, Hackett, Harding, Kennedy, McLennan, Morgan, Noyes, Penshorn, Pierce, Roberts, Wentworth—20.

Absent or not voting—Bramhall, Clark (24), Cose, Doherty, Driscoll, Ducey, Foley, Hayes, Kohler, Madden, McGregor, Mealey, Montague, Murphy, Santosuosso, Sorenson, Sullivan (5), Troy, Wharton, Willcutt—20.

Mr. NOYES of Wd. 11—Mr. Chairman, I would move to reconsider—

The PRESIDENT—The motion to reconsider would not be in order, there having been one reconsideration.

Mr. NOYES—Then, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to make a short statement. I ask in connection with this vote that the following telegram be placed on the records of the Common Council at this meeting. (Reading.)

"Toledo, O., Dec. 28.

"James B. Noyes, Bay State Road.
"Mayor Whitlock out of city. No record in this office of any telegram in January nineteen six saying gas plant still pays revenue to city. City receives six thousand dollars per year rental of pipes, mains, etc.
"Bernard Dailey, Secretary."

I thank you.

9. Ordered, That the sum of four thousand four hundred dollars (\$4400) be appropriated to meet a deficit in the appropriation for "Brandon St. and Belgrade Ave.," caused by an execution of court; and that to meet the said appropriation of the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The question came on the motion of Mr. LILL to reconsider the vote of December 26, whereby the above order was rejected.

The order was reconsidered and the question came on its passage, and the order was rejected (50 votes being necessary for its passage), yeas 36, nays 17.

Yeas—Barrett, Buckley, Carruth, Colpoys, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Hatton, Joyce, Kelly, Kohler, Leonard, Lill, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, McLennan, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Purcell, Rackowsky, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sheenan, Spellman, Sullivan (15)—36.

Nays—Anderson, Bagley, Brown, Davidson, Ferguson, George, Green, Hackett, Harding, McCabe, Morgan, Noyes, Penshorn, Pierce, Roberts, Woodside, Zetterman—17.

Absent or not voting—Bramhall, Clark (20), Clark (24), Cose, Costello, Ducey, Foley, Hanrahan, Hayes, Kennedy,

Madden, McGregor, Mealey, Montague, Murphy, Santosuosso, Sorenson, Sullivan (5), Troy, Wentworth, Wharton, Willcutt—22.

PAST ASSIGNMENTS.

The Council proceeded to take up past assignments, viz.:

10. Ordered, That the sum of seven-thousand dollars (\$17,000) additional be appropriated to be expended by the Bath Commissioners for the construction and furnishing of an all-the-year-round bath-house at the North End; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount.

The question came on the motion of Mr. PURCELL to reconsider the vote of Dec. 19, whereby the above order was rejected.

The vote of Dec. 19, rejecting the order, was reconsidered, and the question came on the passage of the order in concurrence.

Mr. McLENNAN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. This order simply states that it is an additional appropriation. Under rule 17 of the Joint Rules and Orders of the City Council all additional appropriations must be referred to the Committee on Finance, and no appropriation shall be made until said committee reports. I raise the point of order that under that rule this order is not properly before the Council.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point or order not well taken, inasmuch as the Council has already entertained the order and allowed it to be placed on the calendar. The time for objection to the order was when the order was first introduced. As the Council has already acted on the order at one meeting, the Chair feels constrained to now let it remain on the calendar, and will rule the point of order not well taken.

Mr. McLELLAN—Is the Chair familiar with the rules?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair is familiar with the rules.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2—Mr. President and gentlemen of the Council, I sincerely hope that the Council tonight will reaffirm the action it took at the previous meeting whereby this order was rejected. I shall not pretend to discuss it at length at this time. You all know my views upon the matter. I have discussed it in the past and I simply rise at this time to give the members of the body some information in connection with this order which I believe will be of interest to them. I do not believe there is any necessity for an additional appropriation of \$17,000 for the North End bathhouse. I think we all believe, or should believe, that the large sum of \$120,000 which they have already had is ample to build a bathhouse in the North End or any other section of Boston. We in East Boston would be very glad to receive an appropriation of in the neighborhood of \$75,000 for a bathhouse in our section, and would not afterwards be coming here every little while asking for additional money. I want to call your attention to what the cost of other bathhouses has been in the city of Boston. The Cabot St. bathhouse, known as one of the best of its kind in the world, if not the best, cost \$108,000.19. In 1890 the Dover St. bathhouse cost \$87,069.03. In connection with this North End bathhouse they originally received an appropriation of \$90,000. The mayor early in the year sent an order here asking for a transfer of \$30,000 of the

money obtained from the sale of Deer Island for the purpose of completing the North End bathhouse. At that time we were led to believe that if they got \$30,000 they would have sufficient money to complete the bathhouse in the North End. I find, according to the auditor's books, that there has been expended on this North End bathhouse to date \$50,457.78, leaving a balance of \$69,542.22 on hand at the present time. I believe it is the duty of the Bath Commissioners, His Honor the Mayor, or any other person or persons having ample jurisdiction in a matter of this kind to build a bathhouse according to the means that they have at hand and not drag it along year in and year out, coming here continually for additional appropriations. It is a notorious fact that one of the schoolhouses built adjoining this bathhouse was dragged along in a similar manner and that from time to time they had to get additional appropriations from which to finish it. I think \$120,000 is a goodly sum for any section of Boston to receive for an improvement of this kind. I think the North End has been very well taken care of. Mind you, I am not opposed to a bathhouse in the North End of Boston. I would like to see a bathhouse, gymnasium and playground in every section of Boston; but I want to see every section treated fairly and equally. I want to see all sections have an equal chance. For that reason I hope this order will not pass at this time. I believe they have ample money and that they should go ahead and complete the bathhouse with the amount of money they have on hand at the present time, which I think is sufficient. I sincerely trust that the order will not pass.

The order failed of passage, yeas 32, nays 23.

Yeas—Barrett, Carruth, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Hatton, Joyce, Kelly, Leonard, Lill, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Purcell, Rachkowsky, Rosenbergs, Sacks, Sheenan, Sorenson, Spellman—32.

Nays—Anderson, Bagley, Brown, Costello, Davidson, Doherty, Ferguson, George, Green, Hackett, Harding, McCabe, McLennan, Morgan, Noyes, Penhorn, Pierce, Roberts, Sullivan (15), Wentworth, Wharton, Woodside, Zettermann—23.

Absent or not voting—Bramhall, Buckley, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Ducey, Foley, Hanrahan, Hayes, Kennedy, Kohler, Madden, McGregor, Montague, Murphy, Santosuosso, Sullivan (5), Troy, Willcutt—20.

11. Ordered, That the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8000) be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Superintendent of Street Cleaning and Watering for the construction of a tidewater dump at the Charlestown side of Charles River Ave.; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

The order was reconsidered, and the question came upon its passage, and the order was rejected (50 votes being necessary for its passage), yeas 31, nays 24:

Yeas—Barrett, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Daly (12), Donovan, Doyle, Driscoll, Fitzgerald (14), Fitzgerald (3), Hatton, Joyce, Kelly, Kennedy, Leonard, Lill, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, Noonan, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), O'Brien (14),

Purcell, Rosenberg, Sacks, Sheenan, Sorenson, Spellman—31.

Nays—Anderson, Bagley, Brown, Caruth, Davidson, Doherty, Ferguson, George, Green, Hackett, Harding, McCabe, McLennan, Morgan, Noyes, Pendergast, Peshorn, Pierce, Roberts, Sullivan (15), Wentworth, Wharton, Woodside, Zetterman—24.

Absent or not voting—Bramhall, Buckley, Clark (20), Clark (24), Colpoys, Cose, Ducey, Foley, Hanrahan, Hayes, Kohler, Madden, McGregor, Montague, Murphy, Rachkowsky, Santosoosso, Sullivan (5), Troy, Willcutt—20.

12. Ordered. That the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) be appropriated to be expended by the Board of Park Commissioners for a playground in Wd. 16; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to the above amount.

Referred to the next city government, on motion of Mr. Kelly of Wd. 16.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mr. DAVIDSON of Wd. 23 offered an order—That all matters of an unfinished nature in the hands of the special and standing committees of the Common Council be referred to the next Common Council.

Passed.

PRINTING OF DOCUMENTS.

Mr. CARRUTH of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the City Messenger be authorized to furnish each member of the City Council of 1907, and each of the heads of the several city departments with one set each of the city documents for 1907, when completed and bound.

Passed. Sent up.

Mr. CARRUTH offered an order—That the City Messenger be authorized to cause a sufficient number of the City Council Minutes of 1907 to be bound in the usual manner and to furnish each member of the City Council of 1907, each new member of the City Council of 1908, and each of the heads of the several city departments with one copy of the same; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, City Council Proceedings.

Passed. Sent up.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mr. COSTELLO of Wd. 16, offered an order—That all matters of an unfinished nature in the hands of the joint-standing and special committees of this City Council, be referred to the next City Council.

Passed. Sent up.

CARS ON TREMONT STREET.

Mr. DALY of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to furnish more cars to go south on Tremont St., from the Pleasant St. transfer station, between the hours of 5:30 and 6:30 P. M. week days.

Mr. DALY of Wd. 12.—Mr. President, I regret at this time to take the time of the Council, but I think it proper for me to say a word in connection with this order. A year ago I introduced a similar order, and it certainly seems that, as a matter of courtesy at least, some attention should have been paid to it by the Boston Elevated Rail-

road. To my mind, there is a serious situation there. Aside from the inconvenience to patrons of the road, the situation really results in criminal proceedings. I am reliably informed that many passengers on the cars are relieved of their pocketbooks. If there were additional cars, that state of affairs would be remedied, and passengers would also be better accommodated. I hope this will be called to the attention of the Elevated Road.

The order was referred to the Mayor.

PHOTOGRAPH OF MEMBERS.

Mr. DALY of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the City Messenger be authorized to procure a photograph of the members of the Common Council of 1907, and to furnish each member of said Council with one copy thereof; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Common Council, contingent expenses.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, some years ago the habit of incurring this needless expense was discontinued, and I see no reason for bringing it into vogue again at this time. I trust that order will not pass.

The order was passed by a rising vote, 23 members in favor, 10 against.

PENSION FOR J. H. DODGE.

Mr. McCARTHY of Wd. 8 offered an order—That, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 388 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1907, James H. Dodge, City Auditor of this city for nearly twenty-five years, be and he-reb- is placed upon the pension-roll of the city and be allowed and paid a pension of ninety-nine dollars per month; said sum so paid to be charged to the appropriation for Reserve Fund.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Mr. MORGAN of Wd. 22—Mr. President, I regret to arise at this time in opposition to this order, but I must confess that I am as much opposed to giving a pension of this sum as I was to the sum stated in the original order, for the principle is the same, whether the amount is \$100 a month, or \$99 a month, or \$1 a month. This order was threshed out earlier in the year. At that time the gentleman advocating the order, cited to the members of this Council how corporations pension employees after 25 or 30 years of faithful service. I quite agree with the gentleman; but I cannot see why the city of Boston should be saddled with this pension. To my mind it is a case where Mr. Dodge's family should care for him in his declining years. Certainly if he was good enough to his family to take care of them when they were young—and I understand he has three or four grown-up sons—they should care for him in his declining years. I regret exceedingly to have to oppose this order. My opposition to it is solely on the ground of the principle involved. If Mr. Dodge was a good enough man to be City Auditor of the city of Boston, he certainly ought to have been capable of taking care of his own affairs. I cannot believe that a corporation would pension a man after 25 or 30 years of service, if he were careless or wasteful. I am somewhat at a loss to understand why this order should have been presented at the last moment. The consensus of opinion of the members of this Council when the order was rejected earlier in the year is a sufficient guarantee, to my mind,

that it is not in public favor. I cannot see why the city of Boston should be saddled with this expense. It certainly would be a leak in the city treasury, and as such should be stopped. I care not who is the man who is to receive this money. If it were my own father, I should oppose it, on principle. I think the members of the Council would do well tonight to repeat the sentiment which they expressed when this order was introduced earlier in the year, at which time it was rejected.

The question was put on the passage of the order, and it was declared rejected.

Mr. MORGAN doubted the vote, and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and the order was again declared rejected, 25 members voting in the affirmative, and 15 in the negative.

Mr. MORGAN further doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the order was passed—yeas 33, nays 22:

Yeas—Bagley, Carruth, Colpoys, Costello, Cronin, Daly (17), Davidson, Donovan, Doyle, Fitzgerald (14), Foley, Hackett, Hanrahan, Hatton, Joyce, Kennedy, Leonard, Lill, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGivern, Mealey, Murphy, O'Brien (5), O'Brien (18), Purcell, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg, Sheenan, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Woodside—33.

Nays—Anderson, Driscoll, Ferguson, Green, Harding, Kelly, Kohler, McCabe, McLennan, Morgan, Noonan, Noyes, O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Penhorn, Pierce, Roberts, Sacks, Sullivan (15), Wentworth, Wharton, Zetterman—22.

Absent or not voting—Barrett, Bramhall, Brown, Buckley, Clark (20), Clark (24), Cose, Daly (12), Doherty, Ducey, Fitzgerald (3), George, Hayes, Madden, McGregor, Montague, Santosuosso, Sorenson, Troy, Wilcutt—20.

Mr. LILL moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

MARKET LEASES.

Mr. PURCELL of Wd. 6, offered an order, That the Superintendent of Markets be authorized, with the approval of the Mayor, to renew for a term of five years, from Dec. 1, 1907, all leases of space in the Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market buildings, at such a rate that the aggregate amount received per annum shall be thirty per cent. more than the amount received per annum under the leases for the preceding five years, and on the condition that the hour of opening the markets shall be seven o'clock in the morning, and that the hour of closing on Wednesdays during June, July and August, shall be one o'clock noon. Provided, however, that said Superintendent shall have authority to abate from the rental paid by any lessee the sum which may be charged him by the Street Commissioners for sidewalk privileges in connection with the demised property.

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 25 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 relative to the Terms of Market Leases. Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 2 of Chapter 25 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in the clauses relating to the conditions of market leases by striking out the clause numbered twelve and inserting in place thereof the following:

"12. The lessee shall have the demised premises, on all week days except legal holidays opened at seven o'clock A. M., and kept open until five o'clock P. M.; provided, however, that on the day of the observance of Patriots' day, Memorial day, Independence day, and Labor

day, when Monday or Saturday, and on the day of the celebration of the Battle of Bunker Hill, he shall have said premises opened as above and kept open until nine o'clock A. M., and on all other Saturdays he shall have them opened as above and kept open until nine o'clock P. M., and on Wednesdays in June, July and August he shall have them opened as above and kept open until one o'clock P. M., or he shall have them opened and closed at such other hours as the Board of Aldermen may from time to time order."

The question came on ordering the order and ordinance to a second reading.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, as a member of the Committee on Markets I have had occasion to look into this subject, and it seems to me most unwise to place further restrictions upon the lessees. I think it is considerably inconsistent to advocate the placing of further restrictions upon the lessees, while at the same time advocating so large an increase in the rentals to be paid. Certainly, if we are going to increase the rentals we ought not to increase the restrictions. For myself, I think 10 per cent. would be a much more reasonable increase in the rentals. I have looked into the subject very carefully and I think if we can net from this property 4 per cent. on the valuation that would be a fair and reasonable return, and I think we ought to be conservative in regard to this matter. I trust that we will not further restrict the employees and that we will substitute a 10 per cent. increase for the proposed 30 per cent. increase, when the time comes to vote upon that matter.

The order and ordinance were declared ordered to a second reading. Mr. PIERCE doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and they were not ordered to a second reading, only 13 members having voted in the affirmative, and 25 in the negative.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Wd. 13 moved a reconsideration, hoping that the same would prevail.

Mr. McCULLOUGH—Mr. President, I did not anticipate any such vote as that. As a member of the Committee on Markets, which has given this proposition a great deal of its time I want to state that the order which is in the hands of the Clerk is exactly the same as the order accompanying the report of the committee. The reason that it comes into this body in this manner tonight is that the Board of Aldermen have had this proposition under consideration for some time, and certain of its members, by methods well known to them, have juggled with it in order that it might not come to this branch of the City Council, and would therefore go over to next year. Now, the proposition is a simple one. My friend in the first division (Mr. Pierce) is in favor of an increase. So is every member of the committee. The gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Pierce) believes that the rentals should be increased, so that the city might receive a 4 per cent. revenue on the assessed valuation. A majority of the committee believe that the rentals should be increased 30 per cent., which would only make a net return of 6 per cent. on the city's money—a very reasonable proposition. The other question is whether or not the hours of opening the markets should be changed. The committee gave much time to the consideration of that matter and heard both employers and employees. Most of the employers—30 per cent. of them—were non-residents of Boston, and most of the employees were residents of Bos-

ton. The committee decided that it was only fair to regulate the hour of opening, and to place it at 7 o'clock the year around. The other proposition that the committee voted for was to close on Wednesday afternoon. If you will remember, only a few short years ago all the employees in grocery stores and provision stores formed a union and asked for some day of recreation, and it was agreed between employer and employee that Wednesday afternoon should be the stated day upon which all stores should close. Now, the marketmen very frankly stated that they believed that the men should have one day off each week, and that they were willing that the men should have one day off; and their only objection was that they did not want the City Council to say what that day should be. Now, if the City Council are going to regulate the marketmen in one instance we ought to regulate them in all. They made the proposition that they might let their men off early in the afternoon. What the men want, and what their committee stated to the committee of the City Council that they wanted, is that the market shall open all the year round at 7 o'clock, and that they shall have Wednesday afternoon off. On the question of rentals, we had several propositions to consider, but we came to the conclusion that this was the best one. We had a proposition to auction the market leases, and to give them to the highest bidder. Now, every member here knows that a market lease is like a legacy—handed down from generation to generation. If you or I wanted to buy one of those leases, we would have considerable trouble. It would be a difficult matter. We would have more chance of buying a liquor license. We considered that proposition, and it was voted down. We considered the proposition on the basis of the return to the city. A 10 per cent. increase would net the city but 4 per cent. on its money. In view of the fact that any number of men, any number of concerns, can be got to take that property and to lease it at an increase of 100 per cent. or more, I believe that it is for the best interests of the city that we should increase the rentals 30 per cent. which will make the return to the city 6 per cent. on the assessed valuation. So, there is the proposition. The order is introduced in order that the Common Council might receive its committee's report and act upon it. We recommend an increase of the rentals so that they will net the city 6 per cent. on the valuation of the property. We recommend opening the markets all the year round at 7 o'clock, because all the employees, 90 per cent. of whom live in Boston, want that done, and because there was no objection to shortening the hours. We recommended closing the markets on Wednesday afternoon, because the men wanted that half day off, and the employers themselves had agreed to some day.

Mr. GREEN of Wd. 24—Mr. President, the question being on reconsideration, I do not know but that I may be out of order, but I just want to say that I believe this order should be allowed to go over to next year. As a member of the Committee on Markets I voted for the report of the committee, but I still believe that it should be allowed to go over till next year.

At the request of Mr. George of Wd. 21, the order and ordinance were read again, for information.

Mr. GEORGE—Mr. President, I personally do not believe that I know enough about this order to vote intelligently upon it, and I think I am safe

in saying that a number of the members of this body are in the same situation this evening. I heartily agree with the recommendation of Mr. Green, who was a member of the Committee on Markets, that this should be referred to the next City Council. I do not believe that at this late date any of the members of this body, excepting the members of the Committee on Markets, are in a condition to act on this matter with the knowledge which they should possess. The matter has not been before us long enough to receive proper attention, and has not been sufficiently discussed. As I understand it, the order which was placed before the Board of Aldermen is still in abeyance, and I think that until that body takes some action, or until we members of this body are more sufficiently informed as to the questions involved in this matter, we should not vote upon it; and if the motion is in order, I move that it be referred to the next city government.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that that motion will be in order if reconsideration is carried.

The motion to reconsider was declared lost. Mr. McCullough doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and the motion was again declared lost, 16 members having voted in the affirmative, and 26 in the negative.

Mr. McCULLOUGH further doubted the vote and asked for a verification by the calling of the yeas and nays. The yeas and nays were ordered, and the motion to reconsider was lost—yeas 18, nays 36:

Yeas—Colpoys, Cronin, Doyle, Fitzgerald (14), Foley, Joyce, Leonard, Lill, McCarthy, McCormack, McCullough, McGovern, Mealey, Murphy, O'Brien (8), Purcell, Rachkowsky, Rosenberg—13.

Nays—Anderson, Bagley, Barrett, Brown, Carruth, Clark (20), Cose, Daly (12), Davidson, Donovan, Ferguson, Fitzgerald (3), Green, Hackett, Harding, Hatton, Kennedy, Kohler, McCabe, McLennan, Montague, Morgan, Noyes, O'Brien (14), Pendergast, Penshort, Pierce, Roberts, Sacks, Sheenan, Sorenson, Sullivan (15), Wentworth, Wharton, Woodside, Zetterman—36.

Absent or Not Voting—Bramhall, Buckley, Clark (24), Costello, Daly (17), Doherty, Driscoll, Ducey, George, Hanrahan, Hayes, Kelly, Madden, McGregor, Noonan, O'Brien (5), Santososso, Spellman, Sullivan (5), Troy, Willcutt—21.

CLOSING PROCEEDINGS

Mr. ZETTERMAN of Wd. 25 offered the following:

Resolved, That we, the members of the Common Council of 1907, hereby present our thanks to President William J. Barrett for the able, faithful and courteous manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office during the present year, and assure him that he has our best wishes for his future success and happiness.

The resolutions were adopted by a unanimous rising vote. (Applause.)

At this point a large number of books was brought into the chamber.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11, said:

Mr. President, on behalf of the members and the officials of the Common Council, and in token of our affection and respect for you, I wish to present you with this library of 173 volumes. You will find something for your every mood. For your philosophical mood, you will find Emerson; for your meditative and profound moods, Shakespeare; for your historical mood, the American Statesmen Series. When you

are feeling fanciful and weird, you can pick up a volume of Edgar Allen Poe; in your hours of relaxation you can read Ivanhoe or some other volume of Scott. When in the mood for subtle humor, you can have recourse to your Dickens; when you want a good story, you can pick out a volume by Robert Louis Stevenson. When, in the coming winter evenings, you sit in front of your fireplace and read these books, let every leaf of every book remind you of the good wishes which you bear with you from every member and official of the Common Council of 1907. (Applause.)

President BARRETT said:

Fellow-members of the Common Council, for your valuable and useful gift and your glowing words, I thank you most heartily. I shall prize the former most highly, and I trust that, in some measure, I merit the latter. Tonight, for me, marks the close of seven years' consecutive service in this branch of the city government, and while I do not feel that I have rendered conspicuous service, I have given the best that is in me; and I suppose, after all, that is all that could reasonably be expected. To me, my service in the Common Council has been most pleasant, and had I acted on personal preference, I should have been a candidate for re-election; however, as I have never believed in perpetuity in office for the other fellow, I felt that in justice to the budding statesmen of Wd. 18, I should pass on or retire. I thought to pass on; my constituents thought otherwise; and I am now a duly qualified candidate for the "Down and Out" Club.

As your presiding officer for the past two years, I have endeavored to be fair and impartial. If I have succeeded, I am exceedingly gratified; if I have not, than I most sincerely apologize to you for my shortcomings. I feel compelled to say, that the Council of 1907 will compare very favorably with any in which I have been a member; that you have done much to justify the existence of this branch of the city government, and I congratulate you on the record which you have made. While we have had some lively meetings during the past year, and debate has been at times a little personal, I believe, that

on the whole, the utmost good feeling has prevailed between the members. For your uniform courtesy to me as presiding officer, I thank you sincerely and I trust that I have not been lacking in this respect.

To the members who are advancing to greater prominence politically, I offer my congratulations, and I extend the best wishes for a bright future to those who are to be members of the Council of 1908. To those who, like myself, are retiring to private life, I wish every success in your vocations, and I am sure that for many of you, the retirement is but temporary. To the City Messenger, Clerk of Committees, the Official Stenographer and their assistants, I extend my hearty thanks for their unflinching courtesy to me. To the affable Clerk of the Common Council, I feel that I am deeply indebted. Like my predecessors I have found his services almost indispensable, and if I have met with any degree of success as a presiding officer, it is due in great part to his assistance. His assistants, also, have shown me every courtesy, for which I am very grateful.

In closing, I extend to you all my best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. (Applause.)

Mr. DALY of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the closing proceedings of the Common Council, including the address of the President, be printed as a city document.

Mr. DALY of Wd. 12—Mr. President, in presenting that order I desire to say just a word. As we journey through life, suffering our trials and tribulations and bearing the burdens placed on our shoulders, we sometimes wonder what there is to reward us. As we engage in our various callings, however, and are brought in contact in a fraternal and business way with others, we sometimes meet those who endear themselves to us greatly. It has been my experience during my year's membership in the Common Council to meet with a great many types of manhood; and, to my mind, the fairest, most courteous, most painstaking at all times, has been our retiring President. It certainly gives me great pleasure and honor at this time to present this order.

The order was passed.

Adjourned, sine die, at 6:11 P. M., on motion of Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 2.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Saturday, Jan. 4, 1908.

Final meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 12 M., Chairman BERWIN presiding. Absent—Ald. Draper.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. WHELTON, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc.:

Samuel Minsky, sign, 207½ Essex St., Wd. 7.

Aron Bleystein, sign, 141 Chambers St., Wd. 8.

J. N. Landers, electric sign, 46 Ten-nyson St., Wd. 10.

Dr. J. P. Jones, electric sign, 391 Broadway, Wd. 15.

National Beef Co., electric sign, 1388 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20.

Fatsy Vozella, two barber poles and one sign, 37 Maverick Sq., Wd. 2.

George Daniels, electric sign, 123 Dudley St., Wd. 2i.

Claims.

J. Kanter for compensation for damage to his horse and wagon, caused by a runaway horse driven by an employee of the sewer department.

COUNTY ACCOUNTS

Communication from Harvey H. Baker, Justice of Boston Juvenile Court, determining the compensation of Roy M. Cushman, a probation officer of said court at \$1800.

Placed on file.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The Board voted on motion of Ald. CURLEY to consider Nos. 1 to 4, inclusive, together, viz.:

1. Message of the Mayor transmitting Part I of the consolidation of the Statutes relating to the city of Boston, which he has entitled the City Charter.

2. Notice from the Common Council of the rejection, Jan. 2, of the order passed by the Board of Aldermen May 27, 1907, for a loan of \$8000 for tide-water dump at the Charlestown side of Charles River avenue.

3. Notice from the Common Council of the indefinite postponement, Jan. 2, of the order passed by the Board of Aldermen July 1, 1907, to pay \$98.13 to Willie H. Burns expense incurred in defense of suit against him on account of his acts as a police officer.

4. Notice from the Common Council of the rejection, Jan. 2, of an order passed by the Board of Aldermen, Oct. 21, for a loan of \$4400 to meet a deficit in the appropriation for Brandon St. and Belgrade Ave., caused by an execution of court.

Severally placed on file.

5. An order or a loan of \$50,000 for playground in Wd. 16 comes up for concurrence in its reference to the next city government.

Reference ordered in concurrence.

6. Ordered, That, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 383 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1907, James H. Dodge, City Auditor of this city for nearly 25 years, be, and hereby is, placed upon the pension roll of the city, and be allowed and paid a pension of \$99 per month; said sum so paid to be charged to the appropriation for Reserve Fund.

Passed in concurrence.

7. Ordered, That the sum of two thousand five hundred (\$2500) dollars be appropriated to be expended by the Bath Commission for a regulation handball court and shower baths in L street bathhouse; and that to meet said appropriation, the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to the above amount.

A roll call was had, and the Board refused to pass the order in concurrence (a two-thirds vote being necessary for passage); yeas 7, nays 4).

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Finigan,

Flanagan, Leary, Whelton, Woods—7.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Bell, Berwin, Clark—4.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, I move a reconsideration, hoping the same will prevail. This is a matter in which I am interested and in which I think every member of this Board should be interested. It pertains to the welfare of every patron of the L-St. bath. It is a matter in which the ward itself, perhaps, is not interested any more than any other section of the city. There are a great many people in this city today who are desirous of having a handball court such as will be furnished by the passage of this order. I am a little surprised at the attitude of some members, and surprised that the fact that the question was put on passage without allowing me at least the privilege of saying a word. I dare say that, being perhaps a little late, and the roll call having been ordered, I was not allowed to address the Board at the time. I trust that reconsideration will prevail. If it does prevail, I will have the order assigned till later in the day.

Reconsideration prevailed, and, on motion of Ald. BALDWIN, the order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements. (See later in session.)

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. BALDWIN, to consider Nos. 8, 9 and 10 together, viz.:

8. Ordered, That the City Messenger be authorized to cause a sufficient number of the City Council Minutes of 1907 to be bound in the usual manner, and to furnish each member of the City Council of 1907, each new member of the City Council of 1908, and each of the heads of the several city departments with one copy of the same; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, City Council Proceedings.

9. Ordered, That the City Messenger be authorized to furnish each member of the City Council of 1907 and each of the heads of the several city departments with one set each of the City Documents for 1907 when completed and bound.

10. Ordered, That all matters of an unfinished nature in the hands of the joint standing and special committees of this City Council be referred to the next City Council.

Severally passed in concurrence.

SIDEWALK SCHEDULE.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Streets giving schedule of cost of constructing sidewalks with granite edgestones on Sagamore St., Wd. 20; Dudley St., Wd. 16; Welles Ave. and Hurlley St., and recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the persons named in the within schedule be and they hereby are charged and assessed with one-half the sums set to their respective names, as their proportional parts of the cost of constructing sidewalks with granite edgestones on the above named streets, in front of the estates to the amount of \$607.81, and the same is ordered to be certified, and notice given to the parties aforesaid.

The order as passed.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Railroad Commissioners of a hearing Jan. 8, 1903, for consent to construction by Austin Biscuit Company of a single track railway across Beverly St.

Placed on file.

COAL AND COKE LICENSES.

A list of coal and coke licenses granted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth was received.

Placed on file.

LICENSES.

Ald. FLANAGAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 236 newsboys, 29 bootblacks and two vendors.

Reports severally accepted, licenses approved by the Board.

INSPECTION OF PRISONS.

Ald. CLARK, for the Committee on Prisons, submitted the following:

The special committee of the Board of Aldermen, appointed to inspect the prisons in the county of Suffolk, having made the inspection required by Chapter 224 of the Revised Laws, respectfully submits the following report:

The House of Correction at Deer Island, the Suffolk County Jail, the Parental School at West Roxbury and the Suffolk School for Boys at Rainsford Island, which are the institutions in this county coming under the jurisdiction of the committee, were inspected as the law requires, two visits having been made to each institution.

At Rainsford Island, the recommendation of the committee for the improvement of the water supply, has not received attention from the authorities. This is a serious matter and should be remedied as soon as possible. The superintendent's house is in about the same condition as in previous years, although some repairs have been made by the help employed on the island. A new administration building should be constructed sufficiently large to provide for a playroom and gymnasium, a sewing room, and additional dormitories. These matters, and the building of a bulkhead, have been several times recommended, and should receive the immediate attention of the incoming government.

The committee have no particular comment to make as to the Parental School at West Roxbury, except to renew the recommendations made a year ago.

The Suffolk County Jail the com-

mittee found in its usual good condition, the only complaint coming from a person detained there awaiting an opinion as to his sanity, and his grievance was that the coffee served him was not as good as he was accustomed to at home.

At the House of Correction, Deer Island, everything was found running smoothly. The discipline is good, and the only recommendation the committee has to make is in relation to the boiler rooms and steam-heating plant. Instead of six or eight boiler houses, there should be one central building containing all the boilers necessary to furnish heat and power for the entire institution.

Annexed will be found the reports of the superintendents of the various institutions, giving in detail the information called for by law.

At all the institutions visited the committee found the cleanliness and discipline to be very good.

At request of Ald. Curley, the clerk read the report in full, and the question came on its acceptance.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I have no comment to make on the report of that committee, except that it rather suggests to my mind Hawthorne's familiar "Twice Told Tales."

The report was accepted and ordered printed.

RAILROADS.

Ald. CURLEY, for Ald. Draper, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following:

(1) Report on petition of Nathan Tufts & Sons (recommitted Nov. 11), for leave to construct an extension of private railroad on Clinton Pl., Charlestown—that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, before the report of the Committee is accepted, I would like to have some member of the Railroad Committee state to the members of the Board whether or not there was objection made at the public hearing given by the committee to the proposed location.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, this is in relation to the Nathan Tufts petition. As a member of the committee, the chairman of the committee being absent, I would say—although I am perhaps not justified in doing so, the distinguished senior member of the committee, the Alderman on my right being present here this afternoon—that there was much objection to this application. As I understand it, this is a narrow passageway about 30 feet wide. On one side it is lined with tenement house property. Every one of the owners of the property on the side opposite the grain elevator appeared and stated that if this permission were granted they were willing to sell their property at less than the assessed valuation, in one case at about one-third—as they felt that, if granted, it would destroy forever all property rights and values that they might have there.

Ald. WHELTON—Do I understand that the report of the committee is in favor of granting the location?

The CHAIRMAN—No; it is that the petitioners be given leave to withdraw.

Ald. WHELTON—I am satisfied.

The report was accepted.

(2) Report on petition of the Boston & Maine Railroad (recommitted March 25), for leave to lay tracks on Water St. and Warren Ave., Charlestown—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the Boston & Maine railroad to construct, maintain and use for the transportation of freight tracks on War-

ren Ave. and Water St., Charlestown, as shown by yellow lines on a plan marked "Boston & Maine Railroad Terminal Division Hoosac Tunnel Docks, Boston, Mass., Proposed Switching Track on Water St., Feb. 1907," and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the tracks, the form of rail to be used and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets and shall be approved by him. Also upon the condition that said railroad company shall accept this order and shall file such acceptance with the City Clerk within 30 days from the date of its passage; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work authorized to be done under the provisions of this order shall be completed within one year from the date of its passage.

The question came on accepting the report.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, I reserved my right to dissent from the report of the committee on that matter, and with considerable reluctance. It is a question that, I think, is not at all free from doubt. The Boston & Maine railroad wants to build an extended spur track around Water St., in Charlestown, and I have been over the ground very carefully and have given the matter most earnest consideration. The owners of property in the neighborhood have come in and objected, several of them very strenuously, to the granting of this franchise. It occurred to members of the committee that this was the situation—that the granting of this franchise would be a very great public benefit. I don't think anybody doubts that it would be a benefit to the port of Boston and a general benefit to the whole city of Boston to grant this franchise. But, on the other hand, there is the immediate personal damage to people owning property along that street; and it seemed to me, and I think to other members of the committee, that the local damage that accompanies this general benefit should be borne wholly by the few people who have property on the street. It seemed to us wholly appropriate that the Boston & Maine railroad, which derives the most immediate benefit, should pay for a portion of the benefit it derives. Therefore, we took the opinion of the Corporation Counsel. He advised us that we could not add any condition to the franchise whereby the Boston & Maine railroad should pay damages to the owners; that we might, however, have them file a stipulation in court saying that they would pay damages if the petition was granted. We, accordingly, communicated with the Boston & Maine railroad, to see if they would accept the suggestion, which seemed to me and other members of the committee of value. That is to say, here was an immediate benefit to the Boston & Maine railroad, a benefit to the public generally, and a damage to certain immediate property; and it seemed as though the Boston & Maine railroad might very justly pay something to the abutters who were damaged for the benefit that it received. This morning, however, a letter was received from the Boston & Maine railroad stating that they would not file the stipulation that was suggested, but that they would stand or fall on the general question whether we would put the things through. Under the conditions, I think we ought not to give them the franchise. It seems to me that this franchise will be a great pecu-

niary benefit to the Boston & Maine railroad; that it will be a pecuniary detriment to the people owning property along the street, and that it will be a general benefit to the public; and, although the matter is not entirely clear in my mind, I still being harassed with some doubts on the subject, I think it is not proper, under the circumstances, to grant the franchise.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I quite agree with what Ald. Bangs has said. It will be an improvement to shipping facilities in the city of Boston if we can facilitate the handling of freight from the West, which is to be unloaded at the docks in Charlestown. I find, however, after listening to the reading of the report and order submitted by the committee, that there is nothing which provides that the cars shall be operated at any particular time of the day and night and not at other times. This is, in fact, a blanket order which allows the Boston & Maine R. R. the use of Water St. 24 hours a day. Before the Board of Aldermen passes judgment on this matter I would call their attention to the existing condition of affairs on Atlantic Ave. in the city of Boston, where the same conditions have existed for years. Everybody knows what a busy thoroughfare Atlantic Ave. is, and yet the Union Freight Railway blocks that street from the South Ferry almost down to Purchase st. There are no hours set forth in the committee's report and, as I said in the beginning, if the Boston & Maine R. R. receives this grant, it can keep its cars on Water St. 24 hours a day. Only a few weeks ago the Committee on Railroads submitted a report allowing a spur track on Beverly St., and stipulated in the grant that the cars should be run only between midnight and 5 A. M. It seems to me that a provision of a similar nature should be placed in the committee's report. I do not believe, however, in giving up such a valuable thoroughfare to the Boston & Maine R. R. They have plenty of room on the inside to build a spur track, but it is not their purpose to demolish their property in order to facilitate the freight business that they are called upon to handle. They propose to take the city's street and use it without compensating the city in any way, shape or manner, for damages that may accrue. While they may voluntarily make a statement that they will meet all damages, I do not believe that that statement would hold in court or that they would be compelled to meet the obligations from accident or damage to property. I sincerely hope that this report will not be accepted.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, in the absence of the chairman of the Committee on Railroads, I would simply state that this proposition is one of the most peculiar propositions that has come before the Board for consideration, and that it must be considered from more than one point of view. The two principal considerations are, first, the injury that may be done to the traveling public, and, second, the benefits that will accrue to the city and to the great body of taxpayers who live in the city. I believe that the benefits that will arise to the city as a result of increased terminal facilities in the Charlestown section will far outweigh any inconvenience or injury that may be done the property holders or the traveling public in that particular section. At the hearing on this proposition the Charlestown Improvement Association delegated one of its members—I believe its president—to come here and favor this proposition. The proposition itself was recommended by the

entire membership of the Dock Commission, a commission appointed by His Honor the Mayor, who have been engaged in the study of what might be necessary to improve the docking and terminal facilities of the port of Boston. Boston is peculiarly a commercial city. The national government has appropriated about \$9,000,000 or more for the improvement of our water front, and the state has been generous in some degree, establishing a system of state docks on the flats at South Boston. While all this great and good work has gone on, either under the direction and at the expense of the national or state governments, the city of Boston apparently has done nothing more than pass resolutions in its Chamber of Commerce or express words of commendation in its business men's exchanges or in its city government in regard to propositions tending to the good of the general public. Boston is so situated that it can be made one of the leading cities on the Atlantic seaboard; and I believe if the proper work were put in by the city government, by the Chamber of Commerce and by the state government, and if proper support were given the national government in the splendid work it is doing, Boston would retain the place it has held for nearly 100 years as the second commercial city on the Atlantic seaboard. The fact now is, however, as shown by the report of the Chamber of Commerce, that while a majority of the commercial cities on the Atlantic coast have increased their commerce in excess of 20 per cent. in the last 10 years, Boston has been suffering from a state of stagnation second to that of no other city on the Atlantic seaboard. Our business has increased something like 2 per cent., while that of other cities along the coast has increased in excess of 20 or 30 per cent. I believe it is only a question of time when the entire Charlestown section, and possibly the entire section of the water front of East Boston, must be given over to commerce. Unfortunately, we are not as happily situated in most respects as are other sections of the country. We have no great deposits of mineral wells, no great deposits of coal in the bowels of the earth in the vicinity of Boston; and we have not the climate or soil which makes it possible for us to grow great crops of corn, wheat or cotton. We must depend largely on that which Providence has given us in our splendid harbor. The government is doing its work, and this is one opportunity that has come to my attention during the present year of the city government to assist in this splendid work. During the past year, two of the White Star steamers have been taken away from the port of Boston because of the inadequacy of our terminal facilities. Proper accommodations for the loading and unloading of steamers could not be furnished with the congestion existing in the vicinity of Water St. on the tracks owned by the Boston & Maine railroad, and, as a consequence, it was necessary that the steamers lie over anywhere from one to five days. For a trans-Atlantic liner to lie over, means an average loss of \$15,000 a day; so it was necessary that they should locate at some other port. The Boston Post this morning printed an exceedingly interesting article which has a peculiar bearing on the proposition under consideration. The heading is as follows: "German Steamer Invasion. North Lloyd Company Plans Ocean Service Between Hub and Mediterranean." The article goes on (reading): "Determined to broaden out its service to this country and to reap some of the big profits of the steamship service be-

tween the Mediterranean and this port, the North German Lloyd Steamship Company is about to put in a new line of ocean greyhounds between Boston and the Mediterranean.

"High officials of the company are now in this country with this end in view and it is believed that the new line will be in actual operation within a very short time.

"The intention of the company to establish the new line is said to have taken concrete form a long time ago, but officials managed to keep the matter very much to themselves until recently.

"Yesterday C. Von Hemolt, general passenger manager of the company, who recently arrived in New York from Bremen, admitted that one of the chief objects of his visit to this country was to consider further the inauguration of the new Boston-Mediterranean line. He will visit Boston early next week with such an end in view.

"It is believed that the new company will locate in East Boston. The docking facilities there will be one of the points that Mr. Von Hemolt will pay special attention to during his coming visit.

"It is the securing of suitable docking facilities in this city that, it is said, alone prevents the almost immediate establishment of the new line. The company has two vessels being built for them in German shipyards that are well nigh complete, which, it is believed, will be used for the service. Two others are also under construction.

"The new line will enter into close competition with all existing lines. A rate war between the new company and its older rivals is thus predicted in steamship circles.

"It is believed that the new line will touch at Fiume and Trieste Austria, Naples, Genoa and Algiers.

"The details of the North German Lloyd Company's plans in regard to the new line are not known to its agents in this city, according to C. Theo. Guething, its Boston agent.

"Mr. Guething, in talking to a Post reporter, said: 'Although I have heard some talk about the new line, I do not know anything about it. I am not in possession of a single fact in regard to it, and thus cannot throw any light on it.'

Mr. Chairman, the proposition before us is in line with the development of the water front. If Boston's prosperity—and in fact, the prosperity, I might say, of Massachusetts—depends upon the export business that is done by the port of Boston, then this matter should be considered along broader lines than it is customary for us to consider the general propositions that come before us. Admitting for the sake of argument that some or even considerable injury may be done to the vested interests along Water St., we must, if we are honest, be forced to admit that it is only a question of a very few years when it will be necessary for either the railroad companies or the steamship companies to clean out that section of Charlestown in the vicinity of Water St. and establish there warehouses for the storage of such goods as may come here on the transatlantic steamers. A visit to the warehouses of the Furness line or the White Star line in the vicinity of Water St. will convince any man that there is a necessity for increased accommodations for the storage of such goods as may be imported or exported from the port of Boston by either of those two existing lines. The warehouses there are packed almost to the roof, and if increased terminal facilities could be afforded it

would mean additional steamships coming to the port of Boston. In the Charlestown section it would mean additional warehouses would be made necessary. At the present time the warehouses existing at the Hoosac Tunnel docks extend out to the Harbor and Land Commissioners' line. It is an impossible to go farther out into the water with those warehouses and, if warehouses must be provided—as they surely must be if new lines come to the port of Boston in that section—those warehouses must be erected upon the land in the vicinity of Water St. The demands of the men engaged in the business would make it necessary and the location of the track on Water St. would in addition make it profitable. The running of a spur track from the main line on Water St. into any building used for storage purposes on Water St. would be of tremendous value from a financial standpoint to the owner of the warehouse, so that, if this petition is granted it is not unreasonable to suppose that it will be a question of only a very few years when that whole section between Chelsea and Water St. will be given over to warehouse purposes. All those things should be considered, in my opinion, in the consideration of this general proposition. I will admit that injury will be done for a brief period to the owners of property along Water St. I believe that some inconvenience will result to the persons traveling between Charlestown and Boston. But Charlestown is only one section of the city and the interests of the entire city must be considered in the interests of a general proposition of this character. If it means increased steamship facilities, if it means increased rail facilities, it must necessarily mean increased opportunities for employment of labor; it must be increased revenue to the state, to the nation and to the city; and if the excess of revenue to the state, the nation and the city is to be greater than the injury that may be done to the property holders in that section, that should have some measure of our consideration. I read, as I believe every member of this board did, a very interesting article written by Thomas J. Gargan upon the proposition of establishing the same line of commercial facilities in Boston that are today in operation in Antwerp, Belgium; that have made Antwerp in the last few years come from the 15th place to the place it now occupies as the leading commercial city of Europe. I would like to see Boston the leading commercial city in the United States, but I don't believe it will ever be possible for us to surpass New York. I see no reason, however, why we could not be firmly fixed in the position of the second commercial city of export and import of the country. With the splendid work that is being done by the national government, with the inquiry being made and recommendations which will undoubtedly be submitted by the commission appointed by His Excellency the Governor to inquire into the condition of our commerce, there is no reason to doubt, with the assistance that we can and should give in matters like the one before us, that Boston will at some future time, perhaps in our own time, again hold the proud position it occupied for more than a century of the second city in commercial importance along the entire coast of the United States. I believe every member of this government would like to see that. I admit that this proposition itself must be considered purely as a makeshift, but if it is the kind of makeshift that will tend to increase commerce, that will tend to increase our imports and

our exports, that will help to develop the port of Boston, I say it is the kind of makeshift that every member of this government is justified in voting for and that no member of the government is justified in voting against.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I am very glad indeed that Ald. Curley read that article from this morning's paper, and I sincerely hope and trust that what is therein set forth will be an accomplished fact in the immediate future. We cannot have too much commerce in Boston; and, as he says, to handle commerce we must have proper shipping facilities both on the water front and by rail. If I remember correctly Ald. Curley stated in his remarks that on more than one occasion vessels which were to be docked at Charlestown had to wait in the stream for several days, and he went on to speak about the incoming of the North German Lloyd line. It is not altogether sure that the North German Lloyd line is going to dock in Charlestown. East Boston is a pretty big place and I venture to say that should the North German Lloyd line come here East Boston would be the natural place to which it would look for dockage facilities. Ald. Curley has also stated that this spur track would be of great benefit to the warehouses in Water St. If my memory serves me correctly, there is not a warehouse on Water St. At the corner of Charles River Ave. and Water St. is the Tudor estate, now occupied, I believe, by the Derby Desk Company. Beyond that is an office building of the Fitchburg Railroad; beyond that is an engine room which provides power for the grain elevator; beyond that is the entrance to the dock and beyond that is a bonded warehouse I believe. That is the only one I know of on Water Street, and I cannot see wherein a spur track is going to help at all, unless they tear down the buildings now on the waterfront of Water St. in order to assist in bringing about proper shipping facilities. Years ago when the Boston & Lowell Railroad wanted to extend its terminal it purchased by right of eminent domain Andover St. and one-half of another street extending to one side of Nashua St. and the people were compensated for damages to their property. There is nothing in this bill that provides compensation for damages but it provides that the Boston & Maine Railroad may occupy that street practically for its own advantage and to the detriment of property owners of the city of Boston. It is true that the nation has been more or less generous in granting appropriations for our harbor and that the state has not been behind in improving our harbor front; but here is a road whose business is such as to warrant it in demanding a spur track on Water St. and yet it offers not a single cent in return for the injury done to property of our citizens. It will certainly injure property on the other side of the street, making it impossible for private conveyances to load and unload their goods at the various buildings or warehouses on the opposite side. As I have said, also, if the North German Lloyd should come to Boston, the chances are that it would go to East Boston; and I cannot see, except for the benefit derived by the Boston & Maine Railroad where the city of Boston is going to be helped in the slightest degree. On the other hand, it will be materially injured in more respects than one.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I stated that two of the White Star steamers were taken away from the port of Boston within the present year be-

cause of the inadequacy of the terminal facilities and because of the delay in loading and unloading cargoes. That fact was published in the papers, where I read it, and it was never denied. As regards warehouses on the docks, it would be an impossibility for any concern to engage in the steamship business without having warehouses for the storage of goods, and I do not believe Ald. Whelton seriously intended what he said when he said there was not one warehouse on Water St. By "warehouses" I mean buildings where goods may be stored. Every one of the docks along the entire length of Water St. has its own covered shed, where goods are stored, being used practically as a warehouse, although you can call it a covered shed if you wish. As I understand it, a warehouse is a place where goods that come from steamers are stored, as a rule. In regard to the congestion that exists in Charlestown, I would state that the largest steamer that to-day plies between European ports and the United States or the port of Boston, is in all probability the Cymric. The Cymric was due in Charlestown last week, but there were so many steamers loading and unloading at the docks in Charlestown that it could not get a berth there, and found it necessary to dock at East Boston, landing its passengers and its entire cargo at East Boston, in order to get away in proper time. If the Cymric was compelled to wait with its cargo of goods and with its passengers, until such time as the steamer which was berthed at its dock in Charlestown was unloaded and pulled out, it probably would have been obliged to remain in the stream anywhere from one to five days. With the great amount of livestock that is carried on one of those steamers, and with the large number of passengers that are carried, it is not unreasonable to assume that there would be a loss to the steamship company of at least \$20,000 a day, and if they were obliged to remain there five days it would necessarily mean a loss of at least \$100,000. If such a loss were occasioned more than twice in any one year, it is not unreasonable to assume that the owners of the White Star line would find some other port where the Cymric would load and unload without such delay. As I have said before, this is not a matter which we should regard as we regard general matters coming before the Board for consideration. I have here the report of the preliminary Water Front Commission of Boston, under date of Nov. 29, 1907, and there are one or two paragraphs in it to which I would like to call the attention of the Board (reading):

"The larger question of what the city can do to promote the best use of the **water front for commercial purposes**, especially that portion of it adapted for foreign and coastwise shipping, involves large issues and is of paramount importance in connection with the growth and commercial prosperity of both the city and of the state. Boston from the earliest Colonial days up to the middle of the last century was the principal seaport on the Atlantic coast. About the middle of the last century New York wrested first place from us.

"How to improve our position is the question which faces Boston today. We have many natural advantages over other seaports—a fine harbor, good channels and plenty of room for making dock extension without excessive expense; and the fact that Boston is considerably nearer the great commer-

cial ports of Europe than any first-class port on this side of the Atlantic is, of course, a great point in our favor."

I might go on reading this report, and in all probability kill the order I am interested in, so I will desist, simply stating in closing that this is an excellent proposition. I believe it merits, and I trust it will receive, the support of every member of this board.

Ald. CLARK—Mr. Chairman, I think the members ought to be much obliged to the gentleman who has just spoken for his very lucid explanation of the order, but, for myself, it is impossible to comprehend the situation over there without seeing it. I have a faint recollection of a certain amount of notoriety that was acquired by certain members of this Board, of whom I was one, in connection with another measure similar to this one, a while ago. At that time I did not vote on the question until I had visited the location and satisfied myself as to how I should vote. I should like the same opportunity before voting on this question. In other words, I am not willing to cast my vote either for or against that order until I have a chance to view the location and size the matter up. I think it is only fair that members of this Board who are not members of the Committee on Railroads and who have not had any opportunity to satisfy themselves in regard to the order should have that opportunity, and I therefore hope it will go over.

The report was accepted and the question came on giving the order a second reading.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I object to the order taking its second reading.

The CHAIRMAN—Under the rules it will lie over to the next meeting.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I move a suspension of the rule that the order may go on its passage. I do this that we may be afforded an opportunity to at least furnish some evidence to the taxpayers whom we are supposed to represent—and whom possibly sometimes we do represent—that we are competent to act on propositions that come before the body. This matter has been in the hands of the Committee on Railroads for more than five months, to my knowledge. A hearing has been given on the matter, at which all parties interested, both those in favor of and those opposed to the proposition, had an opportunity to be heard. The organization whose interest was most at stake, the Charlestown Improvement Association, appeared here and favored the proposition; the representatives of all the steamship lines appeared here and favored the proposition. The representative of the railroad company appeared here, however, and stated that his company was not in a position to undertake any great expense in connection with the matter, that they had more business there now than they could handle with their facilities, but that they would be agreeable to undertaking the work providing the city government would afford them the opportunity. If this order fails of a second reading today it means that the proposition cannot be further considered this year; it means that it goes over to next year, when a new city government will consider it and that the same delay will be in evidence then that has been in evidence this year. If such proves to be the fact, in all probability there will be no improvement of the water front facilities of the port of Boston. For those reasons I sincerely trust that the rules will be suspended and that the order will take its second reading today.

The rule was declared suspended. Ald. WHELTON doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays;

The rule was suspended, yeas 8, nays 3.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Battis, Berwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—8.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Clark, Whelton—3. The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, it is not my desire to object to the ruling of the Chair in regard to the vote just taken, but I would like very much to call the Chair's attention to a ruling submitted to the Board of Aldermen in 1904, in which the corporation counsel says that nine votes are necessary. I may be mistaken, but on inauguration morning of 1905, the Board of Aldermen of 1904, received that communication from the corporation counsel, and I would like to have it read.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair is informed that the ruling the Alderman refers to had reference to a veto matter; but Rule 32 of the Rules of this Board provide that any rule may be suspended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, and the Chair has ruled under the rules as they exist. The rule is suspended, and the question is on the passage of the order.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I most respectfully doubt the vote and ask that the roll be called.

The order was passed, yeas 8, nays 2.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Battis, Berwin, Curley, Finigan, Flanagan, Leary, Woods—8.

Nays—Ald. Bangs, Whelton—2.

PROJECTIONS, ETC.

Ald. BALDWIN, for the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.), submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for leave to project signs, etc.—that leave be granted, viz.:

Samuel Minsky, sign, 207½ Essex St., Wd. 7.

Aron Bleystein, sign, 141 Chambers St., Wd. 8.

J. N. Landers, electric sign, 46 Tenynson St., Wd. 10.

Dr. J. T. Jones, electric sign, 391 Broadway, Wd. 15.

National Beef Company, electric sign, 1388 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20.

Patsey Vozella, two barber poles and one sign, 37 Maverick Sq., Wd. 2.

George Daniels, electric sign, 123 Dudley St., Wd. 21.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on petition of Bay State Trust Company (referred April 8), for leave to project an illuminated sign at 222 Boylston St.—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on usual conditions.

(3) Reports on petitions for leave to project bay windows—that leave be granted, viz.:

Crescenzo Merola (referred Dec. 30), 3, 80 Cottage St., Wd. 2.

J. P. O'Riordan, 1, 50 Chelsea St., Wd. 5.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Report on petition of A. Shuman (referred Oct. 21), for leave to project one bay window from building No. 581-85 Washington St., Wd. 7—that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, as I am an interested party, I desire to be excused from voting.

Ald. Bangs was excused from voting, and the report of the committee was accepted.

(5) Reports on petitions—That no no further action is necessary, viz.:

P. Tivnan & Co, illuminated sign, 725 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 16.

Workimgmen's Building Association (referred 1906), that the City Council consider the expediency of making the building laws less stringent in the construction of small frame houses outside the building limits.

Murray & Tregurtha Co. (referred 1906), for leave to build a boat shed on land rear of 340 West First St., Wd. 14. Reports severally accepted.

GYMNASIUM, ETC., WD. 2.

Ald. LEARY called up No. 14, on the table, viz.:

14. Ordered, That the sum of \$5000 be appropriated, to be expended by the Park Commissioners for a gymnasium and other improvements on the Cottage-St. Playground, Wd. 2; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount.

Indefinitely postponed, on motion of Ald. LEARY.

MARKET LEASES, ETC.

Ald. CLARK called up Nos. 11 and 12, unfinished business.

(Order as amended by the Board of Aldermen, Jan. 1.)

11. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Markets be authorized, with the approval of the Mayor, to renew for a term of five years from Dec. 1, 1907, all leases of space in the Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market buildings at the same rate per annum as in force under the leases for the past five years, and on the condition that the markets shall be opened at 6 o'clock A. M. and closed at 4 o'clock P. M. during the months of May, June, July, August and September, and opened at 7 o'clock A. M. and closed at 5 o'clock P. M. during the remaining months of the year, and on Saturdays and holidays the hours of opening and closing shall be as set forth in the ordinances. Provided, however, that the said Superintendent shall have the authority to abate from the rental paid by any lessee the sum which may be charged him by the Street Commissioners for sidewalk and other privileges in connection with the demised property.

12. An ordinance to amend Chapter 25 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, relative to the terms of Market Leases. Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section two of Chapter 25 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in the clauses relating to the conditions of market leases by striking out the clause numbered 12, and inserting in place thereof, the following:

12. The lessee shall have the demised premises, on all week days except legal holidays, opened at six o'clock A. M., and kept open until four o'clock P. M. during the months of May, June, July and August and opened at seven o'clock A. M. and kept open until five o'clock P. M. during the other months of the year; provided, however, that, on the day of the observance of Patriots' Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day, when Monday or Saturday, and on the day of the celebration of the Battle of Bunker Hill, he shall have said premises opened as above and kept open until nine o'clock A. M., and on all other Saturdays he shall have them opened as above and kept open until nine o'clock P. M., or he shall have

them opened and closed at such other hours as the Board of Aldermen may from time to time order.

Referred to the next city government, on motion of Ald. CLARK.

Ald. CLARK called up No. 13, past assignment, viz.:

13. Order passed by the Police Commissioner establishing the pay of certain officers of the House of Detention for Women, viz.:

Ordered, That, the City Council concurring, the pay of the officers of the House of Detention for Women be established as follows:

Chief Matron, first year of service, \$1100 per annum; second year and thereafter, \$1200 per annum.

Assistant Chief Matron, first year of service, \$900 per annum; second year and thereafter, \$1000 per annum.

Assistant Matrons each, first year of service, \$600 per annum; second year, \$700 per annum; third year and thereafter, \$800 per annum.

Referred to the next City Government, on motion of Ald. CLARK.

REFERENCE OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That all matters unfinished in the hands of the several standing and special committees of this Board be referred to the next Board of Aldermen.

Passed.

NEW VAN FOR PRISONERS.

Ald. WOODS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Sanitary Department be authorized to procure a new van for the transportation of prisoners in the County of Suffolk; the expense incurred to be charged to the appropriation for Suffolk County.

Ald. CURLEY—What is that—the Superintendent of Sanitary Department procure a new van?

The order was referred, on motion of Ald. Woods, to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. WHELTON—Do I understand the Chair to say "public improvements"?

The CHAIRMAN—The motion was made by Ald. Woods to so refer, Mr. Alderman.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I think there is an order of a similar nature now before the Committee on County Accounts, and I think the proper place to refer the order is to the Committee on County Accounts.

The CHAIRMAN—Does the Alderman move reconsideration of the reference?

Ald. WHELTON—I move a reconsideration.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, before any reference is made of that order I believe an opportunity should be given to the Alderman who presented it to make the necessary correction I was not aware that the Shrieveley Office had been transferred from Pemberton Sq. to the Tremont Building. If it has, it is news to me. If it has not, I believe the order should be corrected.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair would suggest that whatever errors may have been made in the order can be remedied by whatever committee is given charge in the matter.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, I had the order handed to me and doubted myself whether it was right. I, therefore, wished it referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, where we could get the information and right whatever wrongs may exist.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I was about to speak in the same line

that Ald. Curley has already spoken; but, in view of the fact that we have an order of a similar nature before the Committee on County Accounts, I believe this order should be referred to the same committee.

Reference to the Committee on Public Improvements was reconsidered, and the order was referred, on motion of Ald. WHELTON, to the Committee on County Accounts.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted at 1:42 P. M., on motion of Ald. CURLEY, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 2:12 P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. BERWIN for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on order (referred today) for regulation handball court and shower baths at L St. bathhouse—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 10, nays 2, Ald. BANGS and CLARK voting nays.

(2) Report on message of Mayor (referred Dec. 30), appointing John J. Kenney a constable of the city of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1908, that the same be submitted to the Board for its action.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Clark and Baldwin. Whole number of ballots case 11, yeas 1, nays 10, and confirmation was refused.

Later in the session, Ald. CURLEY said:

Mr. Chairman, I desire to rise to a question of privilege.

The CHAIRMAN—The honorable Alderman will please state his question of privilege.

Ald. CURLEY—My question of privilege is in relation to the matter of my vote in the matter of Mr. Kenney.

The CHAIRMAN—The honorable Alderman will proceed.

Ald. CURLEY—I wish to say, in regard to the matter of Mr. Kenney's appointment, in which I was interested at a previous meeting of the Board, that I was interested solely because of the statement made by Mr. Kenney to me. Mr. Kenney called at my house and informed me that he was being treated unfairly and that a great injustice was being done him by certain attorneys in the city, and he asked that I might interest myself in his behalf to the extent of securing his confirmation. I, believing that he was honest in his statements, went as far as it was possible for me to go in the work of trying to secure his confirmation. I had hoped that when the matter came up for consideration today the vote against his confirmation would be unanimous, in view of the action which I have been informed that the courts have taken in the case of Mr. Kenney. As I understand it, the jury trying the case of Kenney against Ford found Ford not guilty and have found a warrant for the arrest of Kenney, and also one of his witnesses, on the charge of perjury. I wish to state that I voted against his confirmation and I desire to have that made public, so that Mr. Kenney or anybody interested in him may understand it. In acting as I have before, in this matter, I have been solely interested in having justice done to Mr. Kenney; and, in view of the facts that

have been called to my attention since the hearing upon the matter and the trial in the court I am pleased at the action taken by the Board today and wish to state as specifically as possible that I voted against him and am pleased at the vote.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. BALDWIN moved general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

SYMPATHY TO CITY CLERK DONOVAN.

Ald. BELL offered the following: Resolved, That the sympathy of this Board be and is hereby extended to Edward J. Donovan, our able and efficient City Clerk and the clerk of this body, in his hour of illness, with the most sincere hopes for his speedy recovery.

Resolved, That this resolution be spread upon the records, and that a copy of the same be transmitted to the City Clerk.

Adopted by an unanimous rising vote.

CLOSING PROCEEDINGS.

Ald. WOODS offered the following: Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are due and are tendered to Chairman William Berwin, who has presided over the deliberations of this body during the present municipal year.

The ability, fairness and strict impartiality with which he has administered his duties meet with the sincere approbation of his fellow members.

The question came on giving the resolution a second reading.

Ald. WOODS—Mr. Chairman, it is with great pleasure that I arise at this time to offer this resolution of esteem for our presiding officer who is about to retire. As we are to separate after one year's association in public life, I feel it my duty at this time to offer the resolution, in view of my attitude towards the Chairman this year. He acted as temporary Chairman for the biggest part of the year, and I have the great pleasure of being the one who, by my vote, made him the permanent Chairman of the body. For that action I have no regrets whatsoever. The Chairman has endeavored at all times to use us all in a fair and impartial manner. His tact, good judgment and general good fellowship have endeared him to us all. I wish to make no lengthy statement at this time, as our time is very short, but while on my feet I wish to extend to the family of our beloved City Clerk, Edward J. Donovan, my sympathy and hope that Almighty God will spare him to his family for many years to come, and that he will again in the near future preside at his desk here. To the City Messenger, the Clerk of Committees, the City Clerk and his corps of assistants, I desire to extend my thanks, as a retiring member, for the courtesies extended throughout the year. I wish them all God-speed, long life, happiness and prosperity in their future undertakings. I hope that the members who have risen to a higher office, like the honorable Senator (Ald. Bell) will carefully guard the interests of the city at the State House. I hope the members about to return to the Board will look after the city's interests with the same zeal they have in the past. I wish to thank each and every one here for their kindness to

me throughout the year; and I wish to extend to the press, the reporters, my hearty thanks. Many of the things they have said about me at times have been flattering, and some of the things have not been so flattering. However, I have no feelings against them because of anything that may have been said. If they are short of news at any time in the next year they are at liberty to use my name (laughter). If they can say kind things I shall be glad to have them do so; if not, I simply hope that what they may say will not be too bad. I leave the Board with malice towards none and with the kindest feelings towards all. I thank you all for the way in which I have been treated throughout the year.

Ald. BELL—Mr. Chairman, at this time it is incumbent upon me to say a few words in parting with the members of the Board of Aldermen, with most of whom I have been associated during the past two years. During the present year the Board has been presided over by one who, in my opinion, has been fair, courteous and impartial in his treatment of the other twelve members. I feel that he has shown no favoritism, that he has treated us all equally and fairly; and it is a pleasure for me, as one of the retiring members of the Board, to extend to him my personal appreciation and thanks for the courteous manner in which he has treated me as one member of the body. I sincerely trust, gentlemen, that in years to come he will be as fair in his dealings with others as he has proven himself to be in his dealings with me. I wish him all blessings and joys, as he retires from this Board, and bespeak for him a most happy and prosperous New Year and continued prosperity. To the other members of the Board it is a pleasure for me to say a parting word. While associated here in conducting the business of the city, we have differed at times in our opinions as to the proper methods of procedure and the proper ways of transacting the city's business, at this time, after all has been said and done, I know we all part with the best of feelings towards each other as colleagues of the Board of 1907. Certainly there is no man, from senior to junior, of whom I have one unpleasant thought or who, I believe, deserves anything but hearty good will from me. All of the officers connected with the City Government with whom I have been brought in contact have been most courteous to me. The City Clerk, the Clerk of Committees, the City Messenger, and their assistants—those being the three departments with which we have been brought into the most continuous contact—have at all times been willing and anxious to comply with any requests I might make, and I desire to extend to them my sincere thanks. To the members of the Board who are coming back in 1908 I have only to say that I trust that their relations in the coming year will be as pleasant as ours have been this year. While my membership in the city government will cease, I am going to a position where I shall be as interested in the affairs of the city as I have been during the last 24 months; and I assure you all that I will be just as interested in seeing that the city gets a fair and square deal as though I were a member of the incoming board. To the press I extend my thanks for the great courtesy they have shown in favoring me at times with flattering opinions, and I certainly hold no animosity towards them for some words

that perhaps may not have been flattering. In conducting my business here I have done what I believed was for the best interests of the city at large. I have voted as I believed was proper and right. I go from this Board with no fear of criticism for anything that I have done. I have tried to do that which I was sent here for, and I think have been as successful in doing it as was possible for any member. We may sometimes have made mistakes, Mr. Chairman, but I don't think it can be said of the Board of 1907 that any one of us did during the past year that which we believed in our own minds was wrong towards another member or towards the city at large. In saying goodbye to my fellow members, I wish them all a Happy New Year and a long and prosperous life.

Ald. FLANAGAN—Mr. Chairman, in closing my term of service in this Board, perhaps it may not be out of place for me to give expression to some thoughts that arise in my mind upon retiring from this chamber. I first wish to express the pleasure I have felt in serving in this Board, and I cannot say that I leave without regret. I have had a very pleasant year; I have been splendidly treated by my colleagues and by the officials in City Hall. I want to thank you, each and every one, for the courtesies and kindnesses extended to me. I have not talked very much during the year, because I have felt that perhaps others could do that better than I. I do wish to say, however, that I retire from the Board solely and simply because I cannot afford to stay in politics longer or to hold public office longer at the present time. Therefore, if I said I retired without regret I would say that which is not true. As for the various attaches in the hall, especially those connected with the City Messenger's Department, the City Clerk's Department and the Clerk of Committees' Department, with whom we are brought in particularly close contact, I will simply say that I have never visited them without receiving all the attention that should be given to one in the position of an Alderman. They have always been kind and courteous to me and willing to go out of their way to do any little favor I might ask. Perhaps I should have spoken in the Board more frequently than I have; but let me say at this time before retiring, that I have some very strong ideas in regard to the administration of this city. I have held office for five years in seven, and in that time I have studied the conditions in this city. I realize that the city is running in debt each year on an average of about \$4,000,000. How that is going to be saved is a problem. The next Mayor will find himself face to face with the problem of how to save \$4,000,000 a year, if he does not want the debt to increase under him. He cannot save one cent on the bills the state will present to us or that the County of Suffolk will present to us. Millions have been lavished upon our park system, and no man will say that, after those lavish expenditures of money in years past, the parks should be allowed to fall into decay. The Police Department makes a fixed expenditure each year, and the same is true of the fire and Institutions Departments. If the Mayor of Boston can save even \$500,000 he will have done a good job; and yet, even then, they will be \$3,500,000 added to the present debt for the year. The problem to be faced, my friends, is a broad one, and one which should be faced in a large spirit. I read the Governor's recommendation the other day relative

to attaching the Finance Commission of the city of Boston to the governing force of Boston. The Finance Commission has approached the problem that they were appointed to approach with a great deal of spirit. They have worked hard during the year, and what have they accomplished that the Governor should say that they should be attached to the city? After all, my friends, the state is the one thing that is responsible for the present financial condition of the city. Throughout the state great broad roads are being built each year, from the Berkshire Hills to the shores of Cape Cod, costing millions of dollars. Yet, riding along those great boulevards the observer will fail to find one piece of property within a mile of some of those roads which is to pay for the construction of the roads. The same thing applies to our city of Boston. Great broad boulevards are constructed, such as Columbia Road, Commonwealth Ave. and the new boulevard that was acted upon here only a week ago; and one traveling along those roads will fail to find, in many cases, one house in 500 yards. My friends, I should perhaps have touched on these subjects during the year, but I have always left it to others to do the talking. I think upon the matters that have come before us this year, on some of which I have differed with the Mayor, I have cast as intelligent votes as a man can who comes to an office of this kind. I have attempted to do my duty. Perhaps at some future day I may return to politics; perhaps I may never return. For the present I return to my business, which is a good one, and at which I can make some money. In the past I have spent all the money I have made on politics, and perhaps will continue to do so. If at some future time I should again hold public office I hope and trust that I will meet some of the men whom I have met here this year. My friends, I did not intend to go even as far as I have in this closing talk of the year; and I will simply conclude by wishing to each of my colleagues and to the officials a happy and prosperous new year. For the courtesies and kindnesses that have been extended to me, I again thank you.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Clerk, I rise to second the resolutions presented by Ald. Bell, and to state to our worthy chairman that it gives me much pleasure to be here today and to say my few words in behalf of the gentleman who presides over this Board. There are four of the present members of the board who were associated with me in the lower branch of the City Council in 1894, and 1895—Ald. Baldwin, Chairman Berwin, Ald. Leary and Ald. Woods. The friendships formed in that year have remained and have continued, growing stronger with each year. I have known Ald. Berwin for 15 years, and I can say of him today, as I said of him the first time I met him, that I never knew a man who was more honorable, fair and square in his dealings with his fellow man. It is with a good deal of regret that I pass from public to private life; and yet, as I look back on the four years in which I have been a member of this body, I realize that the citizens of Boston have placed me in a position that has been of great benefit to me in the way of obtaining knowledge concerning the city of Boston and its interests. I was fortunate during my membership in this Board in being associated with men who had the city's interest at heart at all times and who made it possible for me to gain that knowledge without which I would, perhaps, not have been able to perform my duties satisfactorily.

to the citizens of Boston. As I pass from office, I cannot help think of the many familiar faces of the men with whom I have been associated in this Board, some of them from the past four years. On the extreme right is our beloved chairman, and on his left is the man who does not know how to get licked—Ald. Baldwin. It has been said of him by one of his colleagues in the Board, that he has been running since he first went to Sunday School. The gentleman next to him, Ald. Curley, missed his vocation. Instead of being a politician, and statesman, he should have entered the clergy. To Ald. Battis, I will say that, associated with the father in the Common Council in 1894 and 1895, and with the son in 1906 and 1907, in this Board, I can say of the son, as I said of the father, that there could be no better and more capable servant of the public. Of Ald. Bangs I will simply say that I know the city will miss his counsel and good judgment in all matters pertaining to the city's welfare. Some of us members in the Board of Aldermen have been brought up to a high pitch of confidence in regard to the Alderman's position on a matter that we were personally interested in, when he has said, "A mighty good thing, and I heartily approve of it!" and then, when we have asked him in a low voice, "Alderman, are you going to vote for it?" he has said, "Oh, no. Oh, NO! That is another matter." (Laughter.) To Ald. Leary, the tall sycamore from Indiana, I wish every success in life, politically and in business. As for Ald. Flanagan, who has given us such an able dissertation on the city's finances, I regret exceedingly that he should not have been a candidate at the last election, because I know well that the citizens of Boston would have given him a handsome vote and would have returned him to the Board. To Ald. Finigan, who covers one-fourth of the city of Boston in the primaries and on election day, I want to say that I have enjoyed his friendship and hope to continue to enjoy it in the times to come. There is also my friend Woods, who in the Common Council some years ago arose and made a speech which will go down to history as the ablest defence that the Common Council had during that year. I regret that Ald. Draper is not here; our relations have been very pleasant, very cordial. He has been a friend to me on more than one occasion, and I wish him success. As for Ald. Bell, I hope and trust that he will keep his promises made here today, that he will see that the city of Boston gets a square deal, and that in spite of the tremendous Republican majority at the State House he will ever have in mind the best interests of the city of Boston, helping by his voice and vote to bring about that which the citizens of Boston desire most. As for Ald. Clark, my associate in 1905 and 1907, I have found him at all times to be a gentleman, courteous, polite, and one of the best representatives that the city has had in the Board of Aldermen for years. I am very glad, indeed, that he is to return to the Board, because, with his judgment and knowledge of the city's interests, he will be able to render a good account of himself. Speaking for myself—a thing which I dislike to do, in a sense—I cannot help looking back over the four years that I have been a member of the Board of Aldermen. My first year was 1904, and in 1905 I was elected by the Board as its chairman. Because of the death of Mayor Collins it became possible

for me, as chairman of the Board of Aldermen, to become mayor of this city. I did my utmost to follow the lines laid down by our late lamented Mayor Collins, and if I failed to bring about the result which he, perhaps, would have brought about, it was not because I did not try to do so, but because of the fact that I never expected to be called upon to perform the duties of that high and important office. My relations with all the members of the Board in the past two years have been very pleasant, and I wish to thank, not only the members of the Board of Aldermen of 1907, but the members of previous boards with whom I have been associated, for kindnesses extended to me. To the City Clerk and his valuable assistant, John T. Priest, to the Clerk of Committees, to the City Messenger, to the clerks of the various departments, to the heads of the departments, and to the representatives of the press, who have been uniformly kind in their treatment of me while I have been in public office, I extend my sincere thanks. I know that you gentlemen who are to remain in office will show the same civic pride which you have displayed in the past, and that you will help the new members who are about to join you, giving to them that information which it is absolutely necessary for a new member to have in order to perform his duty to the satisfaction of the citizens who elected him. In closing, I wish you all happiness, health and prosperity, and may Almighty God bless you for all time to come.

Ald. BANGS—Mr. Chairman, in leaving public life, I wish to say just a few words. What I say will be very brief, as I do not desire to detain the members of the Board unnecessarily. In the two years I have sat in this Chamber I have thoroughly enjoyed myself, have made many delightful friendships, and have learned much more than I previously knew about the city of Boston. I am very sorry to go, but my business compels me to do so. Otherwise, I think I should have sat here as long as the people chose to elect me. But I cannot do it, and have had to go. My relations with the other members of the Board have been very pleasant indeed. I have found myself often in a minority, sometimes in a minority of one. Nevertheless, there have been no hard feelings, no disagreeable afterthought on my part, or, I think, on the part of other members.

We have always disagreed in an amiable manner, and the best of feeling has prevailed, and I feel that I part from the members of this Board and from everybody connected with the hall as the best of friends. I hope to often see you again, and I know that when we meet the same friendship and pleasant personal relations that have prevailed in the past will be continued.

Chairman BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I desire to extend to the members of the Board my heartfelt thanks for the very flattering compliment expressed in the resolutions and for the pleasing and flattering words that have been uttered by the members. I retire from the service of the city with absolutely no regret, feeling that I have, so far as I am able, used my power and judgment, and that to the community the very best has within me lay. I have, in my personal relations as a member of this government, endeavored to be fair and just with my associates in the Board and in my private relations I have always endeavored to maintain the most friendly and cordial spirit with you all. I trust that the pleasant relations es-

established here may continue throughout my life. In conclusion, fellow members, I feel that I can voice my sentiments in retiring, perhaps, in no better words than those of a poet whose name I cannot at this moment recall, when he said:

"When scandal or censure assail a friend,
Be the last to believe, be the first to defend;
Tomorrow will come, when time will unfold
That one story is good till another is told."

I thank you, members of the Board of Aldermen of 1907, and I trust that your prosperity and happiness in your

various walks in life may be all that your hearts may desire. The resolution was passed by a unanimous rising vote.

Ald. BELL offered an order—That the closing proceedings of the Board of Aldermen for 1907 be printed as a city document, and that the Superintendent of Printing be directed to have copies thereof printed, containing the members' portraits and a group picture of the members and officers of the Board, and to distribute said copies and copies of said picture among the members of the Board; the expense incurred to be charged to the appropriation for Contingent Fund, Board of Aldermen.

Passed.

Adjourned sine die at 2:44 P. M., on motion of Ald. WHELTON.

